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Comments: I am writing to you in support of the Vail snowmaking proposal. I agree completely with all of the reasons that Vail has presented as the reason they need to do this project. However, I want to bring up another important reason for allowing this project to proceed. This project when completed will contribute to skier safety. During the early and late seasons, and the low snow times of the season, it is very easy to ski over an exposed rock or an exposed tree branch or root. When your ski grabs on these protruding rocks, gravel, branches, and roots it is easy to fall and get hurt. Last season I fell twice when unavoidably skiing over some of these things popping up out of the snow. While I did not get hurt, I saw several skiers get hurt when falling as a result of skiing over little roots and gravel. I hope the forest service will take skier safety into account when making their decision.