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Comments: Our proposal aligns with the resort's Master Development Plan, which was accepted by the Forest Service in July 2018, and would increase the snowmaking capabilities on Vail by 234 acres.

- The thoughtfully-developed plans would offer more reliable opening day conditions, even in warmer years like the last two seasons. The plans would also allow the resort to expand snowmaking infrastructure to areas of the mountain with higher elevations, colder temperatures, northern aspect and excellent connectivity to areas that typically hold good natural snow.
- The majority of the new snowmaking coverage would be located on the upper portion of the front side of Vail. For early-season operations, our strategy would be to have reliable snowmaking infrastructure in the Mid-Vail area in order to open the Mountain Top Express Lift (#4), followed by the Avanti Express Lift (#2) for access out of and back to both Lionshead and Vail Village.
- Modernizing the majority of Vail's current snowmaking system would deliver state-of-the-art energy efficient technology that is fundamental to ensuring a more predictable opening date, high-quality conditions during the early- and mid-season, and reliable conditions through mid-April. The resort's system currently has the capacity to make snow on 452 acres, or 15 percent of total developed skiable terrain, and the proposal would increase that capacity to 686 acres, or 23 percent. More than 20 miles of new or retrofitted existing snowmaking pipes would be installed during a multi-year roll-out.
- Some of the key areas of focus and proposed snowmaking coverage areas include: Swingsville Ridge, Swingsville, Ramshorn, The Meadows, and Over Easy in the Mid-Vail area; Lodgepole, Ledges, and Avanti in the area of the Avanti Express Lift (#2); Eagles Nest Ridge, as well as upper Lost Boy, upper Born Free and Timberline Face; plus Flap Jack, Riva Ridge, and lower Highline.
- All plans are subject to U.S. Forest Service approval. All snowmaking infrastructure would be installed on existing trails, and no tree clearing is necessary.