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Scott Fitzwilliams, Forest Supervisor

c/o Noel Ludwig

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Dear Mr. Fitzwilliams:

I am writing in support of Vail Resorts' snowmaking project under review by the USFS.

Having worked for Vail Associates for many years, I believe their operational plans are thoughtfully developed and are tremendous economic drivers for our entire community.

With reliable opening day conditions, a tremendous driver in setting the tone for the entire ski season, increased snowmaking capabilities should be well and truly considered by the USFS.

My understanding is the coverage would add some 200+ acres on the front side of Vail mountain and would encompass infrastructure and modernization of the snowmaking system.

I've been fortunate to ski many resorts in this country and around the world and value the art and the science of well-orchestrated operational plans that are respectful of the natural environment which we all enjoy.

To improve snowmaking, utilizing the latest technology while driving our main business drivers and providing an incredible guest experience are all components proven to be done well by Vail Resorts. To not lose any trees in the process is all the better.

Please approve the snowmaking system as submitted and best of luck for a great 2019.

Thank you for your continued work on behalf of our environment.

Regards,

Patricia E. Peebles