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Comments: I am writing to object to the proposed Keystone lift to access Bergman Bowl. The reason for my objection is that Bergman Bowl is one of the few "sidecountry" ski areas that is relatively safe, and can be accessed from a major ski resort. I believe it is important for the Forest Service to provide recreational opportunities for those of us who want to get away from the crowds in a safe way. Bergman & Erickson Bowls provide this today. Adding a lift will ruin this.

As you know, the popularity of uphill skiing, or skinning, is very high and continually increasing. We should balance the desires of people wanting uphill opportunities with the general public who wants lift access. Right now this is not balanced at all -- almost all terrain in a ski area is accessible by lift, and almost all ski areas prohibit uphill access during operating hours.

Adding more and more ski lifts is never going to overcome overcrowding. At some point, the resorts need to accept that they have a limited visitor capacity. Please leave Bergman Bowl as it is.