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Comments: This will be an excellent and needed addition for the safety and enjoyment of the outdoors by the public. A negative aspect may be in the cutting of trails back to the Ericson bowl. These south facing runs would get icy and "burnt out" too quickly. A general limited tree thinning would prevent this and still accommodate the alternate return. This would also benefit the health of the forest. At least the trail should be kept narrow for limited sun exposure. At the bottom, The addition of a trail on the north side of the creek is a long time needed safety requirement! The flatness of the runout keeps snowboarders (and skiers, to a lesser degree) at very high speeds on a very narrow twisty route. Many have ended up in the creek due to the uncertainty of the return.

The restaurant is badly in need of expansion, despite being a non-destination for many lower level riders. By allowing an experimental testing of the area for transitioning lower intermediates, it will relieve some of the overcrowding on the front of Keystone. At the same time it will alleviate some of the tremendous overload at noon on the eating and warming facilities. A highly desirable addition!

The thinning of trees, rather than trail cutting, on southern exposures in areas normally used by experts is highly preferable. It helps develop a more healthy forest.