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Comments: Until moving to Arizona a couple of years ago I was a ski instructor at Purgatory Mountain Resort. I absolutely agree with Purgatory's management that a new section of the resort for teaching beginning skiers and snowboarders. However, the area being requested for this use is problematic for several reasons.

1 - this area is prime lynx habitat

2 - the proposed development would negatively impact recovering cutthroat trout

3 - there are other areas in the already-developed parts of the resort complex that could be utilized for a new beginner area

Impact analyses that consider environment effects, animal/fish impacts, greenhouse gas emissions of new infrastructure - lifts, any other facilities, grooming equipment, etc.- (current and future) are necessary inputs to the decision-making process.