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Comments: I support the proposal to develop the Ice Creek area within Purgatory's existing special use permit area for the following reasons:

Purgatory is a family-focused ski area, and the proposed project will only improve the experience for both local and visiting guests.

The availability of this type of beginner and intermediate terrain will encourage families to visit Purgatory more often.

This results in greater use of the National Forest for one of its important intended uses - recreation.

Purgatory is an important factor in the local economy. Many families from around the country visit Purgatory and stay in Durango and La Plata County. This recreation tourism is so important to local businesses and the community. Purgatory must continue to improve its terrain and provide what guests of Purgatory and the National Forest are seeking.

Sincerely,

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