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I would like to share my thoughts on the proposed steamboat expansion and upgrades. I have been skiing this mountain for 10 years and have loved every min of it. My wife has been skiing it for 42 years. WE cant think of a better way to spend our winters. Although we don't think of going to other resorts because steamboat is home we do hope for the improvements that other mountains have. Larger terrain faster movement better food options, etc. I understand that there may be some that don't want to see these improvements and I respect those decisions. I would be thrilled to see the vibrant old west community of Steamboat continue to grow in an ethically responsible way that still honors the time lasted traditions of the cattle ranchers and farmers in the valley but continues to make the town of steamboat accesible to more visitors and to help enhance the local economy. This expansion must be studied in great care to ensure the safe and unencumbered movement of the Elk Migrations as well as our moose, bear, sandhill crane, mountain lion, deer, and so many other countless species that call it home. WE put a lot of faith and respect in the workings and development of the public lands we all share and we must continue to protect and conserve for many generations to come. Large corporations will continually raise prices and people will be priced out of the winters and summers in Steamboat but through proper permitting and planning we can maintain and plan for many generations to come. WE must continue to drive traffic and tourism to Downtown and its historic events and parks as well as to Howellsen Hill. We must also ensure good community involvement in the planning and development of the ski are. I am in full support of expansion and development in an ethically and responsible manner that will allow our children's grand children and beyond to enjoy the pristine beauty that all of the Yampa valley has to offer.