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Comments: I have lived in Steamboat since May 2016, and I am a ski patroller and Routt County Search & Rescue member. I am strongly opposed to many of the projects that Steamboat Resort is proposing.

First, the new gondola will only make the mountain more congested with riders, and will lead to more collisions. Also, transporting more riders up the hill faster will lead to the mountain getting "skied-out" far earlier in the day, making the "Champagne Powder" difficult for many riders to even experience. Additionally, another big, expansive gondola will further erode the tranquil mountain experience that many visitors come to enjoy.

Second, I am against the expansion into the Pioneer Ridge/Fish Creek Zone due to the egress route and bridge the resort plans to build. The removal of trees and development in the area will have an unknown impact on wildlife in the area. Additionally, this is the best area for backcountry skiing that is accessible from the resort gates, and as a local I would be deeply upset if this area got "tracked-out". I am positive that many other locals will express the same sentiment. I understand the resort's desire to create more advanced terrain for visitors, but they should consider the thoughts of those that call this town home. Also, the excuse I read in the Pilot stating, "Routt County Search and Rescue volunteers often have to respond if a skier or rider gets lost or stranded in [Pioneer Ridge/Fish Creek Canyon]" is simply false. Ski Patrol does the far majority of those calls because we can respond faster and know the terrain better. I believe Search & Rescue only responded to one (possibly two) call last winter in Fish Creek Canyon. To this date, sending Ski Patrol going out of operating boundaries to do these rescues has not inhibited our ability to take care of our duties in-bounds.

Last, I am opposed to the Sunshine Peak restaurant. For one, it is just unnecessary. The proposed location is only 0.93 miles from Rendezvous and 0.68 miles from 4 Points as the crow flies. Also, the proposed size of the building would require tremendous energy input. There is nothing in the action plan stating that renewable energy would be used to run the building. If the resort can't expand in an environmentally conscious and sustainable manner (which it implied when it created the Director of Sustainability and Community Engagement position), then it should not do so.