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Comments: The local Steamboat newspaper outlined the plan for a second gondola to increase the number of skiers per hour by two-thirds (from 6,000 to 10,000). Your name was listed as a source to receive comments.

I advise caution in dealing with the Steamboat Ski and Resort Corp. This is a for-profit corporation that is primarily interested in profit. This could come at the expense of national forest. The plan is not even fully developed. For example, there is no mention of how to address the logistics of thousands of additional skiers getting to the base of the mountain. This is already a challenging situation with limited remote parking.

Also, note the approach taken by the ski corp with its IKON pass holders. After closing down the resort in March due to the COVID virus, they rejected the idea of partial refunds to passholders. They did offer discounts on next year's passes, but this is inadequate. Their actions smack of corporate greed. Other skiers that go to areas utilizing the Epic pass received appropriate refunds.

Please be careful in dealing with these people, and protect the national forests.