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Comments: Dear USFS Administrators,

After reviewing the NOPA and the very informative project web site, I feel strongly that there is great potential for significant impacts due to the scope and magnitude of Steamboat Ski Area's proposed expansion. In this situation, a complete Environmtental Impact Statement is absolutely necessary and should be required to move this project forward. Just the fact that a Forest Plan Amendment is needed for the construction period indicates the potential for irreparable harm to this unique natural area.

Furthermore,the NOPA does not clearly identify why such an expansion is needed or justified, especially given skier demographics and level of demand, natural resources that are currently being threatened and are more scare (water, wildlife, open spaces), and even the uncertainty and unpredictability of these unprecedented times. In reviewing the USFS Mission Statement, I find that further encroachment on public lands is not warranted in this case. The overall costs and negative externalites greatly outweigh the benefits to a private entity and a relatively small segment of our population.

Respectfully Submitted.