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Comments: I am in favor of GTR being able to expand in certain ways in order to give the resort more ways to be profitable and expand services. However I feel the scope of this plan is too large. Look at the example playing out in JH. The town and Mountain have far larger capacities and infrastructure to handle skier/visitors, yet have had nothing but problems in recent years. I feel like if such an expansion would occur, destination skiers and local buse would be the only ones to benefit. The community as a whole would suffer as there would be no way for our infrastructure (roads, sewer, traffic and congestion, transportation) to handle the expansion. We have been down this road not long ago and the overwhelming discussion was "Who will pay" for the upgrades to the community to accommodate for such expansions. Certainly not the resort. I am not a life long resident, however have lived here 30 years. I am in favor of Smart Growth in our community as growth we all know is coming fast. OUr family uses the resort in both winter and summer and have supported the owners in almost all of their decisions and efforts thus far. That being said and given the current aquisitions in the ski industry, I feel that this plan goes too far. If approved I feel that we will no longer have a local owner who is active and present at the resort. This only set the stage for a "Vail resorts" company to come and make Gordie an offer they can not refuse prior to most if not any expansion occurs. If you have ever traveled to resorts owned by one of these mega ski corps. you immediately notice the difference in vibe and attitude. Bottom line driven with a dry corporate feeling. They cater far less to local and regional skiers as they dont carry "Big Wallets". The current owners understand that the local and regional demographic is what gives a resort character. For all of us Local and Regional voices, Please make informed decisions. This is a Big One!!