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Comments: I object the proposed expansion of Loveland Ski Area. Only recently did they expand skiing into Zip Basin, which eliminated a large area from national forest which can no longer be enjoyed in its natural state. Loveland can build a multi-level parking garage WITHOUT destroying hundreds more trees. Their plan will also destroy part of the Bakerville to Loveland cross country ski course, which is very popular, safe, and easily accessed. Where does all this stop?

I've hiked Loveland Ski Area several times in the summer. There is trash EVERYWHERE. When they stopped offering free water, skiers bought bottled water - now there are plastic water bottles littering the slopes, among a large variety of other trash, and apparently Loveland Ski Area is not required to clean up the mess. Along the Continental Divide, for miles, they have installed poles 50-100 feet apart, along with old piles of rotting fencing and other ski area trash, which NEVER gets cleaned up or removed. NONE of this gets taken down after the ski season. It just gets left there, as a big blight on our landscape. It is a real eye sore to anyone walking along the Continental Divide from Golden Bear Mtn to Loveland Pass.

Where do we draw the line? With global warming, we need all the trees we can get. National Forests are the one place where we can preserve our trees for a better earth, not destroy them for a select few. And what's next? Is Loveland going to be emboldened to request extensions into other areas owned by the public, and supposedly preserved for the public? Will. They be building "via Ferratas" like Arapaho Basin?

First, let's demand Loveland Ski Area clean up its trash and relic ski debris. Get the poles OFF the Continental divide. There doesn't appear to be any federal oversight on this. Secondly, I'm sure a multi-level parking structure could eliminate the need to destroy hundreds of trees. Are requested expansions at Colorado ski resorts going to be coming every year, just slowly but gradually chipping away at our forests? Where does all this end?