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Comments: This is awesome news. Copper badly needs more uphill capacity on some of the most beautiful beginner green terrain at Copper, and those painfully slow rides up Lumberjack will be a thing of the past. Hopefully this will give Copper the liberty to more accurately re-label some runs off Flyer and Woodward lifts as Blue/Green, a very useful designation used by other ski areas. Ski Patrol, Mountain Safety and Ambassadors, along with lifties, spend massive amounts of their time helping beginner skiers who take those lifts by mistake because they lead to "Green" terrain. Beginners have no business on those lifts. Plus, Copper needs to completely re-market and re-sign Center Village as intermediate, not beginner terrain, and West Village for young families and beginners. West village needs to be more accessible to those in Center village via snow mobiles, a lift or shuttle bus pickup from the Flyer parking lot, and more obvious a destination from the outlying parking lots.

One other thing - the space between the ski racks at the West Village restaurant and Kokomo Lift is already a very crowded and dangerous area. With even more people using West Village in the future something needs to be done to alleviate traffic in this area. Could an elevated walkway be used which would handle skiers and riders walking from the restaurant to Kokomo lift be built, which would allow others coming downhill to the Woodward lift or lower plaza to pass safely underneath?

Since taking my first snowcat run at Copper in '71 before it officially opened I have been a passionate fan. I hope the ideas put forth here are taken seriously.