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Comments: The plans proposed by TSV are consistent with its Master Plan and will enable the resort to modernize critical infrastructure necessary to maintain a competitive appeal to guests and continue to be a crucial benefactor to the local (and needy) economy. The plans are consistent with the resort's goal of using energy and water resources more efficiently and reducing the load on the environment. Specifically, modernizing the lift infrastructure, installing a Base to Phoenix gondola, and upgrading the snowmaking water supply system will improve the efficiency and utilization of the mountain operations, and consume fewer resources. Since 1967, at 10 years old, I have been a guest of the resort, and my family (and since 2004 myself and spouse) owners of residential property in the ski valley. I have seen numerous improvements to keep the resort competitive and also maintain the environmental integrity of the mountains, forest, and watershed. Rather than exploiting the area to the fullest with development, the incremental improvements in prior years, and the current modest modernization plans to the existing mountain infrastructure show a respectful balance between the efficient use of natural resources and the goal of maintaining the resort as a desirable, competitive destination.

Separately, our family is an enthusiastic supporter of the proposed Nordic trail system. This will likely be a highly desirable activity and will be almost imperceptible from an environmental or scenic point of view.