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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I have read the full PDF concerning the proposed improvements for Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. I understand that there will always be changes made concerning infrastructure, ski trail alignment and used and under utilized terrain, but the changing of Alta 1,2,3 chutes is a horrible idea. This is based on my experience as a pro ski patroller who has worked at JHMR for 26 years.

First the blasting of rock and trees out of big steep avalanche prone slopes could possibly add to our avalanche mitigation problems, adding more unknown risks to our patrollers working in that terrain prior to opening it to the public. It also could make it more dangerous for our guests with possibilities of avalanches and slide for life scenarios. The Alta chutes natural terrain is limiting for guests who might not venture into them due to their natural hazards. This keeps people who should not ski terrain like this out of harms way.

I'm also against the proposed trail from the top of the Hobacks back to Rendezvous trail. We do not have many problems with skiers in the Hobacks. Just a few injuries and lost skiers per season! The ecological damage to the forest would be devastating. The "North Woods" also has steeper terrain than the actual Hobacks and would cause more difficulties to our guests. I would also like to say that the altering of our expert terrain is an idea to create more terrain for intermediate skiers. What about the guests that come here for JHMR's natural big mountain terrain?

Lastly, I wasn't sure if the Via Ferrata terrain in Corbets would interfere with any known existing routes. If it would, than I am opposed to it, as that would be unacceptable.

Thank you, Michael Werner