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Comments: I am vehemently opposed to the 6 seat chairlifts that have been proposed for Christmas lift and Seattle Ridge! Two new 4 seat lifts would serve these areas just fine.

Let's take the Christmas lift first. There is rarely a lift line at Christmas Lift. Why would you put a massive chair lift in for just the morning rush? Another problem is having the capacity to put 600 more people on Sun Valley's narrow slopes. People ski really fast here, if you haven't noticed. And now you want to put more skiers on the slopes. Enough people get hit here by out of control skiers as it is. Adding more traffic on the slopes will not fix that problem. Were you planning on routinely grooming the Christmas bowls and Upper River Run, Upper Picabo for example to encourage traffic to take those routes down the mountain as opposed to the massively crowded Upper College and Ridge routes? Was that a part of your plan in getting more people on the mountain at one time? People around here mostly ski groomers and they like to do it at a very fast pace!

On to Seattle Ridge: This area is even more congested than the upper part of the mountain! People standing in line, KEEPS the traffic down on the runs. It is a safety issue! 600 more people an hour on those rather narrow runs is the proverbial accident waiting to happen! Let's definitely crowd lower Broadway more with beginners, children and idiots who ski way too fast. I would rather stand in line and have some elbow room on the slopes there. If you really want to fix something at Seattle Ridge, manage the traffic flow to the lift as skiers merge from the various runs and bowls to that tiny funnel. Have gates to slow and manage the traffic into the lift line. You say you want to have a big chair lift there...just like Mammoth Mountain, for example and you can't even manage the lines there now!

That last point is a great segue into my last point. Do we want Sun Valley to be charming and special? Or are we working towards a Mammoth Mountain kind of feel? Mammoth at least has large, wide open runs that can handle the hordes of people that their large and fast lifts dump on the mountain very efficiently. Please keep what you are doing in the spirit of Sun Valley. Sun Valley is special. We have long, narrow runs. Often our snow can be faster than other areas in California, Colorado and Utah. People ski really fast here! In the whole scheme of things, our lift lines are short! Ask anyone who skis in Steamboat Springs!!! Or Palisades! Or Mammoth! They have long lines despite their large capacity lifts. I have often had discussions with visitors who I have shared a chairlift ride with about the lack of lines here! As an aside, they have complained about the quality of the grooming and the lack of groomed runs. If you would focus on grooming, opening up some runs by grooming them you could disperse crowds just as well as adding a 6 seater lift!

Another idea: spend the saved money by revamping Outlook Lodge...one can only hope!