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Comments: This proposal to expand and connect the two ski areas in Big Bear Lake should be reviewed and approved by USFS as this action for the following reasons:

- > Demand from the outdoor recreationalist has been demonstrated for the past several years at these two resorts with record crowds using the current forest boundaries.
- > The ownership of these two resorts has been a good steward of the land they have managed and have not seen any opportunities for expansion in 25 years.
- > Connecting the 2 resorts would bring added interest to the region and the wilderness we love while also taking their inter-mountain shuttles off the roads.

I strongly endorse this project and I hope that you will too.