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Comments: I am writing to express my strong support for the full and expeditious approval of this project.

This proposed expansion provides vital benefits for the Big Bear community, LA-area recreationalists and the environment itself. With increased competition and climate change impacting ski areas in Southern California, this proposal acts as a massive vote of confidence for the local industry and the Big Bear community. It would bring much needed cruising terrain to the already crowded slopes of Snow Summit and Big Bear, much of it north facing and high elevation. Crowds currently concentrate around the high speed lifts at those mountains - this expansion would completely change how spread traffic around and flow overall.

The interconnect would provide other benefits to the community by taking vehicles off the road and eliminating a friction point in the guest experience by providing a way to go back and forth between the two areas without taking off your skis or board. By taking cars and shuttle busses off the roads in town, it would help mitigate any increase in emissions from a potential increase in visitors to the resort while providing important traffic and transit benefits to the town.

Finally, the summer improvements would provide recreationalists and visitors in the region with a true four season draw, benefiting local businesses, workers and homeowners. It is safe to say this would elevate the entire Big Bear area and provide it with a long-term vote of confidence amidst an otherwise gloomy outlook for mountain communities in Southern California.