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Comments: I represent 270 members of National Ski Patrol that serve as emergency medical first responders, mountain hosts, and ambassadors at Bear Mountain, Snow Summit, and Snow Valley. These members serve year round as ski and bike patrollers.

Many of these members have homes in the greater Big Bear area, and are active members in the community.

We are excited for this opportunity for the following reasons:

- The greater Big Bear experience is a great way to introduce urban dwellers from Southern California, to the USFS hiking, biking, ski experience.

- The scope provides expanded beginner runs, introducing new guests to a positive mountain forest experience.

- Improvements create a fire buffer for Big Bear Lake/City homes by utilizing snowmaking equipment to irrigate hillside areas, slowing potential forest fires.

- Expanded area increases guest capacity, while reducing congestion and lift wait times.

- Enhances a positive guest experience by adding significant terrain diversity.

Guests can easily traverse between two resorts, enjoying all of the amenities while significantly reducing vehicle traffic on roads connecting the resorts.

The bike trails, zip-line and coaster experiences make Bear Mountain a year-round experience.

This expansion creates direct job opportunities, while adding significant indirect revenue to the Big Bear community via tourism that benefits lodging, restaurants, and other local businesses.

BBMR has been a positive steward of the forest.

Our members are ready to provide robust first-response services to the expanded service area.

Feel free to contact me regarding our endorsement of this expansion.

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