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Comments: What a great opportunity to enhance the access to the outdoor activities in Southern CA for both Winter and Summer time activities. These improvements will not only make for a cohesive environment for recreationists, it will begin to address one of major concerns in the town of Big Bear Lake and that is traffic. Linking the two areas reduces the back in forth traffic from one resort to the other. This reduces the number of cars traveling from one resort as well as the buses. In addition, it creates a better experience for everyone involved. These improvements will also enhance the economic value for both Big Bear Lake and Big Bear City by increasing the summer time activities while enhancing the both the summer and winter experience.

The San Bernadino National Forest is 823,816 acres in size and this project provides and amazing opportunity for 800,000 visitors to recreate using just 750 acres. This project increases the quality of the experience and introduces these visitors to the wonderful San Bernadino National Forest and many go on to be stewards of our National Forests. I could not be more thrilled for this project and look forward to using the trails, enjoying the activities and adding to the economy to such a wonderful community.

We are loosing more and more access to Outdoor Recreation with the close of many ski resorts (Mt Waterman, Kratka Ridge, Green Valley, Ski Sunrise, Buckhorn to name a few). This project not only enhances both the Winter and summer time recreation activities for all of Southern CA. I could not think of a better project.