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Comments: As an avid skier, I would like to eagerly support this project; however, the local infrastructure cannot handle the current influx of visitors during the winter. Highway 38 was destroyed during hurricane Hilary and even when both highway 330 and 38 are fully operational, the traffic on these roads caused by inexperienced winter drivers creates hardship for local residents and frustrates all drivers. Having 1 lane roads leading to these resorts further impacts everyone visiting the mountains and creates unnecessary obstacles for first responders when there is an accident on these roads. Alterra is a prosperous company and approval of this project will be a great boon to their business operations while the City of Big Bear and local residents stand to gain little from approval of this project as many of these businesses function at capacity during the winter months.

This is before even considering the ecological damage that will occur in the canyon connecting the two resorts.

For Alterra to receive approval on this project, I encourage the forest service to require that Alterra pay for the widening of highway 330, 18, and 38 to be 3 lanes in both directions to support visitors and residents as well as pay for restoration projects within the San Bernadino National Forest to offset the ecological damage that will incur both from both projects.

Without accepting those terms, I could not, in good faith, support this project in any capacity.