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Comments: I live in Old Town Winter Park and ski approximately 60 days per year at WP. I've been skiing WP as my primary resort since 1980. Based on my frequent observations of the north base area, I object to the construction of a new gondola to replace the Gemini chair lift. The current chair lift delivers beginner skiers to the Discovery area in around 2-3 minutes and is rarely crowded. Building a gondola to accomplish this trip is akin to using a sledge hammer to drive a finishing nail. It's simply not necessary and would create a major environmental impact to the area as well as cause unnecessary crowding and congestion where there is now a nice, peaceful place for beginners to get their equipment on and learn how to board a lift. In addition, it's a poor use of resources which could be put to much better use on other parts of the mountain. As it currently stands, major lift lines build up on the Super Gauge chair on the Mary Jane side. That needs attention and an upgrade. If a gondola has to be built, that would be a better use.

If the proposed gondola were to go to a higher point, possibly where the termination of the current Prospector chair exists, there would be a much better case for adding it. To go to the same area as the Gemini, is simply not necessary.

I also object to the removal of the Looking Glass chair lift. It is a part of WP/Grand Co history and serves a useful purpose as a way out of the valley when the Olympia chair backs up. It should be left as is, or possibly upgraded to a 4 person chair which wouldn't have the "center pole" challenge that currently exists.

I am fine with the remainder of the proposal but from a priority and resource allocation standpoint, would like to see steps taken at the following choke points:

Explorer and Prospector: major lift lines

Olympia: lift lines

Super Gauge: lift lines

Panorama: lift lines

Eagle Wind: reliability of current chairlift and lift lines

Vasquez Cirque: difficulty of access and egress

Overall: We need to spread out the crowds to more terrain, not attract more skiers to what I've seen become an extremely crowded ski and parking area.