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Comments: I live in Fraser and Erie, and I ski and bike every year at Winter Park. Here are my comments on the project.

I object to the construction of a new gondola replacing the Gemini chair lift. The current chair lift delivers beginner skiers to the Discovery area in around 3 minutes and is rarely crowded. Building a gondola to accomplish this trip is serious overkill. It's simply not necessary. Additionally, 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 at Mary Jane. That problem needs attention and an upgrade. If a gondola is to be built on the resort, that would be a better location. 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. However, instead of any new gondolas at WP, I would like to see resources put into a gondola that goes to the WP Copper Creek terminal in town, per the WP Master Development Plan from 2022. Utilizing the parking in town and spreading out access to the resort would greatly enhance the skier's experience.

I object to the proposed new restaurant. I would question that there is significant demand for a sit-down restaurant and its accompanying infrastructure. An addition to Lunch Rock would be more appropriate.

I 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 3 or 4 person chair.

I am fine with the remainder of the proposal, but would like to see steps taken for the following issues:

Explorer, Prospector, Olympia, and Super Gauge: major lift lines

Vasquez: difficulty of access, limited terrain to ski

Parking: Overcrowded and in poor repair

Overall: We need to spread out the crowds to more terrain, in both summer and winter.