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Comments: I have a number of very serious concerns about the Winter Park Resort expansion plans. As someone that skis at the resort roughly 30 days per year, I am not in support of the proposed plans.

1. Parking issues. Has Winter Park Resort provided the number of days each season that current parking lots are completely full? I often see signs directing skiers to in-town parking because resort parking is full. I believe that current proposed parking additions by the resort are woefully inadequate and force the parking problem into downtown and passes on the cost to taxpayers. Also, by consolidating the number of resort parking lots, there is a significant risk that huge lines will form and back up onto Highway 40, creating both inconvenient and dangerous situations on the highway. In addition, the downtown has nowhere near enough parking available to handle the increased skier visits that the resort is projecting, and will cause severe parking and traffic issues in downtown. When I sent an email to the Resort planner, asking him about the parking problem, he said effectively, "Not my problem, man. CDOT's and town's problem." I believe that the resort should be responsible for providing parking facilities for its customers and at its cost.

2. Traffic. Has the resort provided the number of times that traffic between the ski area and downtown Fraser backs up and the hours of excess waiting time for cars traveling within that corridor? My experience is that Friday evenings, any moderate to heavy amount of snow, or any event can cause massive delays in traffic within that corridor. Dumping significant increases in cars either traveling through that corridor or trying to find non-existent parking in downtown is going to make travel impossible in many days/times throughout both the winter and summer seasons. Again, the Winter Park Resort planner's response to this is that it is a CDOT problem. I would hate to see the Forest Service give this same response. Activity on Forest Service land that creates problems outside of its boundaries needs to be addressed by the Forest Service and its lessees.

Much as we would like to believe that public transportation or downtown parking is going to solve these problems, I firmly believe this is wishful thinking. The resort and the Forest Service should not be allowed to dump these problems on the citizens of this county.