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Comments: Installing more radio towers on SkiCo operated mountains is not the best use of forest service land and resources. It will help visitors and tourist access the internet and cell coverage more-but not to an advantage. There are enough ski patrolers and ski instructors on the mountains to aid people in need. The number of visitors who are also willing to stop and aid fellow riders asking if they need help or patrol is astoundingly good. Statistically, how many instances would've been aided to save a life had there been additional cell towers on the mountain? Based on newspaper reports, skico, aspen and pitkin county alerts- not even 10 a year for all four mountains. To say SkiCo isn't pushing for more development on the mountain to create more profits is an understatement. Even if the cell tower installations don't make money themselves off of operational leasing-skico will undoubtedly profit off of them- otherwise what purpose do they have? More people will be able to use SkiCo's app to purchase and use products (the trail map doesnt need internet connection to function), parents will have less responsibility to keep track of their children (more people stopping in the middle of the trail to make phone calls), more reasons to develop additional structures since they'll be closer to installed electric and fiber optic sources. Let alone 10 acres will be disturbed-even temporarily- will add that much more issue to wildlife and wildfire potential.