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Comments: I strongly support this project to keep access to skiing available to our region. The economic impact of the improvements will be positive for both the region as well as the continued operational viability of the resort. The county has made the improvements to the access road that can support greater use as a year round recreation area.

The one area that I have strong reservations is in the proposal to continue to rely on fossil fuel as the area's primary electrical energy source.

It would be far more desirable to install an electrical grid connection to supply energy given the additional load for snow making and additional loads required to support overnight lodging. Further, the future need for BEV charging infrastructure will be yet another potential load as battery based vehicles come to dominate our transportation segment going forward.

The current genset causes far too much soot and pollution as evidenced by the often blackened snow at the base.

The world is moving away from carbon based fuels as they are an existential threat to the environment and which effect is particularly impactful to skiing as it relates to the minimum elevation with which ski areas remain viable worldwide. The FS should give strong consideration to whether continuing to allow the adverse effects associated with diesel generation is appropriate going forward for an activity that is substantially threatened by global warming.