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Comments: I am updating my previous statement after reviewing the Environmental Impact review for Winter Park Resort Projects 2025 EA #66200.

First, the human interaction with our environment requires a sacred trust in finding balance. It's at the heart of U.S Forest Service pioneer and early environmentalist Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic work. Leopold addressed the philosophical challenge of disturbing the forest and wilderness we cherish. I appreciate the thorough review of impacts to this area. I believe the Winter Park expansion is well thought out, keeps the impact of human recreation to a minimum, and honors the Land Ethic trust of reasonable use of forest resources. The Fraser Valley is well equipped to resource this expansion. The opportunity for transportation and support systems to serve recreation in this area is extensive.

Second, as a retired certified instructor and former Ski School Director, I would like to speak specifically of the Discovery Park plan to serve beginner skiers and riders. The proposed improvements will make a significantly positive impact on guests, especially first time users. At the heart of this plan is the 10-passenger Gondola, which is the best way to move beginners out of the base and to their own segregated area. The replacement chairs proposed for Discovery and Endeavour, along with their modified alignment, are proven concepts in the ski industry. They will be great additions. Finally, the expansive terrain in the middle of Discovery Park, with its very low pitch, is perfect for "magic carpet" surface lifts, especially for children and first time users. I look forward to bringing my grandchildren to Discovery Park when they are ready to start skiing.