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Comments: On behalf of Brian Head Town, I wish to fully endorse and voice my support for the expanded SUP proposed by Brian Head Resort (Mountain Capital Partners). As you are certainly aware, outdoor recreation is the life blood of our community, with Brian Head Resort providing our most key activities and attractions. This expansion would provide for much-needed amenities and infrastructure for our ever-growing body of residents, guests and stakeholders.

Brian Head Town seeks to be the next great mountain resort town! While we have much to offer people right now, in order to keep that brand promise as we move forward we need to have opportunities to expand our offering. The proposed SUP expansion goes a long way toward providing those opportunities.

Our elected officials (Mayor and Council) as well as our staff at Town Hall receive a steady stream of questions and comments regarding the proposed expansion. We have found that the vast majority of folks make inquiry are genuinely and significantly excited about the proposal. They, and we, cannot think of a better use for the public lands surrounding Brian Head and included in the proposed SUP area. Indeed, in reviewing the Forest Service's own strategic plan, we feel the proposed SUP expansion meets several of the objectives of the Forest Service (from their 2015 strategic plan), including: 1) Strengthening Communities, 2) Connecting People to the Outdoors, 3) Conserving Open Space, and 4) Mitigating Fire Risk (to the degree that ski runs serve as fire breaks).

Again, Brian Head Town is in full support of the proposed SUP expansion from Mountain Capital Partners (Brian Head Resort). We are grateful to the Forest Service and our various Federal partners for their attention to this request and their thoughtful consideration.

Bret Howser

Town Manager

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