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Comments: Dear White River National Forest team,

I am writing to express concern about the proposed changes to install a new Nell Bell chairlift on Aspen Mountain. While I appreciate the goals of easing skier access to Bell Mountain, the present arrangement requires that skiers have the knowledge about how to access Bell Mountain and the intention of skiing expert rated terrain. With a lift providing direct access from the base area, I am concerned that additional novice skier traffic will attempt to access the terrain on Bell Mountain, increasing the risk of injury both to those individuals and to others skiing in the area. Furthermore, the character of these skiable lines will be changed by heavier novice skier traffic.

Please consider these risks to safety and mountain character as you consider the proposal.

- Stephen Poletto