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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

As President and CEO of Ski Utah-the trade association representing Utah's 15 public ski areas-I write in strong support of Brian Head Resort's proposed improvements, currently under review as part of the NEPA process with the Dixie National Forest.

We strongly encourage the Dixie National Forest to advance this proposal. Your approval will not only enhance recreational access but also strengthen the region's economy and stewardship of public lands.

The proposed upgrades represent a thoughtful and needed investment in the future of Utah's winter recreation. Specifically, the project will:

Expand Recreational Offerings by opening new terrain that serves beginner to expert users alike, enriching the guest experience and supporting the resort's ability to manage skier dispersion and volume.

Upgrade Guest Facilities through expanded parking, improved dining, and guest services infrastructure to accommodate growing demand and deliver a high-quality visitor experience.

Enhance the Learning Experience by providing a more intuitive progression for new skiers and snowboarders-supporting families and first-time visitors in particular.

Improve Forest Health by integrating vegetation management into the expansion areas, removing hazard trees, and addressing lingering fire damage from the 2017 Brian Head Fire-benefitting both ecological resilience and public safety.

Brian Head Resort plays an essential role in Utah's diverse ski economy, particularly in Southern Utah where its presence anchors winter tourism and contributes to year-round economic vitality.

We urge you to support this forward-looking proposal and thank you for the opportunity to submit comments during this process.

Sincerely,

Nathan Rafferty

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