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Comments: I am writing in regards to Brian Head Resort and Brian Head Town's proposed expansion. Brian Head is my primary residence and has been for 30 years. I think this expansion will take this community in the wrong direction.

The most notable reason this is not a good idea is the availability of water with the ongoing drought in the Southwest. Water that would be available for people living around the area will be used for making snow and construction purposes. Brian Head Town is already aware of this as areas are being re-zoned R 2 rather than remaining R 3. The theoretical 'lessening of toilets and showers' shows there is a worry about the availability of water now, not just in the future.

Brian Head Town is also not keeping up with the demands of its growth and population now. Town codes and laws are randomly ignored and enforced. It has been noted that citations are not handed out during holidays for traffic violations or parking infringements. As Brian Head grows, more police officers have been added to police force but the laws are not enforced. Adding more to the officers is a moot point.

Brian Head Resort efforts are not better. The resort is chronically understaffed and chronically ill-prepared. The expansion will only dig a deeper hole. I live across Highway 143 from Giant Steps and I see this every day.

The position that this growth will draw remote workers will only worsen the gentrification Brian Head is already experiencing. People earning San Francisco or Seattle wages will only heighten the already imbalanced cost of living. There was a report by the Five Counties Commission that clearly shed light on the disparity of income versus cost of living. Remote workers will deepen the transient culture while raising the cost of living in Brian Head. Brian Head will be another community where the 'haves' live in McMansions and the 'have-nots' live in and re-purposed shipping containers. The truth of the matter is the people that make Brian Head work can't afford to live here as it is. The proposed expansion will worsen that prospect.

Another note is the road in and out of Brian Head. Utah's Highway 143 is only two lanes. On any day, it is bumper-to-bumper in the uphill lane and the bumper-to-bumper in the downhill lane. Throw in a snowstorm and the highway becomes chaos with people ill-prepared and ill-equipped to drive in the snow. Travelers simply ignore the chains required signs in Parowan in Brian Head. That leads to cars blocking travel in either direction because cars stop in the travel lanes to put chains or cars slide through the S-curve as they travel downhill endangering everyone. But the biggest problems I've encountered are cars stopped in the middle of an uphill traffic between the 12 and 13 mile markers putting chain song in the middle of the travel lane. Until Utah adds more travel lanes, Brian Head's proposed growth will make Hwy 143 more dangerous. Brian Head Marshall's, UHP, and Parowan's Sheriff have made no effort to ensure highway users are following the laws. It only creates a danger for other roadway users.

Brian Head Town also has numerous unfinished projects that remain eyesores. The Lofts project, in the middle of Brian Head town, remains unfinished after nearly 20 years. As does the paved, curbed, and guttered project at the south end of town down Bristlecone Lane. That project is at the 15 year mark, unfinished. There is a new unfinished project on the north side of Highway 143, across from the Navajo ski lift. Its green sheathing remains to greet you as you drive into town. This has sat for four years. Aside from unfinished projects, there are numerous unpaved residential roads remaining in Brian Head. Current owners are driving to their properties through mud and dust while resources are being used for new roads. That is unbalanced and unfair to the owners who have used these roads for countless years.

Brian Head has a history of shrugging as things remain unchanged and unfinished. Brian Head should not be offered the distraction of growth.

I'll finish with this: The only Brian Head residents eager for growth are the realtors and contractors. Everyone else will suffer through the cost of living increase and the cascade of chaos that will follow.

