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Comments: I am a frequent skier at Waterville Valley and a property owner in the Town of Waterville Valley. I support the proposed Waterville Valley Resort expansion project and appreciate the extensive work that has gone into evaluating both recreational opportunities and environmental impacts.

In my view, the most important aspect of this proposal is the transportation connection between Town Square and the ski area. For many years, the Town of Waterville Valley and the ski resort have functioned as closely related destinations but with a physical separation that requires significant vehicle traffic between them. The proposed gondola connection would create a direct, year-round link between the town center and the mountain, improving access, reducing reliance on vehicle trips, and strengthening the connection between existing community amenities and recreational facilities.

I also support the proposed terrain expansion, mid-station facilities, and associated infrastructure improvements. These investments will help maintain the long-term viability of Waterville Valley as a four-season recreation destination and support a community whose economy is closely tied to outdoor recreation and tourism. The project modernizes an existing ski area that has operated successfully for decades and helps ensure it remains competitive with other destinations throughout New England.

I encourage the Forest Service to preserve the proposed permit boundary expansion and long-term planning flexibility included in the project. Maintaining future recreational opportunities within the designated ski area is important to the long-term sustainability of both the resort and the surrounding community. Any future projects would continue to undergo their own environmental review, but preserving these opportunities today is an important part of responsible long-range planning.

I support approval of the project and encourage the Forest Service to move forward with an alternative that retains the core elements of the proposal, including the town-to-mountain transportation connection, expanded recreation opportunities, and associated infrastructure, while implementing appropriate environmental mitigation measures identified through the review process.