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Comments: One of the stated purposes of the proposed action is to "enhance the connectivity between the Resort and the Town of Waterville Valley amenities." If enhancing connectivity with the Town is a central objective of the project, it is unclear why the EIS contains no analysis of the resulting effects on the Town itself.

The proposed gondola is specifically intended to bring more skiers, vehicles, and activity into the Town Square area. Yet the EIS does not evaluate the impacts on traffic, parking demand, municipal services, public safety, noise, air quality, or community character. These impacts are not indirect or speculative; they are a foreseeable consequence of the project's stated purpose.

NEPA requires consideration of connected and cumulative impacts. The Forest Service's responsibility is not merely to evaluate the physical infrastructure proposed by the applicant, but to assess the environmental and community impacts that the project is intended to create. Approving an EIS that acknowledges the goal of increasing connectivity between the Resort and the Town while failing to analyze the effects of that increased connectivity would be contrary to both the purpose of the EIS process and the Forest Service's obligation to make an informed decision based on a complete assessment of foreseeable impacts.

For these reasons, the EIS should be rejected as written and be revised to include a comprehensive analysis of the impacts this proposal will have on the Town of Waterville Valley before any decision is made on the project.