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Comments: In general, I support the gondola proposal and expansion of the ski area, largely for some of the justifications given by the Resort:

(1) Greater integration of Town Square and the Resort. We need a lot more of this, and this seems an assured benefit.

(2) Greater variety in downhill skiing. Skiers like a wide variety of options and views. The addition of the Green Peak lift and runs was a huge improvement ten years ago, and this could be, too. However, my continued concern is that skiing here for beginners and intermediates is quite limited compared to other major resorts. New runs #3, 4, 5, and 6 are for beginners, but it appears that the only way to reach them is via intermediate runs.

(3) The value of the gondola as a summer & fall attraction. I consider this the greatest benefit of the entire project; people from all over the world love taking a lift up to a scenic mountaintop, and Waterville Valley is long overdue in capitalizing on this. Green Peak offers stunning views, but the existing ski runs afford only brief glimpses to the cautious skier. The Resort has the potential to develop this summit into a major destination, depending on the appearance and quality of the restaurant, sun terraces, viewing platforms, a short Nature trail, etc. But keep it low profile; we don't want another Cannon Mtn. monstrosity atop Green Peak! If Alternative 3 is to be adopted, it should not detract from the destination appeal of the summit.