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Comments: First, I appreciate that you are soliciting comments from the skiing public. We are property owners in Telluride and part time residents. We have skied Telluride since its opening and are season pass holders. We add to ski area revenues and the local economy by bringing family and guests to town throughout the year. Comments on lift replacement: Lift 7 needs new equipment. The new chair should be a detachable quad. The fixed grip lifts are not safe as they impact the loading skiers with excessive force. This is especially an issue for the young skiers. Asking Telski to train the lift operators for better loading at Chair 7 base has not been effective. Some of the loaders hold the chair to lessen the impact, but most just barely touch it. And quite often at Chair 7 base, the music is so loud that the skiers can't effectively communicate with the lift staff. Complaints to Telski about this are also ineffective. The guys loading Chair 6 generally do a better job, but even then there is variability. My wife suffered a broken wrist late last season on a fixed grip chair at Telluride. Extensive surgery and medical attention and expense. Nine months for recovery. Would not have happened on a detachable. Another reason for a detach quad at Chair 7 is capacity. On snow days, race days or high season the morning line can exceed a half hour. No need for that, especially for the increased prices of the passes you are charging now. Other comments: Keep cutting dead trees in the summer to improve glading and reduce fire hazard. Widening the Galloping Goose skiway trail to the top of Madison should be a priority. There is a mix of intermediate skiers and unsafe speed demons on that trail, and it could use some more room. Another safety improvement would be for the See Forever face below the Joint Point location, where the trail safety and photographers work. The mix of slow skiers and speed bombers across the width of that steep section is a setup for collisions and possible injury. How about a sign at the top to designate one side as the slow area (no straight lining). That would presumably reduce collision risk. The signs and gates at the bottom of See Forever on approach to the open area at the top of Chair 7 work great to slow all skiers to a safe speed at that merge location. Your attention here is appreciated. Tom Kingzett