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Comments: I am overjoyed to see the proposed actions on behalf of Telski. I've been a member of the Telluride community for 11 years and love the ski resort/town, but have become increasingly aware of how behind Telluride is compared to other ski resorts. I've coached ski teams both here and in the northeast, and have been fortunate to ski 50-60 ski resorts across the country for comparison, and Telluride is simply behind when it comes to infrastructure, amenities, and the subjective product that is "skiing". If Talski wishes to dub itself as a "world-class" ski resort, then the proposed improvements are a good starting point before it starts to address snowmaking, grooming, fulfilling employment needs, and affordable housing for staff.

Glading:- I'm a fan of all of it, but the chair 7 area should be a priority, as well as chair 9. They are north-facing slopes and hold the snow the best compared to the other areas identified. They are also the densest areas in comparison to the other areas identified, which have probably been gladed in the past, and are lower priority and in need of a re-fresh. - The trees on the west side of chair 9 are the highest priority for that area (Kant Make Em' and Mammoth trees are already great, don't really need it). Prioritize glading around West Drain, Captain Jack's, and Lower Lookout/Plunge. - It would be a huge undertaking, but the tree skiing on east drain under needle rock could be phenomenal if they were gladed. It's not on the proposal/plan, but worth mentioning. - The trees just north of the lift line on chair 14 are a great area to glade. They are especially dense just under the cliff line as you drop into the woods halfway down millions.

Ski-Way Improvements- The Galloping Goose widening is a great idea. The path over there bottlenecks in the flats next to Baldy, and it is simply dangerous. There are a large number of beginner skiers in that area, and the intermediate/advanced skiers fly through there when traveling to the chair 10/poma lift areas. I'm terrified when I ski my 5 year old daughter through there and "box out" to prevent someone from hitting her.

High Camp Upgrade- High Camp is cramped and small. It is not equipped to accommodate visitor numbers, and is in need of expansion. The outdoor seating area is also one of the best vantage points on the mountain looking out at the Wilson range, and all of the ski resort.

Lift 7 and Lift 8 Upgrades- These are overdue. Replace both with high-speed quads at a minimum. - Lift 8 doesn't have a safety bar. This isn't necessarily a USFS issue, more of a Telski operations decision, but the fact that Telski closes chair 8 at 1:30pm is insane. I can't imagine another ski area in the country closing one of their lifts in the busiest base areas of the mountain at mid-day. It makes no sense other than being cheap with staffing/pay. Locals would support paying a lifty another 2.5 hours of pay to operate the lift until 4:00pm. - Lift 7 looks like it is falling apart. One of the towers had to be reinforced with cables drilled into the hill. It also broke down last season and had to be evacuated. I've seen multiple people fall off of chair 7 when loading when lifties don't "bump" the lift, resulting in it swinging from the momentum. It is an "advanced" chairlift to ride for beginners, and one of the busiest lifts in the morning with massive lines because of the car/henge parking, congestion, and only being a 2x seater. I've sat on it for 25-30 minutes when riding it first chair on a powder day because of it constantly stopping based on the previous issues I mentioned. I dread riding it compared to other lifts on the mountain and avoid it as much as I can, which is sad, because the chair 7 terrain is amazing. - Lift 7 would benefit from being reconstructed/re-pathed to the top of "Lookout". It would make better access for skiers to the bottom of chair 9 (eliminate the catwalk on T-Trail), and there could be a future egress path constructed that traverses over to the chair 5 area.

Last but not least, it'd be great if the resort could stay open another few weeks. I'm not sure if this is a permitting limitation or an internal decision that Telski makes in order to save money, but most ski resorts pride themselves on the length of their ski seasons (Mammoth, A-Basin, Killington), whereas Telluride seems to close up shop early compared to other resorts. Why do our neighbors, Purgatory and Silverton, operate multiple weeks longer than we do? Arizona Snowbowl in Flagstaff is STILL open, and it is Mid-May... it makes no sense. Some of the best skiing of the season is in the spring (sunny warm corn days, spring pow), and I've always been frustrated with the way Telluride throws in the towel early. I don't buy the elk calving/migration and wildlife concerns if Purgatory and Silverton are staying open longer than us... they have the exact same wildlife we do. I hope some of my comments are beneficial in the planning/input process!

Best, Ross Perrot--