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Comments: LIFT 7 Lift 7 should be split into 2 separate lifts, and operate much in the same way that 8 and 9 do. This proposal has been discussed at length with Jeff Proteau, Sean Horning, & Chad Horning; with all three liking the idea. The Lower 7 should start on or near where the bottom of 7 currently resides, and terminate in the large flat area at the bottom of Milk Run, just east of tower 11 of the gondola. This lift like chair 8, would primarily be a transportation lift, so a fixed grip would make the most sense. Just like lift 8, very few people would lap this lift and it primarily would serve as a transportation lift just to access other lifts higher on the mountain, lift 8 primarily just serves as transportation to access lift 9, and Lower 7 would primarily serve as transportation to access Upper 7. The Upper 7 should start just below the top of Lower 7 (flat area at base of Milk Run), and go up North Chute and terminate at the intersection of See Forever & Upper Lookout. This should be a detachable lift as this would end up being one of the favorite lifts here at Telluride, and would provide access to exceptional terrain, without having the poor egress that now exists. This would provide many benefits: [bull] Telluride Trail lower than Milk Run is the most dangerous section on this mountain resulting in frequent collisions. The issue is that it is the only non-black rated, non-bump run after skiing Milk Run or Cimmaron which are both frequently groomed. O'Reilly's and Stumper very rarely are in good shape. Telluride Trail often is very icy and gets continually narrower as it descends. Skiers frequently ski out of control as they cannot handle the ice, and it is very crowded for such a narrow trail. By having an Upper 7, people would only ski that lower section when they are skiing to Telluride, not when they are looking to lap North Chute, Pandora, Cimmaron or Milk Run. That lower section of Telluride Trail would lose most of the traffic, which in turn would make it less icy too, reducing collisions greatly. [bull] Upper 7 would relieve the pressure on both 5 & 9 on powder days before Prospect Bowl opens. On powder days without such along slow lift at 7 with such poor egress, crowds would be split between 5, Upper 7 & 9, causing less congestion at just two compelling lifts on powder days, as there now would be 3 compelling lifts on powder days prior to Prospect Bowl opening. [bull] Telluride is unique for having separate pods, without having lifts terminate in the same area to keep crowds down on the hill. The single exception is where 7 currently unloads in the same area as the gondola, which is also not that far away from lift 4. Having 7 unload at the intersection of See Forever and Lookout would give far more lift termination separation. [bull] Climate Change is only going to worsen, just as 8 was a much more compelling lift to lap back when it was installed, poorer snow on these low elevations will only continue to worsen conditions closer to the Town of Telluride. [bull] With Upper 7, service to lift 9 could be accomplished from both the gondola and lift 4 without needing to push on Telluride Trail to get there. You simply could enjoy a ski down Pandora, Cimmaron or Milk Run, without a poor egress all the way to town, and get up a quick short lift and ski Lookout to 9. [bull] Any other ski resort would salivate at the exceptional terrain that could be attained by skiing a new Upper 7 lift, whereas right now, just replacing lift 7 with another lift will always not be that compelling a lift to lap, as most of the vertical is a poor egress, and the lift is always going to be far longer than it needs to be if you are still forced to ascend by lift all the extra vertical that you descended down the same poor egress. A far shorter Upper 7 would be far more compelling to lap than the much longer existing 7. [bull] Overall, Telluride Ski Resort would be a far better resort than what it currently is by splitting 7 into two separate upper and lower lifts. Simply replacing the existing lift 7 will only be a slight change from what now exists. ACCESSIBILITY CONCERNS 35 years into the ADA, wheelchair users continue to have accessibility issues and are blatantly discriminated against at Telski. [bull] There are no monoski or adaptive bike rentals available at Telski or TASP, despite being both an ADA and a USFS requirement. [bull] The Canopy tour is entirely inaccessible to wheelchair users, despite being both an ADA and a USFS requirement, and Telski's promise to make it accessible. [bull] For decades, the USFS has all hiking and biking trails in accordance with ABA standards, though they did not require Telski to do the same on their bike park. [bull] There is no reasonable monoski access to the mountain where most skiers access the mountain at the base of chair 4. Wheelchairs must be provided at all restaurants and bathrooms on mountain. Full suspension adaptive bikes need to be available for lessons, just as it is for able-bodied participants. The full area that is serviced by Telluride ski school has to be available to disabled individuals on lessons as well, including

terrain parks, cornices and bumps. Activity cannot be limited to disabled individuals when allowed to able bodied individuals, end jumping prohibition on lesson & alcohol prohibition at lunch. Monoskiers cannot be limited to 200 lbs, when able-bodied individuals have no weight limit, and monoskis all have a higher weight capacity. The average American male is 196 lbs. All adaptive bikes federally designated as wheelchairs must be serviced on lessons. Segregation needs to end on lessons; TASP has proven to promote discriminatory policies. Meghan Eno is charged with assuring equality to all users including disabled individuals, though despite repeated attempts over many years, she has failed to address any of these discriminatory issues, as has both Telski & TASP. Telski, TASP & the USFS all are aware of and mutually agree to this discrimination solely directed toward wheelchair users, and they all are complicit partners in hate crimes. Sincerely, Paul Savage