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Comments: While I'm supportive of a pedestrian bridge, I have significant concerns about adding more parking. Two years ago, Arapahoe Basin began requiring paid parking reservations due to congestion on 6 from people visiting. I feel that adding 400 more parking spaces would simply bring back that dangerous congestion. There were very few days last season where the parking lot was full and one couldn't get a last-minute reservation, leading me to believe that the demand does not exist for 400 more parking spots. Additionally, the lift infrastructure at A Basin is not ready to support 400+ more skiers and snowboarders (and it will be more with carpooling) efficiently.

As a local resident of Summit County, I can see firsthand that our infrastructure can barely handle skier and snowboarder demand from a traffic perspective. Many, many times, I cannot complete basic errands or important appointments because roads are closed or significantly backed up due to accidents and traffic. Loveland Pass is a dangerous road that often becomes the only option with the Eisenhower Tunnel is closed. Trucks carrying hazardous materials must take this road. Adding 400 more cars will serve only to increase congestion, risk, emissions and potentially deadly situations.

Arapahoe Basin could instead incentivize more people to take the Bustang or Summit Stage. Arapahoe Basin could offer its own shuttle from key hotels in the area.

In addition to traffic impacts, the forest provides clean water, flood control, habitat, and recreation benefits that can be diminished by development. The Forest Service has previously acknowledged that access and land-use tradeoffs in ski areas must be balanced against conservation.

The Forest Service should prioritize solutions that reduce vehicle dependence, protect open space, and minimize runoff and habitat impacts. Adding 400 parking spaces would expand the resort's footprint in a constrained mountain setting and likely increase traffic, crowding, and environmental damage without solving the underlying access problem.