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Comments: I would like to comment in favor of the Waterville Valley ski area expansion. National Forests are set aside to protect natural resource assets so they aren't lost to urban and suburban sprawl and development, but they should be used, not put under glass and hidden away. It is important to have places like the Pemigewasset Wilderness where little human influence is allowed to perpetuate the wilderness experience for future generations. But it is also important to make nature more accessible to more people to experience. Ski resorts and their infrastructure create the opportunity for many thousands of people a day to get outside and be active in nature. Waterville Valley is certainly not a wilderness area, and creating the best facilities for guests of that region to engage with nature, through new lifts, trails, and infrastructure, is a significant highest and best use for the valley, and should be approved.