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Comments: I am writing to express my strong support for the Brian Head Resort expansion, particularly an alternative that preserves the scale, connectivity, and recreational benefits contemplated in Alternatives 2 and 3. Although my primary residence is in Colorado, I travel back and forth to Brian Head regularly and spend significant time skiing and recreating in the area with family and friends. Brian Head has become an important destination for us, and I expect that relationship to continue for many years.

As southern Utah and the surrounding region continue to grow, I believe the demand for high-quality outdoor recreation will grow with it. In my own circle of friends and family, I have increasingly seen people consider traveling to other ski destinations because they are looking for more terrain variety, better connectivity, and a resort that can continue to meet their needs as their skiing abilities progress. Expanding Brian Head would give many of those skiers and families a strong reason to continue choosing Brian Head rather than traveling farther to larger resorts elsewhere in Utah, Colorado, or surrounding states.

I especially support the approach reflected in Alternative 3. It appears to preserve essentially the same overall lift network, terrain expansion, and resort capacity as the proposed action while making targeted changes to address identified environmental concerns. I appreciate that the Forest Service and Brian Head have considered ways to protect sensitive resources without unnecessarily sacrificing the recreational benefits of the overall project. The proposed connectivity between terrain pods and base areas would significantly improve skier circulation, create more opportunities for different ability levels, and make Brian Head a much more compelling long-term destination.

I strongly encourage the Forest Service to approve an alternative that maintains as much of the proposed expansion and connectivity as reasonably possible, with Alternative 3 appearing to provide an excellent balance. Brian Head is already a special recreational asset for southern Utah, and I believe this expansion would allow it to serve a growing regional population while remaining competitive with other ski destinations. It would help keep skiers and families coming back to Brian Head, strengthen the surrounding recreation economy, and create a better experience for generations of visitors.