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Comments: I strongly support the proposed project with the U.S. Forest Service to expand Waterville Valley Resort. This project represents an important opportunity to thoughtfully move the resort forward, maintain a competitive position within the ski industry, and create sustainable opportunities for future growth. Continued investment in the mountain is essential not only to the long-term success of the resort, but also to the surrounding community and the many people who come here to experience the White Mountains.

One of the most meaningful aspects of this project is the opportunity to make the mountain experience more accessible to a broader range of people. Expanded lift access and additional amenities at higher elevations would allow more guests to enjoy the beauty of the mountains, including those who may not otherwise have the ability, experience, or physical capacity to reach these areas on their own. Providing greater access to these incredible natural surroundings allows more people to develop a connection with the outdoors and experience all that the White Mountains have to offer.

This feels especially important today. We live in a time when technology increasingly shapes how people spend their time and, in many ways, has contributed to people becoming more isolated and less engaged in shared, physical experiences. Projects like this create opportunities for people to step away from screens, spend time together, be active, and connect with the natural world. Whether someone comes to ski, hike, sightsee, or simply enjoy the view from the top of the mountain, these experiences have tremendous value.

I believe this project is about more than simply increasing the size of Waterville Valley Resort. It is about responsibly investing in the future, creating opportunities for continued economic and recreational growth, and making the outdoors more accessible and inviting for generations to come. I strongly support the Resort and the Forest Service working together to make this vision possible.