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Comments: As the vice chair of the Brian Head Trail Committee I would like to express that there is not unanimous support of Alternative 2 for the proposed expansion of Brian Head Resort from within the town of Brian Head.

The town of Brian Head is not made up of just the Resort, and the needs of the entire community must be represented and considered before making a decision. Brian Head has been known as a multi-use recreation area. Not everyone is a skier. Many residents and property owners in Brian Head have enjoyed alternate forms of winter recreation, snowmobiling being one of them.

If there must be growth and expansion there should be some compromise so that one activity is not eliminated in favor of the monopoly of another.

Alternative 4 is the only compromise proposed for this project which will keep snowmobile access open and is the most sensible solution.

Alternative 4 keeps the development of the ski area where there is already an existing footprint. And allows for the continued use of the forest for other activities, mainly snowmobiling.

The snowmobile trail through Brian Head town that has been suggested as an alternate route is not a workable solution and is dangerous for inexperienced riders. First, the trail crosses roads or parking areas 9 times. Two of the crossings are State Highway 143. This puts snowmobilers in the path of automobiles and mixing with pedestrian traffic on at least 9 occasions along the trail. If the trail through the Dry Lakes pod is eliminated this will also add the additional danger of constant 2 way snowmobile traffic and congestion on the trail. On a busy weekend there would be an average of 150 snowmobiles on this trail. The trail is also frequently blocked by automobiles where snowmobilers are forced through parking lots. Autos often drive on the trail and become stuck because of inadequate signage and little respect for regulations leaving dangerous ruts in the trail. As the town also grows the snowmobile trail is pushed closer to the highway where salt and sand from road plowing melts the snow. Clearing snow from roads and parking lots also leaves icy ledges that snowmobilers must try to traverse. As the resort expands and the town grows there will only by more automobiles and more obstructions on the town trail making it increasingly dangerous and unusable.

Please consider a compromise which will allow the continued enjoyment and use of the forest by snowmobilers as well as skiers. The National Forest should be available for use by all.