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Comments: Commenting on Brian Head Resort Expansion project #292353.

Support for Alternative 1 No Action Alternative.

The environmental impact to Alternatives 2, 3, 4 is too great. The land, flora and fauna will be severely disrupted. As Brian Head has grown and is growing, development is already displacing wildlife, reducing important flora essential to maintaining air quality, mountain climate, increasing human caused events (flooding, runoff, increase in temps), and increasing the impact of visitor footprint. No new construction, vegetation removal, or grading will support existing fauna habitat, preserve the scenic character, visual dominance relationships, and scenic integrity would remain unchanged on public lands. Dark sky quality would also be preserved.

Climate change also needs to be recognized. Alts 2, 3, 4 largely address increasing winter activity infrastructure. Over the last few years we have seen significant increases in average temperatures in Brian Head, which in turn impacts snowfall and snowpack. Alts 2,3,4 are not worth the bet winters will continue to be adequate for snow activities.

Brian Head is special and appreciated because of its connection to nature, dark skies, and ability to enjoy beautiful, natural landscapes. Keep the Brian Head area wild.

If Alternative 1 is not an option, the lesser impact of Alternative 4 would be preferred.