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Comments: Dear Ms. Dickerman,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my opinion on the Fish Creek Expansion and the Wild Blue Gondola proposals. The sensitivity of wildlife in the proposed areas requires a more thorough study. The important areas that host elk breeding, raptor nests, and mule deer are directly threatened by these projects.

Also, because of the Mad Rabbit recreational trail proposal, there are some overlapping concerns. The USFS has the ability and the obligation to look at the big picture when considering the impacts of all of these projects. We must consider these as a whole. The value of our forests does not rest only in recreation and "public access." The health of our big game and the preservation of our wild lands provides economic opportunities that should not be exclusively available to the Ski Resort. Yet, if the Resort is allowed to complete these projects, it will diminish those other interests. In this case, it is indeed a zero-sum game, and there is no reason the Ski Resort deserves to win this one. Don't you think they are big enough?

Finally, due to Covid-19, the public input has been stunted. In order to maintain your integrity as an agency by the people, for the people, I recommend that you extend the public comment period into the time when you can have in-person meetings. If this means Summer of 2021, then that is how it goes. We are all facing inconveniences and delays because of the pandemic. The Ski Resort does not get a free pass when it comes to due process in this respect.

Again, thank you for all of your hard work during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

Chula Beauregard