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RE: Snowmass 2023 CE Projects Scoping Comment Letter

Dear Kevin,

With this letter, Aspen Skiing Company (ASC) respectfully submits the following comments on the Snowmass 2023 CE Projects Scoping Notice released on June 13th, 2023. The Proposed Action includes constructing new trails "Blue Grouse Ski Trail Connector" and "Vapor to Squeezy Bike Trail Connector," rerouting the "Summit Hiking Trail," and replacing and realigning the Cirque and Coneysgame Lifts. ASC strongly supports the U.S. Forest Service's approval of the project.

ASC would like to thank the White River National Forest (WRNF) for its work in reviewing the project, and for this opportunity to comment. We look forward to working cooperatively with the Aspen-Sopris Ranger District during the review and subsequent implementation of the project, if approved. Please add the following comments to the administrative record for the project:

ASC strongly supports Purpose and Need for the project. The proposed trail improvement projects present simple, low impact solutions to ongoing safety and circulation issues at the resort. Additionally, the proposed lift replacement and realignment projects would upgrade aging infrastructure, create a more reliable network, and enhance guest access and circulation. Approval and implementation of the projects would enhance the guest experience at Snowmass and on the WRNF.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience for additional information or to discuss any aspects of these comments. We appreciate the continuing efforts made by you and the entire Aspen-Sopris Ranger District staff to conduct timely reviews of ASC's project requests on National Forest System lands. We look forward to continually working with you to improve the recreational experiences on all ASC mountains within the WRNF.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mak Keeling".

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