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Comment Theme	**DNCR Response / Recommendation**
Wastewater feasibility study should result in implementation of necessary improvements, with the Resort contributing funding where appropriate.	**Addressed.** Revised AOP language strengthens the Resort's commitment to work with the State to evaluate recommendations, develop an implementation plan, and contribute funding as appropriate under the Lease.
Concerns that wastewater improvements could facilitate future expansion (West Bowl).	**No change recommended in AOP.** Future expansion proposals will be evaluated through the Master Development Plan (MDP), Environmental Management Plan (EMP), permitting processes, and public review. Not appropriate for the AOP.
Requests for stronger environmental protections (water quality, wetlands, wildlife, stormwater, forest management).	**No change recommended in AOP.** These issues are more appropriately addressed through the MDP, EMP, permitting, and ongoing environmental review rather than the annual operating plan.
Requests for additional public engagement and transparency.	**No change recommended in AOP.** DNCR believes this comment has been addressed with additional commitments to public engagement and transparency and will continue utilizing the MSAC process, public meetings, and public comment opportunities throughout the wastewater study and MDP/EMP review.

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Requests that DNCR maintain strong oversight of the Lease and Resort operations.	**No change recommended in AOP.** DNCR will continue administering the Lease and exercising oversight through the annual AOP review, MDP/EMP review, and ongoing lease administration. In other words, DNCR will continue to enforce the terms of its agreements with Vail.
Concerns regarding LWCF compliance and National Park Service coordination.	**No change recommended in AOP.** DNCR will continue coordinating with the National Park Service, as appropriate, throughout future planning efforts. More applicable to the MDP/EMP than the AOP.
Campground access road maintenance.	**Addressed.** Revised AOP language establishes an annual inspection and clarifies the Resort's responsibility for grading, maintenance, and repairs necessary to provide reasonable access to the State Park campground.
Concern regarding restrooms during off season.	**No change recommended in AOP.** DNCR finds the use of portable toilets acceptable during offseason

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Concerns about storm water related impacts.	**No change recommended in AOP.** These issues are more appropriately addressed through the MDP, EMP, permitting, and ongoing environmental review rather than the annual operating plan.
Concerns regarding annual revenue Mt. Sunapee Resort and payment to DNCR.	**No change recommended in AOP.**
Concerns the AOP removes references to Interpretive Hiking Trails that appear in the MDP, creating uncertainty regarding the continued role of interpretive hiking and related educational programming.	**No change recommended in AOP.** The proposed AOP continues to address hiking trails. DNCR notes the comment regarding interpretive hiking references contained in the MDP and will consider the issue during future MDP planning efforts.
Concerns regarding hiking trail and mountain bike trail intersections and pedestrian safety.	**No change recommended in AOP.** Trail design, signage, and user safety measures are operational and planning matters that may be considered through future MDP planning, as appropriate.
Note: Similar Comments have been consolidated under common themes for summary purposes.	