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To: Forest Supervisor James Duran or Winter Sports Coordinator Paul Schilke.  
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Regarding: The proposed Taos Ski Valley Gondola Project

Executing Agency: United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service Division.

This letter is a request to provide a more in-depth Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed project, currently the agency has only considered a more general impact statement that only includes the immediate area. This EIS does not include the Arroyo Hondo valley that would be greatly affected by such a project.

The basis of this request is as follows:

The project would inflict serious social and environmental impacts in the Arroyo Hondo Valley. The water shed created by the Sangre De Christo Mountains in which this project sits feeds the Rio Hondo River all the way down to the Rio Grande River. Farmers and Ranchers such as myself use this water to irrigate and water our livestock. We are already burdened by the great developments that have taken place over the years at the Taos Ski Valley. These developments have greatly reduced the water shed over the years and we see less and less water each year. Farmers and Ranchers in my area are not only battling drought and weather conditions but also developments like this that affect our way of life. The setbacks for such a development are not enough, I urge the agency to complete a full and comprehensive EIS on the development and valleys that sit below the Taos Ski Valley to determine how this project will affect the communities and people.

Sincerely,



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