I have been a loyal and enthusiastic TSV patron for over thirty years. I have grave concerns regarding the current proposal to “improve” TSV. I am particularly concerned about the base-to-base gondola. I feel strongly that this will have a negative impact on wildlife and the skier experience, and is completely unwarranted. The impact on wildlife in particular will be devastating. The construction of the gondola will eradicate and damage an already stressed watershed. Where will the threatened wildlife be able to get a drink? If they dare approach the stream, where will they be able to hide from the aerial borne tourist influx?

Construction of the Kachina Peak chair has inflicted enough damage, please do not allow a similar travesty to occur now in the valley and only available live stream.

I can remember in the past seeing an abundance of wildlife in the area with frequent sighting of deer, sheep, small mammals such as weasels, ferrets, rabbits and birds that have vanished such as ptarmigan. The valley is drying up and the large influx of tourists will only amplify the stirring of the dust.

Please work to preserve the area’s natural resources and say no to the proposed over development. Please don’t turn TSV into another missed opportunity to leave well enough alone.

Sincerely,

TSV patron

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