

Dear Carson National Forest Service,
Taos Ski Valley,
and whomever else this letter may concern,

I am writing to you today in favor of an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) to be done up at the Ski Valley concerning the implementation of a 5-million-gallon water storing tank to be used for snow production in the coming winters. I know I can speak for many when I say that the expansion of the ski valley is a rather undesirable and unfortunate reality that is continual from the 1970's to this date in 2022. I beg that the people in charge of the study and the developers of the valley take great consideration into mind the detrimental effects that will happen to the natural wildlife of the mountain, the dirt and the plants, the availability of water to people along the Rio Hondo and all the other butterfly chain connected events with commercial projects like this. There is more at stake than the amount of money that can be made. Money gets nowhere in the end. The ski valley has many positive benefits as well just by existing, but knowing when it's time to stop, take a step back, or reinstate initial core values and purposes to a business is especially important. Taos does not need to become a Vail, or a Breckenridge. This mountain is unique and strong and selective of those who come before it. World class skiing and snowboarding is had on this mountain and keeping that as a precious gem is much more important than exploiting it, in my opinion. I really appreciate the eyes reading this letter and taking the time to consider my words and thinking this through with your own thoughts and feelings.

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