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TSVI Projects Public Awareness and Input

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Hello Mr.Ladell, Mr. Schilke, and Mr. Duran

I attended the public meeting last night on Taos Ski Valley Inc.'s proposed development projects. I took the opportunity to meet and ask questions with Forest Service employees, TSVI, and TSVI's contractors. The format seemed like a good opportunity to directly ask questions that I had related to the proposed projects that were not addressed in scoping or the draft EA. However, in conversation with a TSVI contractor I was given false information. After receiving incorrect information, I realized that this meeting format did not provide opportunity for fair and adequate information sharing or public input.

The use of the loud speaker and community members making comments emphasized that there is a lot of confusion and unanswered questions that the scoping, draft EA, and opportunities yet for public input had not yet answered.

I request that the Forest Service and TSVI try again with a more constructive meeting(s) format: one where interested persons can ask questions in public of knowledgeable project staff with Carson National Forest, TSVI, and TSVI's contractors. This could best be achieved by having a neutral facilitator involved.

The public outreach and education surrounding these projects has been poor and the public does not have full, complete, and accurate information to make informed and substantive comments on the proposed projects. I hope that Carson National Forest considers additional public involvement in this process and extended time to evaluate these projects.

Thank you for your attention. Sincerely,
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