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Comments: While I support all the projects in the proposed Taos Ski Valley master plan there are two I feel command urgent consideration and approval.

1. The installation of a mid mountain 5 million gallon water tank is a priority for fire mitigation by having a reliable and accessible water source. The escalating frequency and number of wildfires in the Southwest makes it imperative that an isolated and locked in (one way in and same way out) community have the available resources to combat this threat.

2. The gondola is a brilliant idea on its own but when it figures into mitigating increasing auto traffic into an ecologically sensitive area it becomes elevated to almost mandatory status. In summer the road to hiker parking and the Williams Lake trailhead accessing the Wheeler Wilderness is packed with cars extending down the dirt road. In winter numerous accidents occur on the extraordinarily steep icy roads.

The gondola would be safe, expeditious and an enticing way to provide alternate access.