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Comments: The future of Taos depends on re-thinking our relationship to Water. Adjusting to climate crisis in an already arid, high desert climate means that a critical eye needs to observe EVERY drop of water being used. Water is the lifeblood of the Taos Valley, with the Acequia systems being a backbone to our culturally rich and long standing community. The ancient governmental system of the Acequias and water rights have helped generations of communities in Taos survive and share the common pool resource of water in times of draught. .With an average of ONLY 13 inches of rain and 37 inches of snow annually, we need to come to a decision of what matters more, the future of Taos and the Rio Hondo Watershed, or the recreation and fun of a small subset of the population. EVERYONE needs to DEMAND a full EIS on how the master plans and future development in Taos Ski Valley threatens the life and longevity of our water, the health of our forests and riparian zones. With the largest fire in America burning down our next door neighbors houses as I type, we need to scrutinize any one that is not completely focused on protecting our connective life line, water.