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Comments: Dear Ms. Bjorklund,

January is the coldest month at Pajarito Mountain. Currently, the average low temperature in January at Pajarito Ski Area is 19 degrees Fahrenheit, and the average high temperature is 39 degrees. During the next 10 - 30 years, average temperatures in the Jemez Mountains are predicted to rise between 4 and 7 degrees Fahrenheit, with increased drying

(<https://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/newmexico/climate-change-in-new-mexicos-jemez-mountains.xml>).

During the years 2011 - 2016, average annual temperatures at Los Alamos National Laboratory were already approximately 2.5 degrees higher than the 1960 - 2000 average annual temperatures

(<http://permalink.lanl.gov/object/tr?what=info:lanl-repo/lareport/LA-UR-17-27987>). Effective snowmaking generally requires temperatures below 28 degrees. Before this project goes forward, I would like to see an analysis of how much longer Pajarito Mountain will be economically feasible as a ski area, even with snowmaking capability.

I would be more likely to be in favor of this project if the water source was nonpotable water. This seems like a very poor use of potable groundwater. I also would be more likely to be in favor if the people proposing the project explained (and guaranteed) what will happen at the property when it is no longer feasible to operate it as a ski area.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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