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Comments: I welcome the idea of a water pipeline to enhance water collection at the Camp May tank. Additional water reserve up there will facilitate snow-making and enhance fire-suppression capability.

However, I have serious concerns about the fact that the water that will be used is potable water and will be part of the current water-system providing water to all users of the community. The reasons of my concerns are:

(1) added demand on our aquifer. It is claimed that our aquifer is not showing sign of depletion. The sustainability of the project is based on the assumption that this will remain the case. This is a risky bet given the lack of precipitation on the Jemez Mountain. The authors of the project claim that they look at the cost of collecting "grey water" and found it less reliable. Well, less grey water today means less potable water tomorrow. The right path-forward is to find ways to reduce/limit the use of water, not pumping water in the aquifer for recreational purpose.

(2) sustainability of snow making. You need two ingredients for making snow: water and temperature. Our winters are getting warmer and warmer. How many years are we buying to the ski area? Will the cost of the project be absorbed by then?

(3) subsidized business. Are the current users of potable water in the county (the ones like me who pay my water bill) going to subsidize the water for PRLLC and future possible private business/owners. It was clearly said during the meeting of March 1st, that PRLLC will have a "unique user" cost for the water. The cost of the energy/maintenance of the system wasn't very clear during the meeting.

(4) Zoning change. The current rule for request of zoning to the P&Z board is that only residents within 300 feet of the property line have "standing" to protest a change in zoning. As the project is paid and will be paid by the whole community, including the downhill citizen of the county that I am, that this rule is changed so that the community will (1) be notified if a zoning request is made, and (2) have standing to weigh in on a change in zoning when the time comes.

Many thanks for taking my concerns into consideration.