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I would like to comment on the proposed Camp May Water Project.

I have lived in Los Alamos for 46 years. I grew up skiing on Pajarito Mountain in the 70s and 80s and enjoyed it tremendously. Having a ski area close by is a great resource for the community. Unfortunately we need to face the facts and the future: our climate is changing. Predictions for the Southwest are for it to continue to get drier and warmer. We need to consider the longer term feasibility of snowmaking when deciding whether or not to construct the water pipeline.

We are not just losing our winter snow pack, we are also losing our winter cold. Daytime and especially night time temperatures are getting warmer and warmer. How much longer will we have the cold temperatures needed to make snow?

Is snow making a sensible use of our community's potable water resources as we head into a drier future? Other communities around the globe are facing such severe drought that water rationing is becoming necessary. This could well happen in Los Alamos.

Given the long term uncertainty of having both water and cold for snowmaking on Pajarito Mountain, I do not think its construction and the disruption to habitat that would occur during its construction make sense.

Thank you,

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