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Comments: I love skiing at Purgatory, but expansion does not justify lynx habitat destruction.
The Hermosa Creek watershed is already over developed, and cannot handle any further harm to the native trout, much less lynx populations.
The San Juan National Forest must insist on a detailed analysis of climate change consequences by all projects proposed on our national forest, including ski area expansions, before it is too late. There may BE no snow there in just a few years.
I ask that the Forest Service slow the environmental analysis process.
As an alternative, allow consideration of possible ski run development in areas NOT destructive to lynx and trout habitat and wait for Fish and Wildlife's analysis on lynx activity and habitat in the Purgatory area
Finally, require Purgatory to undertake a thorough greenhouse gas/carbon footprint analysis of any development schemes.