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Comments: Hello.

Before this project is considered for approval, other ski run development options must be explored, an analysis on lynx activity must be conducted, and a greenhouse gas analysis must be undertaken.

Why so?

Because ski area expansion does not justify destroying lynx habitat. We live in Colorado, and we must recognize that we are too often making life difficult for the animals who live and roam here.

Because more development in the East Hermosa Creek watershed, with its reviving cutthroat trout population, is unacceptable.

The San Juan National Forest must insist on a detailed analysis of the consequences all proposed national forest projects would have upon climate change. This includes ski area expansion projects.

The U.S. Forest Service must slow the environmental analysis process to:

- Allow consideration of possible ski run development in areas not destructive to lynx and trout habitat
- Wait for Fish and Wildlife's analysis on lynx activity and habitat in the Purgatory area
- Require Purgatory Resort to undertake a thorough greenhouse gas/carbon footprint analysis of any development schemes

This is called democracy. Democracy takes time, and I, for one, like it that way.

Purgatory does business in Colorado and the American West. If Purgatory needs to move to a place with no wildlife whatsoever, then it is welcome to do so. If not, it needs to get with the program and recognize that wildlife mark our part of the country as special, different, and beautiful. The lynx matter a great deal to me, and should matter a great deal to Purgatory and to the San Juan National Forest.