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Comments: To Purgatory Expansion Decision Maker,

I am concerned about the Purgatory's proposed expansion into Lynx habitat. Ski area expansion does not justify lynx habitat destruction. Additional development in the East Hermosa Creek watershed, with its reviving cutthroat trout population, is simply unacceptable.

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.

The Forest Service needs to slow the environmental analysis process to:

- Allow consideration of alternative 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 to undertake a thorough greenhouse gas/carbon footprint analysis of any development schemes.