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Comments: Please take into consideration the following:

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.

Therefore, the Forest Service needs to 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 to undertake a thorough greenhouse gas/carbon footprint analysis of any development schemes.

Thank you for your consideration of giving mor time of due process in regards to this project and please remember just how long it has taken for Lynx population in our state to get healthy once again.