Data Submitted (UTC 11): 7/3/2020 12:37:50 AM
First name: Marilyn
Last name: Lang
Organization:
Title:
Comments: I would hope with COVID-19 we can and should all reconsider what is really important to us and things can change on a dime. Lynx and cutthroat trout populations are very important to our area and we do not want to see them diminished.
Ski area expansion does not justify lynx habitat destruction and 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.