

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 7/3/2020 5:26:32 AM

First name: Rabbi Dr J A

Last name: Plotkin

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Ski area expansion does not justify lynx habitat destruction. Personal pleasure and profit do not justify the rape of the ecosystem.

Additional development in the East Hermosa Creek watershed, with its reviving cutthroat trout population, is simply unacceptable as it is likely to reverse the meager conservation gains so far achieved.

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 including and slow the environmental analysis process to:

Allow consideration of possible ski run development in areas not destructive to lynx and trout habitat or other fragile habitats.

Wait for completion and analysis of Fish and Wildlife's analysis on lynx activity and habitat in the Purgatory area including all comments and challenges if any.

Require, very importantly, Purgatory to undertake a thorough greenhouse gas/carbon footprint analysis of any development schemes. Purgatory needs to slow down its development plans and care for the ecosystem. There may be other ways to reach general goals which are not destructive to the habitats and the ecosystems. All this needs to be thoroughly researched!