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Comments: It's unfortunate that Purgatory's response to climate change is to build more ski lifts at a higher elevation. The risk this poses to wildlife habitat of cutthroat trout and the Canada lynx is absolutely NOT worth the gain in my opinion. The forest service SHOULD NOT fast track approval of this additional lift at a higher elevation. Studies have shown that the habitat is quite viable despite the near loss of it during the 416 fire. Delicate ecosystems DO NOT belong to our generation--but for future generations and NOT JUST FOR HUMANS...but for generations of wildlife. Part of why people love coming to Colorado is we have pristine wilderness and backcountry areas to recreate. I am a Durango resident and I am also a skier who skis frequently at Purgatory. Although I enjoy skiing there, I'm disappointed with the general operations. For the entire season this past winter, there were several bathrooms that were "out of order" the entire season. This disturbs me that Purgatory can't/won't afford to fix (and clean) basic necessities, yet it wants to expand. Building an additional lift will likely also need additional roads and infrastructure built to access it. Or perhaps the plan is to just use lift #1 for access. Regardless, that will require more busing of people to get up to the "plaza" which is already a dangerous cluster of traffic jam combining large buses in the same path as small children and families unloading their cars. My point here is that Purgatory is unable to manage what it currently has, yet they're looking to expand? What about the lift that sits between lift 5 and 8 that has never been used? I'm requesting that Purgatory do their own analysis for current carbon footprint before cutting more trees. Both parties should await further studies on the activity of Canada Lynx in that area. I'm disappointed that the response to climate change is to implement solutions that contribute to the problem. It's a short sighted gamble with generations and multiple species of losers--for Purgatory to make more money.