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Comments: Hello, and thank you for my opportunity to comment upon the possible expansion of Purgatory Ski Resort into lynx and trout habitat. As an owner of a condo in Durango, I find this irresponsible. Not only will the expansion disturb lynx and trout habitat, it will cut down beautiful spruce trees. Please don't consider this. Just because we are suffering from global warming does not warrant more environmental destruction for the enjoyment of a few people.

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 help in preserving this habitat and its wild inhabitants.