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Comments: I am opposed to Purgatory's proposed expansion into crucial Lynx habitat for the following reasons:

- * 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.

The Forest Service needs to do a better job of balancing the private interests of Purgatory vs the public interest in protecting and preserving the public lands under its care in the East Hermosa Creek watershed. Please do not allow this project to go forward.

Thanks.