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Comments: I would like to voice opposition to the expansion of Purgatory ski area into the high-use lynx habitat, as proposed for the ice creek run. The Forest Service should not allow this at all, as you seem to be aware it is lynx habitat. The reintroduction of lynx into SW Colorado was a major conservation win, but development in lynx habitat could threaten this species foothold. The sprawl of Purgatory across the upper Hermosa Basin is enough already. This areas ecological values are being compromised in the name of further expansion of this resort.

I request that you implement a full environmental review, which I believe, if done well will indicate that you must say no to this expansion.