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Comments: I am completely against this request that Purgatory is trying to get through in a hurry without protecting our environment and the lives that depend on it. I demand that this request be rejected with extreme prejudice for the following:

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

Also before anything comes up again that is even a close to this request in any fashion, 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.

I urge you to protect our environment and the wildlife; this is why we have you as a department to begin with! Not to collect a fast buck at the devastation of the environment and wildlife.

Thank You,

Anthony