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Comments: I am an heir to the Arroyo Hondo Land Grant. I am writing on behalf of my people because we are purposely left out of any meetings or plans the TSV has. I myself accidentally came across this link through Facebook. My family has the Patent that states we have absolute right to the water from the fountain head of the mountain. Mr. Bacon does not have sufficient water rights or an adequate sewer system to currently handle the population as it is. He is polluting the Rio Hondo/Ground point pollution our only source of water and life. Nitrate and algae build up has affected the quality and quantity of the river. We no longer have clean fish which was a major food source for many in our village. This has been devastating for downstream irrigation farmers who rely on their gardens to feed their families. The disruption of trees has significantly impacted our run off and has created high winds and damage to family homes which will only continue to get worse. The unearthing of our wetlands has led to the loss of indigenous wildlife. The unearthing of our springs which was once a watershed opportunity for future generations is yet another devastating loss. The plan is for an extra 300,000 visitors a year. This will throw off our natural balance destroy our sacred way of life and our people will no longer be able to survive in their own home.