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Comments: I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the proposed Mountain Development Plan for Taos Ski Valley. As a home owner in the Kachina area, I believe that the proposed changes will not only meaningfully improve the mountain experience for skiers but will also improve the ability to enjoy the wilderness area year round.

In particular I am very supportive of the proposed Gondola. For someone who spends most of their time in the Kachina basin, I know first hand how hard it is to move from the base to the upper level of the value. I also have experienced the many hazards of the Twinings road, and the considerable dust, erosion, and congestion that it creates. This is not to mention the dangers of navigating the road in snow, ice, or even mud.

There has been a noticeable increase in people using the road over the past few years and it was clearly never designed to handle the traffic that it handles today and I believe that A gondola would not only give greater accessibility to the public to the wilderness area (without having to be reliant on a 4x4 vehicle) but it would remove a great deal of the strain that continued growth will place on the access road.

This is a very thoughtful and considered plan and I think they will make an immeasurable improvement in the public's enjoyment of the forest while substantially decreasing the environmental impact that any usage might have. I hope you will approve it.