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We are property owners up in the Taos Ski Valley and spend a considerable amount of time there.

The thought of a gondola connecting the front side of the ski area to Kachina Basin was unbelievable to hear but extremely exciting once it was announced as a possibility. The gondola would be a great asset to bring more summer and winter activities/participants to use the area. One of the most positive things that would occur is reducing the traffic that uses the only road to the backside of the ski area. The road can get very busy and creates a lot of dust pollution at certain times.

During the winter season, having the gondola would allow access to the front side to ski when the backside is not open yet for those that have a home in Kachina village. The scenic ride on the gondola would allow the Bavarian to also remain open year round since driving would not be necessary and people could enjoy themselves without driving.

During the summer months, the hiker parking lot is always overflowing with cars and many have to park along the road. This creates safety concerns and well as a lot of vehicle congestion.

As for the other improvements to lift 2 and 8 as well as a new restaurant at lift 7, all enhancements would be wonderful for the ski area and the area in general. By doing these improvements outlined in the plans, would be a draw for more tourism and an increase to the tax base.

These proposals are needed for the area and should move forward with expediency.

Regards,

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