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Comments: Dear James Duran, Carson National Forest Supervisor,

Please accept these Public Comments as part of your Scoping Process considering Taos Ski Valley Inc.'s Proposed Gondola & Other Improvements.

I SUPPORT:

- A full Environmental Impact Study of impacts on the Rio Hondo water quality & quantity, and impacts to forest health and wildlife.
- Full disclosure of TSV water rights and proof that there is enough water currently available to support the expansion without further tapping of springs, groundwater, and streams.
- Full disclosure of any TSV inc. water right permit violations including any exceedances of water rights used for snow-making, etc.
- A functioning Water Treatment Plant that can handle peak tourism.

I OPPOSE:

- 5,000,000 gallon water tank near Lift #2.
- High-Speed Gondola along the Lake Fork of the Rio Hondo that will cause unnecessary destruction and disturbance to the stream and corridor. Ski lifts & Twining Road already connect the base area to the Kachina basin.
- Nordic/snow-shoe trail system on forested mountainside above Rio Hondo. This would require forest-thinning and grading that would cause erosion and disturb wildlife. This trail system should be relocated where development has already occurred and forest disturbance is not required.
- More commercial construction such as hotels that increase water demand on the Rio Hondo and its springs, groundwater, and tributaries

Regards,

Maggie Duval