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I am writing to express my support for the proposed Taos Ski Valley improvements.

I support these improvements because they benefit the forest eco system and add to the social well being of the surrounding communities.

By adding a water storage system, no additional water is being removed from the watershed. It will improve snow making efficiencies as well becoming a resource for fire fighting.

As we watch fires burning in northern NM, everyone should be grateful for this.

The gondola will add a sensible means for more people to access the Kachina Basin. This extends beyond skiers and to hikers in the summer season. Who will have expanded hiking options plus a beer at the Bavarian.

With life bringing more stresses everyday, the gondola opens an additional means for environmental equity for people to find mental well being via access into the mountains.

Chairlift and restaurant upgrades are necessary and will improve skier circulation. These changes will make the ski mountain feel bigger without adding terrain.

There is also a safety benefit by redistributing skiers on the mountain.

The Nordic and snowshoe additions add another option for people seeking the calm of mountain experiences.

The social and economic impact will be positive beyond the construction phases well into the future.

Everyone wins from the forest ecosystem, skiers and the people who will have employment opportunities.

As a Parciante with two Taos ditch Associations, I totally disagree with the initial position taken by NM Acequia Association.

Acequias have survived centuries because of a culture of collaboration. I doubt there has been little, to no communication between the NM Acequia Association and TSV leaders or residents of Taos Ski Village.

I would confidently predict that TSV and Acequia Association members have way more in common than not. My observation of TSV is they are very committed Environmentalists.

The changes proposed are good for the forest, workers, skiers and everyone in the surrounding region. I encourage approval for these Taos Ski Valley improvements.

