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Comments: Dear Mr. Duran,

As 20+ year residents of Kachina, we write today to voice our strong support for the proposed Mountain Development Plan (the "MDP"). We believe the MDP will provide meaningful, long-lasting experiential, environmental and economic benefits for the residents, businesses and visitors of the Taos Ski Valley.

The proposed gondola is an exciting initiative that will provide several important benefits to all of Taos Ski Valley, with particularly compelling benefits for the residents, visitors and businesses in Kachina. Taos Ski Valley is characterized by limited parking, a problem that is particularly acute in Kachina which has minimal opportunity to expand parking. A gondola from the Core Village would take pressure off vehicular traffic and parking and reduce the continuous maintenance requirements on Twining/Kachina Road. A gondola connection would be of particular value following heavy snowstorms and would benefit the local environment by reducing dust in the summer and water run-off from road surfaces.

The proposed water storage will benefit public safety and recreation opportunity as well as the environment by increasing snow making capacity and improving fire-fighting abilities.

Recreationally, the proposed on-mountain restaurants and the Nordic cross country skiing and snowshoeing course would add valuable public amenities, with the latter materially integrating the opportunity to experience all of Taos Ski Valley, from Amizette to Kachina.

Respectfully submitted,

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