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Comments: I am writing in regards to the 'Taos Ski Valley Gondola and Other Improvements Project' with a request that the

United States Forest Service do an Environmental Impact Study about how these proposed 'improvements' might impact the natural environment at Taos Ski Valley and the Rio Hondo watershed. The proposed changes and upgrades to Taos Ski

Valley will certainly affect public land, environments that are protected, and the water quality of the Rio Hondo.

As it is, the ski valley basin can't safely accommodate all the cars it draws, much less their customers' trash and bathroom needs. Further expanding the ski area without an EIS and a thoughtful development plan responsive to that EIS is simply irresponsible.

Please protect the Carson National Forest and the Rio Hondo from potentially permanent damage from private industry expansion. The profits of a few should not outweigh protecting the national forest for current and future generations.

Thank you for your time and attention.