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Comments: To: USFS, Questa N.M., Regarding proposed changes/construction at Taos Ski Valley.

While recognizing the values that TSV adds to our community, I am still left with grave reservations on the scope of changes/additions planned. This large a project increases TSV's impact on our community and its environs to a degree that cannot be easily justified. That TSV seems intent on bypassing the obvious need for a full Environmental Impact Statement raises immediate questions on their intentions to honor our community in its totality. I am a participante in the Acequia De San Antonio, as such the Rio Hondo is a vital lifeline for our little valley of Valdez. Any and all activity at TSV will be felt on our end the scant 8 miles downstream. Our voices are vitally important.

The increases in attendance at TSV that will automatically follow such a large expansion will exponentially impact all services in our county. Just the increase in road traffic has already been growing, and will get much worse upon the completion of their plans. Arroyo Seco is not set up to handle any more traffic, and is already a serious bottleneck. This is merely one of many concerns. The draft letter from the N.M. Acequia association covers all of the details and questions/concerns we have, so I endorse fully their document.

The response and care the Forest Service has already shown is encouraging and it is hoped that they (you) will continue to represent us, the people who live and thrive here, as the direct recipients of any and all negative impacts that might accrue from approval of this plan. All we now ask is the implementation and completion of a full EIS.

Thank You, Clifford M. Collins