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Comments: I am concerned with the amount of development at the Taos Ski Valley. The Ski Valley is a great asset to our community and it is important to Taos's economic health but I worry that the pace of expansion in the valley is too fast. I would like to see more outreach from the Ski Vally to the community at large to demonstrate the benefit of this rapid expansion. I also feel that it is important to do more than an Environmental Assessment for a project of this size in Taos..

There are important considerations to to investigate as this project can effect out watershed in a big way. Our water supply is a very fragile resource in this age of climate changs and drought. I'm not convinced that the water use described in the project is the best plan going forward. I worry that the Ski Valley is no longer locally owned and may change ownership and the owners may not have the interests of downstream communities as a high priority.

I advocate for a full Environmental Impact Study to assure the local community of the safety of this expansion. I also wonder about the use of Covid relief funds to develop a recreational ski area.

I feel like the Taos Pueblo should be part of evaluating this and also would like to know more about how this will effect wildlife and habitat in the Wheeler Wilderness . Thank you for your attention.