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Comments: As an avid skier at taos ski valley since 1986 and an el prado resident,I strongly urge the Carson national forest to conduct a full environmental impact study to address the socioeconomic and ecological impacts the taos ski valley gondola and other improvement project will have on my acequia, community, the Rio Hondo watershed and taos valley.

CNF has the responsibility of ensuring that ALL of the project's adverse effects are meaningfully and equitably addressed. Most importantly the EIS must include a NO ACTION alternative.

Water resource concerns that must be addressed:

The proposed action seeks to install a septic system or sanitary sewer line with water supplies coming from an onsite well to support an on mountain guest facility on top of lift 7 and the new whistle stop cafe. These developments would impact water quality in the project area as well as the greater Rio Hondo watershed. The EIS MUST ensure the LACK of impact to water resources, ensure adequate mitigation measures, long term monitoring of water quality and volume and a NO ACTION alternative.

The proposed action seeks to utilize a 65.2 million gallon water tank and booster station near lift #2. The EIS MUST ensure that this action will NOT result in over appropriation of the TSV's 200 acre feet water right and conditions of approval associated with the Taos ski valley's water rights permit.

The EIS MUST analyze whether the Taos Ski Valley Inc. has sufficient water rights to implement the proposed projects actions. The EIS MUST clearly identify the source and usage of water to be pumped up the mountain and MUST analyze the effects of removing water from the Rio Hondo watershed including the water needed to replenish the tank on a regular basis.

Thank you for considering my comments