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Re: Comment for Scoping Period for Taos Ski Valley

Dear Mr. James Duran and Mr. Paul Schilke,

The purpose of this letter is for the record to show my opposition to the proposed development actions at the Taos Ski Valley Resort. There are a number of reasons as to my opposition.

1. The resort TSV Inc. and the Village of Taos Ski Valley (VTSV) have a symbiotic relationship and as such what happens with one entity effects the other directly and indirectly.

2. The VTSV has a proven and recorded record of poor stewardship of resources, in this case the resource of water. Currently per recent Taos News article they cannot account for 80% of their water resource. That is totally unacceptable as the average of unaccounted water for a municipal water entity is 16%.

3. Until this major problem is corrected and satisfactory monitored for a period of time there should be no further development. Full stop on development at TSV Inc. and VTSV until VTSV can show it can responsibly manage the precious resource.

4. The VTSV water/sewer treatment plant is antiquated and has been documented to have been at full capacity and in danger of bulking and TSV Inc. has not responded by limiting day skier ticket sales.

5. As TSV Inc. is the major anchor tenant for the entire VTSV community and is the major contributor to the failing infrastructure of the Village all new development should be halted both within the Village and resort properties until the Village infrastructure upgrades are complete.

6. In regards to the development proposals/improvements for TSV Inc. nothing less than a full NEPA EIS is acceptable. A Categorical Exclusion would not be acceptable in this case as the scale of the proposals warrants a full review.

7. The use of National Forest Lands for a four season luxury resort is not sustainable as the forest and wildlife get no time to rest and rejuvenate.

The social economic disparity is is unbelievable in the amount of federal monies per number of constituents of the VTSV for the use primary to support the development of a destination luxury resort. I would like for my federal tax contributions to go where it does the best good for the health, welfare and safety of our entire county's population.

TSV Inc. obtained a 'B' Corp Certification which may become jeopardized with their complicity with VTSV by adding to the infrastructure problems with no restraints in development permits by VTSV.

In closing there are some infrastructure projects proposed by the VTSV that I can support, mainly the upgrades to the water and sewer infrastructure and taking the infrastructure down to the Ammizette area.

Regards,

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