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Comments: Before the ski valley got bought I was hopeful that the new owner would bring about positive development. But after seeing how badly they designed and built all the new construction I have lost faith. They will strip every water right from farmers and develop all the private natural springs on the mountain if we let them. The mountain is this town's lifeline. If we disrupt the balance of the aquifer our whole county will suffer from more drought. Watching the fires roar around us we must protect our water source. As a farmer and a skier my life revolves around this mountain. My plants and animals are dependent upon our acequia water. Now I hear the ski valley has significant water loss in their usage and it is not flowing back to the river. Until there is no question about the new corporation's ability to respect the water that is used by the whole county I oppose any new construction on the mountain that would affect the aquifer. Especially any natural spring development or new restaurant. I am also concerned about the water quality and happy to hear our Acequia is starting to test the water for impurities. I know money can move mountains but this mountain does not belong to one rich man it is our national forest and belongs to all of us. And it looks like all of us are concerned for our mountain that we all love so much. This year skiing at Taos it felt like Vail it has lost its small family and friends style and now looks like all the other base areas at Vail ski resorts. This is not the Taos I fell in love with and it is heartbreaking watching them continue to be driven by money and greed and not for the love of skiing and the mountain. We are not on the east coast with unlimited water. We are in the high desert surrounded by fire this spring we need to take every step at this moment to protect the water and our mountain.