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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Taos Ski Valley improvement projects. I would like to express my full support for the project. As a resident of New Mexico, I am encouraged by the approach the TSV ownership and management team have taken toward the ski valley. Louis Bacon is spending millions on fire mitigation in the forests, stream restoration, the reintroduction of native trout and many other environmental and public-benefiting investments into New Mexico that are optional. There is little monetary return on investment to him. Very few ski resort owners invest as much as he has with such a low monetary return. We should be grateful for such a TSV owner and have confidence that these projects will be done correctly. That confidence should not be blind trust, as I would not trust many organizations to do the right thing regardless of cost. However, our confidence can come from the long track record of Bacon's many projects.

Prior to Bacon's purchase the ski resort was slowly deteriorating and in need of significant repairs. The status quo was unsustainable. The gondola, updated restaurants and lifts will benefit all New Mexicans and those who visit. And, we should be confident that it will be done in an environmentally, ethically and socially responsible manner.