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Comments: Hello,

I am writing to support the projects presented in the Taos Ski Valley draft Environmental Analysis. Below is my reasoning:

- The Base-to-base gondola will alleviate the traffic on Twining Road, which pushes sediment into the Rio Hondo and causes air pollution issues as dust and debris are pushed into the air. In addition, a gondola is a cleaner form of transportation that will mitigate disturbances to the area's natural beauty.

- The water tank will mitigate Taos Ski Valley's/ Carson National Forest's susceptibility to wildfires. In addition, I understand that the tank can be filled over time, and the ski valley can utilize gravity to reduce the energy needed to produce snow.

- There continues to be a need for on-mountain food & beverage additions and enhancements. Whistlestop is an older structure that could benefit from modernization. In addition, a second facility would significantly enhance the guest experience.

- The Lift 4 hiking trail would promote hiker safety by offering an alternative option to the current road that crosses several bike trails. In addition, hiking the road can be dangerous when vehicles travel on the terrain. Finally, a hiking trail off Lift 4 will mitigate the impacts of forest closures due to wildfire conditions in the summer. This will provide a monitored alternative to the Wheeler Peak/ Williams Lake trails when closure occurs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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