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Comments: Taos Ski Valley has been certified "carbon neutral" and it's improvements to date under its current ownership have demonstrated a keen awareness of environmental and community impacts. As the largest employer in Taos County its financial success or failure would have an enormous effect on the Town and County of Taos. TSV competes with much larger organizations for tourist visitations and skier days; those dollars spent at TSV directly impact and flow through the local economy. It should be the goal of the USFS to enable the success of TSV in every reasonable and meaningful way. Approval of the current master plan development (including, among other things, the 8-passenger gondola and chair lift upgrades) is critical to the current and long term success of TSV. As a long-time resident of Taos County and a long-time season pass holder at TSV I enthusiastically support the approval of the TSV master plan which is the subject of the current public comment solicitation. Carl Jones