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Comments: Why build a gondola to Kachina Basin? I've been skiing at Taos for 50 years, and I just left TSV after skiing four beautiful days there. It's easy to access the Kachina Basin by riding up on lifts 1 and 2. Same as always. All of this expense, and no additional areas are being opened to access. Additionally, Rubezahl is a lovely ride back to the base area through aspen groves along the little brook. There is simply no need to have a gondola with towers and cables looming overhead. It serves no practical purpose and is aesthetically unappealing. If you have to build a lift, build it to the top of either the Highline Ridge, or better still, to the top of the West Basin Ridge.