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Comments: No to all. The headwaters of a critical local watershed is being put at great risk by these proposed developments and what promises to be much more to follow.

In regards to the development proposals/improvements for TSV Inc. nothing less than a full NEPA EIS is acceptable. A Categorical Exclusion would not be acceptable in this case as the scale of the proposals warrants a full review due to potential impacts on scarce water supplies, wildlife, forest health, remaining stands of old growth timber, and general watershed health, including impacts on downstream users.

The use of National Forest Lands for a four season luxury resort is not sustainable as the forest and wildlife get no time to rest and rejuvenate. Has a study been completed regarding this? If so, what were the results? If not, then one is certainly necessary.

A giant new restaurant up on the mountain seems excessive and unnecessary, especially considering the options being considered at the base of the mountain.

The only possible proposal of merit is the gondola, but this should only be allowed to proceed if public access to EXISTING trailheads for Wheeler Peak and Williams Lake remain fully open and accessible to the public. In no way should ANY proposed or future development or building limit that access, nor should the public be required to use a gondola to access said trailheads or parking. If the rich landowners up valley don't like traffic on their roads then that's too bad--they chose to build/buy a home in the area knowing full well that the public uses that road to access public lands.

No new ski lifts. Replacement of existing lifts only. The lift atop Kachina Peak is an eyesore visible for many miles around in all directions and nothing of the sort should not be allowed again--this is especially egregious when one considers the proximity to designated Wilderness as well as lands sacred to the Taos Pueblo.

No new structures on the mountain larger than existing structures--and any new structures should utilize the existing "footprint" of what they replace.

No new building at all until existing water situation is addressed permanently--as of this writing Taos Ski Valley is closed for a third consecutive day due to water system issues. How could any new construction be approved while water remains such a concern? Nothing should be considered nor approved until The Village of Taos Ski Valley has fully repaired and replaced its water system.