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Comments: Good morning, as a citizen I'm concerned about this project at Taos Ski Valley. While some improvements to make sense and will have minimal environmental impacts their do seem to be a number of elements of the project that would have very large environmental impacts. First relocating and rebuilding a restaurant and expanding the snow making capability definitely needs to be looked into more deeply. Anytime water and sewer are an issue near each other a very thorough plan should be investigated and if implementation is deemed appropriate than all the appropriate steps should be taken to mitigate contamination of groundwater. As tsv of the Rio Hondo it seems appropriate that a full environmental impact assessment should be completed given these upgraded infrastructures.

Well the idea of a Gondola from the base area to the back side seems to alleviate some problems this project could have some longer term effects. For example sedimentation in the streams due to the increase activity to build the infrastructure could pose a serious issue with an already perilously Antiquated water treatment system Downstream. I suggest a full environmental impact assessment is done in regards to this project. Imagine as a private landowner having a gondola going over top of your private residence for an unseen number of years into the future. This in and of itself is not being a very good neighbor. There are probably very good alternatives to building this massive infrastructure that will intrude on people's privacy as well as the viewscape within the ski area along with unnecessary noise. There is no telling what the impact to Wildlife particularly Birds would be. But is my understanding that there are a number of threatened or endangered species in this area that would constitute the necessity of a environmental impact assessment. We owe it to the wildlife of this corridor as well as the people Downstream to make the most sensible choice. It is my opinion that alternatives for transporting people to the back side without having a full-blown Gondola is actually very possible. Explore every opportunity. Perhaps a bus or a shuttle system. Perhaps a reduced number of cars by use of a permitting process similar to campgrounds for Trailhead use into the Wheeler Peak area. Limiting Public Access and convenience to the Wheeler Peak Wilderness Area which has very little access points seems like a step backwards.

Finally a new restaurant on the back side at an elevation of over 10,000 ft makes very little environmental sense. The impact to that area by the building of the infrastructure to facilitate that facility will have long lasting effects. As a b Corp Corporation tsv seems to ignore the fact that there will be literally thousands of trips using petroleum based vehicles to build this facility. And for what so skiers can have lunch. Hardly seems worth the environmental impact. An eia should be conducted in regards to this project as well or any expansion at the ski valley. Feel free to contact me at any time through my email should you want more thoughts and or ideas. Having grown up skiing at Taos since the mid-70s and having worked at the mountain for nearly 15 years in the 90s into the 2000s I'm very well acquainted with many of the issues at Large. As a citizen who would like to enjoy access to the Wheeler Peak Wilderness in my future and the future of my children and my grandchildren I would adamantly advocate for the use of alternative means other than a gondola of the back side of the mountain over top of the Rio Hondo Creek as well as all the private residences that are already established there. The vertical corridor being used for this private entity is Paramount to eminent domain of the space above one's private property. If we start setting a precedent such as this other areas will begin to do the same. All Pursuits of expansion should be thoroughly investigated as to how they impact the wildlife the resources at hand including the water the land and the viewscape which is irreplaceable. Once you build it it's never going away. Do we really need this.? In my opinion we don't but if it is deemed necessary it should be done in the most ecologically friendly way with the highest level of environmental assessment possible. Thank you for your time8