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Comments: My name is Christine Lowry. I have been an employee of Taos Ski Valley for 36 seasons. I am also a parciente on the Acquia de San Antonio in Valdez, NM, which feeds off the Rio Hondo. After attending the two meetings organized by the Forest Service and Taos Ski Valley I am disappointed with the results. The NEPA process used by the FS is particularly flawed. The information provided by the SE Group, which was hired by Taos Ski Valley( is that fair and unbiased???!!), is entirely based on past information. The SE Group isn't even and Environmental Services company, it's and architectural and planning firm!!!! Based in Colorado!! They've never even heard of an acequia!! Glorieta GeoScience, also hired by the Taos Ski Valley to tell us they have plenty of water rights...unbiased and fair??? Where is the third party information based on accurate and current data? We have not has a 300" snowfall season in decades yet all the water data seems based on this. We know that all these projects are just to prepare for Taos Land and Cattle to develop the 116 acre parcel purchased from the Pattison Trust. The Forest Service should have purchased that land as a buffer to the Wheeler Peak Wilderness. This parcel contains the Gunsight Springs and should never have been privately owned. The Rio Hondo Watershed is too important to the survival of Taos for it to be owned by a corporate entity. The Forest Service is allowing our PUBLIC lands to be controlled by private corporations. There has to be a balance in the development. The Village is completely overwhelmed by the sewage, garbage, and water use created by TSV, LLC. I ask that you, the Forest Service, call for a moratorium on construction in the Rio Hondo watershed until a real Environmental Impact Study is implmented.