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Comments: It seems for a project of this size, a full NEPA EIS would be needed. At the very least, there should be more than one alternative on the EA, including a No Action. It is unprecedented to not include one.

Having spent years studying gondolas in the lower 48, a gondola is never really a great tool for moving people. It is simply a marketing tool for the ski areas. Such a massive infrastructure project has no place on public land in sensitive alpine environments that are home to so much more than a ski area.

If a gondola is considered:

The USFS should protect free year round access to public lands such as the Williams Lake trailhead.

The water rights of down river users and the ecosystems that rely on them should be held to the same standards as that of the ski area.

Manage the land for co-use between different recreationists, not just ski area users.