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Comments: I am writing to support the projects identified in Taos Ski Valley's EA.

The base-to-base gondola is required redundancy to operate the ski area if Lift 1 shuts down due to mechanical failure or high winds. There were several days this past winter when Lift 1 could not run due to high winds, but Lift 4 on the backside could operate. More importantly, the environmental impact of removing hundreds and thousands of cars from Twining Road (an unpaved road that pushes sediment into the Rio Hondo and dust into the air) would have a positive environmental impact on Taos Ski Valley.

The proposed water tank would make snowmaking more efficient, and, despite decries from the public, it would not increase or change Taos Ski Valley's current water rights. Further, the water tank could provide an additional support system for wildfire mitigation during the summer.

Thank you,

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