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Comments: I was raised in northern New Mexico, and we deeply value not only the beauty, but the sacredness of the land which we call home. Being a New Mexican means caretaking our land and our traditions. Throughout northern New Mexico, but especially in the small area of Taos and TSV, we have seen people from outside of our state come here and inch by inch privatize public areas. Our economy and housing market have been drastically altered by these external entities, making the quality of living for the people here near impossible. I'm sure in your heart you can feel how upsetting this is to us, having our home and lives altered by people who have second and third homes, meanwhile we are struggling to maintain the houses that are our only shelter. This proposed gondola project is an extension of this sort of tone deafness and blatant lack of care for the communities here. Our mountains are sacred, and it is our job as citizens of this state to protect them. Please hear our prayers and please make the right decision, one that honors and protects our people, our ancestors, and our environment. Thank you for reading.