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Comments: I am taking this opportunity to be part of the process to express my concern about the proposed expansion and changes to the Taos Ski Valley. As a school child in the '50s and '60s in Taos, I was part of Ernie Blake's outreach to locals via the schools. What a great experience it was, to be able to take time off from school and go to the TSV, take lessons, use equipment, and enjoy the wonderful world that it was, up on the slopes in the snow.

Since then, TSV has grown and grown, from the poma lifts to multiple chair lifts, newly conquered mountains, lots of commercial activity, a paved road, and now even more development, although the environment cannot support this expansion.

How can the Forest Service even contemplate such expansion without plans to obtain water? Making snow is possible these days, but so far, we have not devised a way to make water. The watershed that feeds the area is affected already and this will continue. There does not appear to have been adequate consideration of this very important outcome.

Moving more and more people around is beyond the initial plans for TSV. Many more people are there now and more and more are wanted by the businesses that feed off the consumption that is breaking the fragile environment of the area.

Please, please consider our environment, locally to TSV and down river, to the communities that depend on the balance of nature so important to our survival. I no longer ski as I do not enjoy frenetic activity aimed at the well-heeled visitors to TSV. As a local, I have wonderful memories of skiing and feel no connection to the present day TSV.