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Comments: As a year-round user of the Wheeler Peak Wilderness and resident of Arroyo Seco, I am concerned that the action proposed to proceed with the Gondola Project would limit public access to public lands. If approved, public access to the trailhead area via the Gondola should remain an option and not a requirement for access. Public land access should not be dependent upon or restricted by a complex private infrastructure.

The complexity level of this proposed action in the MDP merits an Environmental Impact Statement with a range of alternatives for public review, land manager deliberation, and ultimately an action in the end that has the greatest amount of benefit for the community and the least amount of damage to unrepresented groups. I would like to see more analysis conducted on the Environmental Justice impacts to our low-income community, downstream agriculture, and a discussion of the cumulative negative impacts to adjacent wilderness area values and access.