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Comments: I am strongly opposed to the proposed projects and "improvements" at TSV. It is clear that the communities most affected by these proposals were not consulted according to NEPA standards nor were members of the general public given adequate time and space to speak with officials and voice significant concerns about the environmental and social impacts these plans will have on the entire Rio Hondo Watershed. To me, this signals that something is amiss in the intentions and plans TSV is proposing since they are not willing to accommodate the needs of all communities involved/impacted. An EA is not enough to cut it as far as real analysis of the environmental impacts that a new restaurant, gondola, and increased snow-making capacity, etc. will cause and it seems awfully shady that an Enviro Impact Statement was skirted in favor of a EA that was written by a third-party contractor who wrote TSVs master development plan as well. I hope the Forest Service will consider what message this is sending to the public and ways to better manage the partnership it is supposed to uphold on behalf of the public's lands.
Thank you.