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Comments: I oppose the currently proposed expansion of the Taos Ski Valley. The ski valley has occupied a critical place in the watershed that feeds the Rio Hondo. In the past, there was serious pollution that affected the quality of the river life. The fish had mange and would foam at the mouth when pull out the fish hooks. That was in the past. Now that ownership has shifted to the current owners, the course of the river was changed without sufficient contact with the communities below who have relied on the river over centuries for subsistent farming to feed family and neighbors. The quality of water, compromised in the past, and the quantity of water needed for downstream communities is compromised also by the amount of water used by snow-making machines to ensure that the financial investment for sports is of a significant amount. This affects, not only the communities below, but also the waters that go into the Rio Grande, which is now in interstate and international litigation... New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Arizona, and with Mexico and the states that flank the Rio Grande. The critical need for good uncontaminated water is critical for survival. Water is life. It is not a commodity for a wealthy business corporation. Water is critical for those who have had access for generations... whether for communities and villages, especially those communities of marginalized populations who have had little voice in the water management affecting the land where they live.