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Comments: Hello,

This project, in light of drought, fire, and flood trends, and the scope of impact it will have on the near future of water, agriculture, winter and summer recreation, should not be mishandled in its considerations. The forest service has already marred its reputation with communities last summer with the Calf Canyon and Hermits peak fires, so to only include one alternative on the Environmental Assessment, not even do a complete Environmental Impact Statement or follow up on any concerns raised in previous public meetings, only further reinforces the perception of this organization as incompetent, uncaring or haphazard. To cram this thru and cast aside true due diligence would be a reflection of negligence or even corruption. Is a ballot with one choice democratic? Is that a choice at all?

The Taos Ski Valley Inc. has the benefit of a few privileged individuals in mind, over the sustainable lives and historic livelihood of the many full time residents of the Hondo watershed. In reality their water rights are more limited (0.11) than this shady, fluff document implies; it is clearly biased and not a true, neutral analysis from the perspective of the forest. We do not need or want another gondola, especially one that would literally be the "cart before the horse" as the TSVI has had repeated issues with managing its current water infrastructure reliably and sustainably. He who cannot a good steward of few should not be trusted with many.

We need true, balanced, diligent analysis of all choices, including a plan of inaction.

Thank you,

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