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Comments: My name is Rose M Reza, I am the assistant Mayordoma of the Acequia de San Antonio. I am the owner of an orchard in Valdez, New Mexico that sits on 3.2 acres, one of the oldest operating orchards in Valdez, NM. The orchard has 97 apple trees, Pear, Apricot, Peach, concord grape and native, sand, and italian plum trees. For generations the fruit has been worked by family members, sold at various farmers markets, donated to support local food banks and food pantries, and to engage and teach youth the importance of working in harmony with mother nature. I feed my orchard with the sacred waters of our beloved Acequia de San Antonio just as my elders have from generation to generation.

As a community we must protect our sacred ecosystem. We are all connected. The decisions being made at Taos Ski Valley are impacting our valley community, the quality of water, the animals, the environment and much more. We are witness to the water and food shortages occurring throughout the world, mass human migration is occurring because farmers no longer can grow their harvest. Global warming is real and has already begun to knock on our doors. It will take all parties working together to protect our ecosystem.

As a B-Corp the mission is to "transform the global economy to benefit all people, communities, and the planet." When water is being contaminated, when fish are dying, when the watersheds are being threatened, how is this protecting the planet and the communities surrounding Taos Ski Valley? We must be united in our decision making, and honor our precious acequia madre an integral part of our historical tapestry, that must be protected at all cost.

The proposed development project of Taos Ski Valley must be halted until environmental impact studies can be monitored and measured. Natural springs have been disturbed, leaking sewage has poisoned our rivers, bottom line, there is not enough water for future growth. We have to work and live in balance, the mass expansion plan of the Taos Ski Valley will only continue to destroy the precious fabric and ecosystem of our valley. The Forest Service is responsible for overseeing Taos Ski Valley growth project, and we ask that a moratorium be put in place on the approval of any further developing on the mountain until Taos Ski Valley Inc. and the Village of Taos Ski Valley have resolved all outstanding environmental issues and prove that they can operate truly sustainable and according to the B-Corp requirements and core values.

Sincerely, Rose M. Reza