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Comments: Dear Mr. Duran:

My name is Glorianna Dominguez Atencio. I was raised in Arroyo Hondo and I am a landowner who irrigates off the Acequia de Atalaya. I served for over twenty years as a commissioner of the Acequia de Atalaya. I also served on the Taos County Water Advisory Board. I am a retired educator from the Espanola School District serving as a legislative representative in the New Mexico Association of Educational Retirees and also in the Espanola Valley Opera Guild.

I also incorporate by reference the comments made by Paula Garcia affiliated with the New Mexico Acequia Association, the acequia commissioners Mr. Bessel, Elias Espinoza, Sylvia Rodriguez, and other Acequia commissioners and parciantes that irrigate with water from the Rio Hondo.

It behooves you to refer to the numbers of water rights registered to the Taos Ski Valley at the New Mexico State Engineer's Office in Santa Fe and to comply with the Environmental Assessment Facts. All Acequia members are extremely concerned about the water depletion caused by the gallons of water to fill the huge water tank to accommodate the gondola traffic and so called improvements. The acequias run off helps to recharge the many shallow wells. The climate change has reduced the amount of irrigation water during the months of July and August causing drought.

The people living in Arroyo Hondo for generations since before 1815 will be severely affected by the lack of water. No mention has been made regarding the sewage disposal. Many Local and visitors enjoy fishing in the Rio Hondo and the Rio Grande. Effluent will affect the fishing used for eatable meals. The vegetation in the fields and gardens will be affected with sewage in the river.

Please consider the objections which I have outlined in this email. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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