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Comments: Dear Supervisor Duran,

I am writing you in concern to the proposed Taos Ski Valley Gondola and other improvements #61390.

I would like more clarification on how you are going to "discourage traffic to the Williams Lake Trail." As a local backcountry skier and teacher who can no longer afford full access to a TSV ski pass, I often use the parking near the Bavarian to access the wilderness for backcountry skiing and hiking. This seems like another step to push Taos citizens' access out of the area. Can you please provide a clear answer on where local citizens will need to park in order to access the Williams Lake trail for backcountry skiing, snowshoeing, or hiking without an additional fee? After all, public lands should always remain accessible for ALL in the community.

I am also very concerned about the extensive development plan without a thorough EIS study completed. I am concerned that the loss of habitat and subsequential habitat loss has a major impact on the wildlife in the region. Any major new developments on land up there, especially publicly owned, should be thoroughly reviewed and assessed. Please conduct a proper EIS for these proposals, it is the right thing to do.

Please consider the equity of community access to our wilderness and a thorough EIS studey before approving the proposal.

Kelci Pike