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Comments: The development being proposed is detrimental to the local environment and will have detrimental effects on the communities who rely on the river. Wildlife are increasingly stressed by habitat fragmentation and further by climate change. Ptarmigans and pine martens are limited to this region of the state as climate change and other disturbances have already pushed them further north and into higher elevations. These species are sure to be threatened by this project and very likely face local extinction. Many of the peoples in the communities who rely on the Rio Hondo face a threat to cultural practices and steady sustenance. Disregarding wildlife and local folks who heavily rely on the Rio Hondo, you must ask yourselves how long will the "economic benefits" even last and who profits the most from this development? In the face of climate change, all ski valleys are in trouble but ski valleys in southern states are especially jeopardized. The longevity of profit from a project like this is sure to run out before the end of the century. And who profits the most during that time? Yet another billionaire who claims to be a conservationist as yet another natural area, loved and cherished by so many, is further exploited and jeopardized. Do not proceed with this development, please.