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Comments: Having a group of wealthy part time residences and tourist businesses at the top of the water shed is disastrous for downstream acequia users-- who all have water sharing agreements. It is questionable that their water rights are for snow making-- not new infrastructure and summer attractions.

It is short sighted to continue development with the water infrastructure in a state of collapse at VTSV. Using public national forest land to support and build new restaurants without having a source for the water or a sewage treatment design is appalling. Water quality in the river should be monitored by scientists for at least two years before any permits should be considered. Taos Ski Valley and the Village of Taos Ski Valley need to collaborate with their neighbors downstream who are directed affected by their continuing development.

It's necessary for a full comprehensive EIS to be conducted taking into account the full range of cumulative growth that has taken place to the present, plus our vulnerable forest that is subject to high winds (snow squall/blow down), catastrophic fires, hot temperatures that leave trees vulnerable to beetle/pest infestation, and reduced run-off. This would reflect the ethical stewardship by TSV, Inc and keep their B Corp status.

Because of the symbiotic ties between TSV, Inc and the Village of TSV and the anchor tenet relationship of TSV, Inc both entities should be included in the full comprehensive analysis.

Also, concerned about roads: mostly, all traffic from the North uses or will use the Hondo/Seco road to access Ski Valley. Hondo/Seco rd. has had little other than occasional maintenance consisting of patching pot-holes. The right of way through upper Hondo is narrow and the edge of the pavement is crumbling-- where folks drive dangerously over the speed limit. Will there be traffic studies to evaluate the impact on the two main roads that are avenues to the ski valley?

The excessive new infrastructure being built at the head of our watershed is alarming and threatens lower water users who grow food and have livestock when we consider climate change. We have limited natural resources. Water is among one. It is time we make change to ensure future generations of locals have a right to grow, live and prosper here. Especially local and indigenous populations.

Taos Ski Valley has already pillaged the upper watershed and has not been held accountable for the cumulative impacts to the watershed and downstream communities. It is time to pause new development and focus on remediation, healing, and restorative justice. The petition to Save the Rio Hondo had over 156 online signatures of support, not including the written & printed petitions. It read" We, the undersigned friends of the Rio Hondo, parciantes, and commissioners on the Rio Hondo acequias, call for a moratorium on all new development at Taos Ski Valley and the Village of Taos Ski Valley until they fix their water infrastructure and stop all cumulative pollution of the Rio Hondo caused by TSV Inc., the Village of Taos Ski Valley, Amizette, and other non-point sources associated with the resort. "