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Comments: To permit the potential destruction and removal of up to 400 Whitebark pine trees for the sole purpose of a new ski lift, on publicly-owned land (which 99.9% of the public will never be able to access - apologies I digress) is the very definition of the machinations of humanity gone rogue. Surely there are skilled engineers that can figure out how to adequately retrofit the Sublette ski lift so it can perform for years to come. Please do not prioritize private financial and experiential interest of a VERY few over stewardship of a public resource you are entrusted to protect by allowing this particular (subset) of a project to move forwards. It is my estimation that the eventual lens of history will look back on this action with vehement condemnation as folly and hubris and short-sighted beyond recognition. Please reconsider this decision to allow the death of 400 trees that could hold genetic repository and play an integral role in our ecosystem for many centuries to come.

Sincerely,

Leif Routman