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Comments: I believe this project is deserving of approval. The ski valley corporation while not perfect has been a responsible steward of the forest, rivers, and region's ecology. They also bring economic development and resources to Taos county. There are some who complain about the gondola because of various reasons such as increasing visitation to the area. As a resident, the gondola allows this inevitable increase in visitation to move about the ski valley with much less impact on the environment. The gondola also provides for both summer and winter support to movement of people. I encourage that the restriction on summer use be lifted to allow the gondola to reduce the vehicular traffic on Twining, Porcupine and Kachina roads. This traffic produces choking dust which lands on the foliage and rivers, and produces air pollution, both of which could be drastically reduced with the open use of the gondola in the summer. The region already has a high dependency on the health of the ski valley, so these improvements are essential and the long delay of this EA needs to conclude soon.