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Comments: In general, the Forrest Service approval failed to assess the impact of a $350 million dollar development. The financial commitment alone is so significant that it is not credible to find there is not a substantial impact on the quality of experience for humans, animal/bird/insect life and plant/tree life. There is no consideration of climate change on an area now prone to extreme drought and desertification. Right now, there are slash piles of dead tress that cannot be destroyed because of yet another dry start to the winter.

The initial application approved does nothing to address the impact of this development on all aspects of life in this wilderness area. All of this is would be required if an EIS was ordered. The TSV application completely lacks any specificity about how each construction project would impact the areas in which it is proposed.

The Forrest Service is accepting the statements of an organization that had an executive from its team on the Village's council voting on development approvals for his bosses until the NM Ethics Commission sued to stop him. This is not a proven track record to support statements made on an application with no data to backup its claims. An EIS requires data, dialogue with the community and deep analysis of the impacts of the development on a fragile area with many animals, birds, trees and plants on the endangered species list.

This is the most aggressive development proposed for TSV. The development project is intended to be transformative, but the Forrest Service failed to appreciated the scope of the construction project by stating there is no significant impact. The gondola is a new lift, which is in addition to the upgrades for two other preexisting lifts. The purpose of building it is to eliminate traffic on Twining Road. But, the approval states there would be no impact on level of traffic on this road. Then, why is this being approved? There is a new restaurant that does not have a dedicated water allotment. Many comments are about the impact on the quantity and quality of the water source. The new nordic trails are being cut and laid down without regard to the impact on wildlife.

It's easy from my vantage to see how this development will significantly impact the qualify of life for human, animal and plant. Yet, the Forrest Service is relying on an application with little to no information or analysis as required under NEPA and from an entity that is not credible on development issues.

The Forrest Service's approval is not supported. There should be an EIS ordered so the true magnitude of the $350 million dollar development project can be fully assessed. There is too much at stake to require anything less.

Thank you.

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