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Comments: Hello. Concerning the recent request from Telluride Ski Resort (TelSki) to replace Lift 7 in Telluride, CO: I ask the USFS to consider the following before granting their request. 1. Not allowing TelSki to move the base of the lift further forward as it will encroach on wetland areas and could create a dangerous egress for skiers. TelSki wants to put a hotel in this area. If the base is moved forward, they will use the emptied land for development of this hotel, which is not wanted by local residents or even legitimately needed. This property could leave little space for skier egress of current trails. 2. The current two-seated person lift is old and needs to be replaced to ensure that we are all accessing the mountain safely. But, I would also like the USFS to know that, based on current population, the replacement lift may not need to be as big as what TelSki has asked for. Again, their request is based on projected development which many feel should be curtailed to a smaller level to maintain current green space. Renee Jones-Perrault