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Comments: Good Morning,

I'm submitting this comment in support of Alternative 2 for the Ski Santa Fe improvement project.

I live in the East Mountains and ski at Santa Fe, so this project means a lot to me. Santa Fe Ski Area is a place families and locals count on for winter recreation, and it brings real value to the region. I also want to say I appreciate how much care the Forest Service and Ski Santa Fe have clearly put into this process. It's obvious a lot of thought went into finding a plan that lets the ski area keep up with our changing winters without sacrificing the land around it.

I went through the Environmental Assessment myself, and a few things stood out to me. I was glad to see this project won't need any additional water rights or increase how much water is used each year. It also won't affect any federally listed species, won't cause any lasting harm to water quality, and won't impact historic or cultural resources. On top of that, there are real protections built in - for streams and wetlands, erosion control, keeping invasive weeds in check, and replanting native vegetation once construction wraps up.

For all of those reasons, I think Alternative 2 gets the balance right, and I hope it moves forward.