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Comments: New Mexico is such a special place for locals and tourists because of the amazing access to the outdoors. Ski Santa Fe is especially important because it is the primary option New Mexicans have to enjoy winter sports with relatively quick access from most central cities in New Mexico. Without a predictable winter season, the quality of life diminishes very quickly in New Mexico.

I urge the Forest Service to approve Alternative 2. Ski Santa Fe is an important recreation asset for New Mexico, and improving snowmaking reliability will help ensure consistent operations during increasingly unpredictable winters, further increasing the quality of life for most New Mexicans. The Environmental Assessment found that Alternative 2 would provide beneficial long-term effects for recreation by improving snow reliability, maintaining terrain connectivity, supporting earlier season openings, and enhancing skier safety through improvements to the Sunrise run. The project is entirely within the existing ski area permit boundary. Supporting Alternative 2 means supporting sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities, local jobs, tourism, and the long-term viability of Ski Santa Fe.