

Conservation group opposes Squaw-Alpine gondola

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A conservation group has vowed to stop a gondola lift planned to connect two Lake Tahoe-area ski resorts, complaining that it would cut through a federally preserved wilderness.

Sierra Watch, a nonprofit group based in Nevada City, Calif., said a gondola lift connecting the Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows ski resorts would slice through the federally protected Granite Chief Wilderness Area.

“That kind of development would be a nonstarter for us,” said Tom Mooers, executive director of Sierra Watch.

But the ski resort operators dispute the claim that the gondola will cut through wilderness area.

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