

Mid-Mountain Lodge in the Nelson Creek Drainage (East Basin)

Both action alternatives include a Mid-Mountain Lodge, with power and water, on private land in the Nelson Creek Drainage (see **Figures 2-1** and **2-2**). This facility would relieve pressure on the base lodge and effectively serve the new East Basin Lift. This lodge would provide lift-serviced dining for alpine skiers in winter. During the summer months, the 3,600 square-foot Mid-Mountain Lodge would offer interpretive programs, views and other opportunities to enjoy the surrounding natural beauty. This lodge would be designed to blend with the natural landscape as a "legacy project" for the owner. Water would be supplied from the existing base area via a buried pipe. Electrical service would be supplied with a buried line from the summit. An on-site wastewater treatment system (drain field) would be used to service the Mid-Mountain Lodge. The Mid-Mountain Lodge, like other buildings, would require an NPDES storm water discharge plan and permit administered by the Washington Department of Ecology.

Maintenance Building/Ski Patrol Conversion

Alternatives B and C would construct a new maintenance shop at the west end of the main parking lot. This building would be located outside the stream buffer (RHCA) of Tenmile Creek. The existing maintenance building would be converted for use by the Ski Patrol. See **Figures 2-3** and **2-4**.

Fuel Station

This is the gasoline storage and dispensing facility for the resort's vehicles. Currently the facility is located next to Little Calispell Creek – posing a risk of a fuel spill into the creek. Both alternatives would construct a new fueling station adjacent to the new maintenance building. This fuel station would be located outside the stream buffer (RHCA) of Tenmile Creek. The existing location of the fuel station is shown in **Figure 1-3**.

Roads

The Flowery Trail Road is being reconstructed. This reconstruction includes a new entrance for the Resort, and a new alignment for the road from the main parking area to the Main Lodge. This new road and alignment are being constructed, and would occur under all alternatives. The new alignment adjacent to the ski area is illustrated on **Figures 2-3** and **2-4**.

Under both Alternatives B and C, the Forest Service would offer to transfer jurisdiction of one mile of Forest Road 4300474 to Stevens County (this road is shown in **Figure 1-2**). This road segment begins at Flowery Trail Road and extends south to the private land in Section 7. Stevens County is not obligated to accept jurisdiction for this road, and may require road improvements as a condition of acceptance. This decision does not obligate the Forest Service to improve the road so that Stevens County would accept jurisdiction. If improvements were required, Best Management Practices and other mitigation similar to those listed in **Section 2.3.8** would be required.

Parking

The parking area was about 6 acres. The Flowery Trail reconstruction project added about 5 acres of new parking during the summer of 2003. Both action alternatives would add an additional 4 acres of new parking (**Figure 2-3** and **2-4**).

The existing 12 RV sites that have electrical hook-ups (and no dump station) would be augmented with 16 additional electrical hook-ups.