

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service
Pacific-Southwest Region

Decision Memo

Wintun Development Corporation - Mt. Shasta Board and Ski Park
Ski Park Parking Lot Expansion Permit Amendment

Shasta-McCloud Management Unit, Shasta-Trinity National Forest
Siskiyou County, California

T.40N., R.3W., Section 16, M.D.B.M.

Background

Wintun Development Corporation (Ski Park) currently holds Special Use Authorizations for support facilities including parking lots, leach fields, a maintenance yard and an access road on National Forest System lands that serve the Mt. Shasta Board and Ski Park on adjacent private land.

The Ski Park was developed in 1984. Prior to the development an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was developed by the Siskiyou County Planning Department in 1983. Since the ski area development proposal required the use of National Forest System (NFS) lands for a portion of the support facilities, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared by the Forest Service, which tiered to the EIR, prior to the issuance of a special use permit for the support facilities on NFS lands.

The Final Environmental Impact Report Supplement (1997) included mitigation measure 7.15, which stipulated parking lot capacity would be increased when the threshold of 3,850 skiers per day was exceeded more than 4 days a season. This threshold has been exceeded a number of times since the 2000/01 season.

In anticipation of the construction of the third parking lot the Ski Park contracted with Enplan Environmental Scientists and Planners to conduct plant and wildlife surveys including: terrestrial mollusks, special status wildlife, special-status vascular plants, pacific fuzzwort, and noxious weeds for the 2007 Ski Park special use permit re-issuance. The existing Ski Park special use permit allows for the phased development of the new parking area within the original permit boundary.

The Ski Park is currently preparing to construct a third parking area below their two current parking areas. Construction plans have been designed to avoid encroaching on Panther Creek. Mitigation and monitoring requirements will be required.

The construction plans have been reviewed by Forest Service engineering, hydrology, and landscape architect staffs for consistency with Forest Service standards. Both the County and Water Quality Control Board have confirmed that the construction is consistent with the EIR and Development Plan for the Ski Park.

The parking lot expansion is shown on the attached map, Exhibit A.