

Aspen Highlands Ski Area

Record Of Decision



US Department of Agriculture - Forest Service
Rocky Mountain Region
White River National Forest
Aspen Ranger District

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Development	Decision	Special Conditions
Patrol Headquarters and Other Facilities		
Patrol Headquarters	Yes	One story above existing ground level (can be two separate structures). Footprints not to exceed a total of 3,000 square feet. Constructed of native materials to Forest Service standards. Trees removed only where necessary and as approved by Forest Service representative.
Interpretive Facility	Yes	Part of Patrol Headquarters and/or separate structure.
Powder Magazine Facility	Yes	Move the existing building and comply to standards for storing explosive materials.
Snowmaking		
27-acre Increase	No	See text.
48-acre Increase	Yes	Aspen Skiing Company must have legal right to water. Submit/implement drainage/runoff control plan developed by qualified professional. Plan and implementation schedule reviewed by Forest Service prior to any construction. Supply Forest Service with daily log of water amounts used for snowmaking.
Summer Recreation Activities		
Sky Rides to Loge Peak	Yes	After construction of the base area and mountain facilities are complete and in conjunction with the eating/picnic facility and restrooms.
Restaurant Operation	No	Not permitted during construction activities, however, this does not preclude that once the construction activities have been completed for the area, the option exists for summer activities which may include an eating/picnic facility.

be approved that would extend impacts beyond the intensity of those associated with Alternative C as disclosed in the EIS, or beyond the geographic limits of the project area.

Through this ROD, I am approving clearing and glading of forested vegetation in approximately the same amount as identified in Alternative C of the EIS, or about 378 acres (of which about 75 percent would receive less than 15 percent tree removal). I anticipate that the actual location of ski trails and other facilities may not occur precisely in the location shown on the EIS maps. In addition, I recognize that some additional minor clearing may need to occur to allow for skier circulation and safety in locations not indicated on EIS maps or described in text. This is appropriate as long as the overall amount and intensity of disturbance remains within the limits described. Similarly, the EIS did not establish the location precisely where glading versus conventional lift line clearing would occur. It is also anticipated that this will be addressed in development of detailed construction plans and that several of the mitigation measures that have been required through this ROD will substantially reduce the number of conventionally cleared acres. I anticipate that construction plans that the Aspen Skiing Company will submit will involve modifications based on discussion with the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW). Providing the

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SUMMER WORK PROJECT RECORD SHEET

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Project Name: Cloud Nine Lift Maze Snowmaking

Project Location: Bottom of Cloud Nine Quad

Description: Installation of an electric station and water hydrant near the bottom of the Cloud Nine lift to make snow for the maze area.

Anticipated Activities:

- Trenching
- Pipe Installation
- Electric Direct-Bury Wire Installation
- Backfill/Compaction
- Revegetation as Needed

Site Plan Sketch (or attach map):

Comments:

Project Approval Date

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Project Completion Date

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