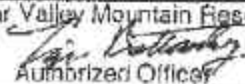
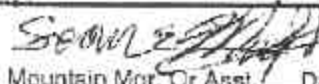


BEAR VALLEY MOUNTAIN RESORT PROJECT PROPOSAL RECORD

Project Name: East bowl Phase 1	Project Number: #15
<p>Project Description:</p> <p>Phase 1: Bear Valley would like to expand its winter operation in to East Bowl in the summer of 2005. We would like to do this in 2-3 phases. The first phase being the tubing hill. This would consist of two runs being cut and full development of a road base parking lot. First year we would operate with portable bathrooms. Power will be installed to operate the handletow and the R.V. park.</p> <p>Phase 2: Install a small portable lodge for food service, tickets and restrooms. We would also add sewer and water.</p> <p>Phase 3: We would like to cut runs from top of Koala ridge to the bottom of East bowl and install a fixed quad lift to the top. Detail narrative will follow.</p>	

Target Completion Date:

Maps, Drawings, Ect. Attached:

Bear Valley Mountain Resort Signatures:			
 Authorized Officer	Date: 4/21/04	 Mountain Mgr. Or Asst.	Date: 4-21-04

USFS Review:

Date Received:

Project Requirements:

Project Approval Date:

Signature:

District Ranger

Field Review Notes:

Date Project Completed:

Signature:

Winter Sports Specialist

cc: David Horak



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D. DESCRIPTION OF ALTERNATIVES

Because the conceptual plan envisions expansion into four adjacent but separate areas, there are numerous alternatives to consider. Final locations for proposed facilities will be identified through site-specific planning following selection of an alternative. Table A summarizing the main features of the alternatives, and can be found at the end of this Document Summary

1. Alternative 1: **No action.**

Alternative 1 would retain current facilities, ski runs, and lifts within the present permit area of 1,289 acres (see Map 2). At the present level of development, BVSA provides parking for 1,500 cars, nine chair lifts, approximately 250 acres of ski runs, and one day-lodge for a maximum SAOT capacity of 5,300.

2. Alternative 2: **No expansion of existing permitted area. Optimum SAOT would be increased to 5,900.**

Alternative 2 provides for three new facilities within the current 1289 acre permit area, and increases the area of ski runs. The permit area would not be increased. Addition of one new chair lift in upper Grizzly Bowl, widening of existing ski runs in the Hibernation (Bear West) portion of the ski area, parking for an additional 250 vehicles, and a warming hut/snack bar would provide for an additional maximum SAOT capacity of 600 (Map 3). Implementation of Alternative 2 would result in a ski area consisting of 10 ski lifts, approximately 260 acres of ski runs, parking for 1,750 vehicles, with one day lodge and a warming hut/snack bar for a total maximum SAOT capacity of 5,900.

3. Alternative 3: **The Forest Service preferred alternative. Provides for a maximum SAOT capacity of 9,800.**

Alternative 3 provides for development of East Bowl and Bear Valley and the improvements described under Alternative 2. Development would increase the permit area by approximately 450 acres, and would add three transportation lifts with down-loading capabilities, three conventional chair lifts, 117 acres of ski runs, one new day lodge in East Bowl, and a warming hut at Bear Top for an additional SAOT of 3,900 skiers. Alternative 3 would include 1,740 acres with 12 chair lifts, three transportation lifts, approximately 367 acres of ski runs, two day lodges, and a warming hut for a total optimum SAOT of 9,800 skiers.

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The SAOT would be limited by the availability of lift capacity and skiing terrain. Alternative 3 would provide parking for an additional 250 vehicles within the existing area, and for up to 1,520 vehicles in East Bowl (two new parking areas of 720 and 800 vehicles) for a total of 3,270 vehicles (9,810 skiers) within the permitted area.