

Reply To: 2720/1950

Date: July 14, 1994

To: BRECKENRIDGE SKI RESORT MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Re: 1994 Amendment to the Master Development Plan

On May 2, 1994, Forest Supervisor, Veto J. LaSalle signed a Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact approving 280 acres of additional snowmaking capacity for the lower portion of Peak 8 and 177 acres for the lower portion of Peak 7. The appeal period for this decision closed June 25, 1994, with no appeal filed and may now be implemented.

This document is to be inserted in Breckenridge Ski Resort's Master Development Plan summarizing the project disclosed in the Environmental Assessment and the decision made.

The Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice specifically covered the following:

Snowmaking on Peak 8:

- From the top of the Colorado Chair down Frosty's to the bottom of E chair.
- Shock from Volunteer down to Chair 4 and up Mach 1 to Four O'Clock.
- Four O'Clock from the top of the Colorado Chair to Park Avenue in Town.
- All remaining trails on Peak 8 From Trygve's on the south east side to Claimjumper on the north with coverage on each run from Columbine to the base of Peak 8.

Snowmaking on Peak 7:

- The six trails planned for the lower portion of Peak 7 in the Master Development Plan were included in this decision for coverage with snowmaking. Coverage will extend from the top of the planned Peak 7 Chair to the base of Peak 7.

Control building:

- A compressor and pump building will be constructed in the vicinity of the top of Chair Five. This building will be single story and approximately 5,000 square feet.

Utility services:

- This decision additionally amended Public Service Company of Colorado's Blue River South Electric Distribution Master Permit to include and underground distribution line running up Four O'Clock Trail from Town to the control building to be built near the top of Chair 5.

DECISION NOTICE  
AND  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
BRECKENRIDGE SKI RESORT SNOWMAKING SYSTEM ADDITION

SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO

USDA, FOREST SERVICE  
DILLON RANGER DISTRICT, ARAPAHO NATIONAL FOREST  
(ADMINISTERED BY THE WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST)

An environmental assessment which discusses Breckenridge Ski Resort's proposal to include snowmaking capabilities on Peaks 7 and 8 in their Master Development Plan has been completed. The assessment is available for public review at the Dillon Ranger District, Silverthorne, CO., and at the White River National Forest Supervisor's Office in Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

1. DECISION

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Based on the analysis and evaluation described in the environmental assessment it is my decision to adopt Alternative Three with the associated mitigation measures. This alternative would amend Breckenridge Ski Resort's Master Development Plan to include 280 acres of additional snowmaking on the developed ski trails on Peak 8 and 177 acres of snowmaking on the previously approved trails planned for lower Peak 7. Additionally, my decision will amend Public Service Company of Colorado's Blue River South Electric Distribution Master Permit to include an underground distribution line running up Four O'Clock Trail. At build out, Breckenridge Ski Resort would have the ability to produce snow on 43% (819 acres) of their skiable terrain.

My rationale for selecting Alternative Three is as follows:

1. Implementation of this alternative will allow Breckenridge Ski Resort to provide additional alpine skiing recreation opportunities during the early ski season thereby enhancing the skiing experience by being able to offer more terrain with lower skier densities.
2. The selected alternative will have positive economic effects on the community by removing the weather dependant component.
3. The proposal is consistent with the White River National Forest Land and Resources Management Plan. The specific goals of the Forest Plan related to the proposed activity are:

*"Design and locate improvements on winter sports sites to provide safety to users and to harmonize with the natural environment".*

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Peak 7 Trails	Status	Schedule	Acres
Trail 1	New Installation	2002	29
portion of 2 and 6	New Installation	2002	10
Trail 2	New Installation	Future	13
Trail 3	New Installation	Future	21
Trail 4	New Installation	Future	14
Trail 5	New Installation	Future	17
Trail 6	New Installation	Future	16
Trail currently not identified	New Installation	Future	57
<b>Total Approved Snowmaking*</b>			<b>177</b>

\* - Approved in the 1994 Peak 7 and Peak Facilities Improvements - Decision Notice.

Currently approved and scheduled for Peak 7 equals 39 acres. Planned future installations equal 81 acres. Future, currently unplanned, acres total 57 acres.

Peak 8 Trails	Status	Schedule	Acres
Lower Four O'Clock	Replacement	2002	1
Claimjumper	Replacement	2002	21
Mach 1	Replacement	2002	5
Springmeier (within FS land)	Replacement	2002	29
Frosty's	Replacement	2002	13
Spruce	Replacement	2002	27
Duke's Run	Replacement	2002	22
Northstar	Replacement	2002	6
Columbine	Replacement	2002	6
Lower Crescendo	Replacement	2002	6
Rendezvous		Future	2
Tiger		Future	6
Goodbye Girl		Future	3
Southern Cross		Future	5
Park Lane (within FS lands)		Future	4
Powerline (within FS lands)		Future	6
Callie's		Future	2
High Anxiety		Future	7
Rounder's		Future	10
Swinger	New Installation	2002	4
Upper Crescendo		Future	17
Middle Four O'Clock		Future	6
Little Johnny		Future	9
Forget-Me-Not		Future	1
Trail currently not identified		Future	56
<b>Total Approved Snowmaking*</b>			<b>280</b>

\* - Approved in the 1994 Peak 7 and Peak Facilities Improvements - Decision Notice.

Existing Peak 8 trails with snowmaking total 142 acres. Planned future installations equal 82 acres. Future, currently unplanned, acres total 56 acres.

SKI AREA PROJECT RECORD PROJECT No. FS 2005 - Snow 2

SKI AREA: Breckenridge

PROJECT NAME: Monti Cristo Trail Snowmaking

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (indicate need): Installation of snowmaking capabilities on approximately 1,000' of the Monte Cristo trail on Peak 7. Project includes typical trenching and installation of pipeline, hydrants and snowguns. Project is needed to ensure snow coverage at the junction of 4 trails.

Is the project annual maintenance: Yes [ ] No [x]

If no, is project within the scope of the Master Plan or a Decision Document: Yes [X] No [ ]

If yes, cite Decision Document and page number: 1994 Breckenridge Ski Resort Snowmaking System Addition E.A., Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact, page 1.

Site Map Attached: [x]

FOREST SERVICE REQUIREMENTS (to be completed by Winter Sports Administrator):

Specialist's Report: \_\_\_\_\_ F.S. Specialist Review: \_\_\_\_\_

Access plan for equipment  
Field review: Greg Laurie - review of stream health consistency  
Follow BMPs  
BALOE for ground disturbance done - verify  
Construction dewatering plan, sed. fenced staging area

Other requirements or comments:

Field Review Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Approval: Date \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted Completion: Date \_\_\_\_\_

Greg's review +  
short doc for consistency  
with stream health

Final  
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