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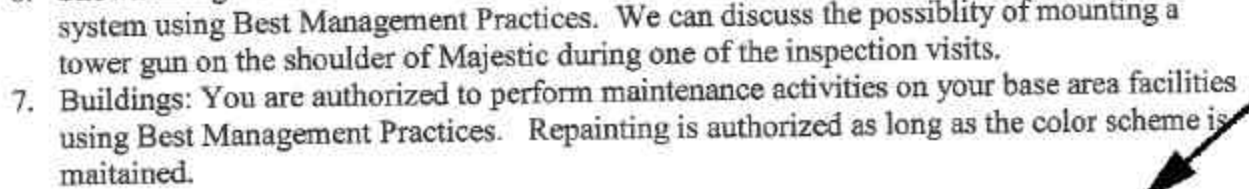
Dear Randy:

I and my staff have reviewed your letter dated July 5 which outlined various summer projects and maintenance items which Brighton is proposing to perform this summer season. Brighton proposals include routine maintenance, repairs and/or replacements of existing facilities, roads and ski trails, which are located on both public and private lands. As per the Brighton special use permit and annual operations and maintenance plan and the 1999 Brighton MDP ROD, you are authorized to proceed with those projects on public land. I am not authorized to approve project proposals on private land. I encourage you to work with state and local agencies, as needed, to gain approvals for project proposals on private land.

The following proposals are approved, using best management practices:

1. Continued Trash Cleanup: I applaud your commitment to this program and encourage you to continue this effort using all resources that are available to you. Please be sure to include this program in your Winter and Summer Operating Plans and document your efforts and provide us with copies for our project file.
2. Lifts: Normal lift maintenance will occur and require some vehicle and rigging taking place on the mountain. All Forest Service and ANSI standards and codes must be met during summer lift operations. The Majestic Lift replacement should continue as outlined in the Decision Memo.
3. Summer Slope Work: Summer roads maintenance will include cleaning water bars, repairing any drainage problems and adding road base to existing roads, continuing re-vegetation and erosion control of previously worked ski runs. Please keep Sean informed of where this work will be performed. We would like to visit these sites before you plan to do this work and want to continue to be involved in developing other native seed mixes and monitoring your native seed harvesting program, as we feel a need to do so. We would like a copy of your seed mix(s) you expect to use this season. Please schedule a field trip prior to any slope grooming on the Majestic, Snake Creek and Great Western areas.
4. Tree removal and brushing: Brighton is authorized to remove trees that are within the lift corridor and other trail clearing and brushing on existing ski runs as specified in your annual operating plan and Vegetation Management Plan that was authorized in the 1999 ROD. All mitigation measures that were required in the ROD must be met prior to implementation of the Forest Vegetation Management plan.
5. Parking lot: You are authorized to do normal parking lot maintenance using Best Management Practices to protect the watershed.



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6. Snowmaking: You are authorized to perform maintenance activities on your snowmaking system using Best Management Practices. We can discuss the possibility of mounting a tower gun on the shoulder of Majestic during one of the inspection visits.
  7. Buildings: You are authorized to perform maintenance activities on your base area facilities using Best Management Practices. Repainting is authorized as long as the color scheme is maintained.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that the EIS for your Master Development Plan (MDP) has a lifespan. I understand that the continued postponement of MDP projects is based on your company's resources and other factors. However, I encourage you to implement the plan as soon as possible to avoid additional time and costs associated with additional NEPA review. Each year that passes increases the potential of changes to various environments that could require additional analysis. We have seen recent additions to the Threatened and Endangered Species Act list that have had management implications and expect that trend to continue.

We appreciate your good work as partners, in attempting to provide a quality recreation experience to the user public. I also expect Brighton as a resort located on public land, to do its best to be a good steward of the land in helping us manage our natural resources. Please contact me, Sean Wetterberg, or Steve Scheid at this office with any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

**/S/ Loren M. Kroenke**

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District Ranger

Attachment

cc:

Tom Ward, Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities

**Table 4.34 Comparison of Environmental Consequences**

Issue	Alternative 1 No Action	Alternative 2 Brighton's Proposed Master Development Plan	Alternative 3 Modified Proposed Master Development Plan
4.1d. Traffic flow and congestion near the mouth of BCC (Issue 1.12.1d)	<i>2.2% annual growth in intersection traffic is expected through 2007, with peak hour levels of service declining from LOS B to LOS D for eastbound left turns, the worst case traffic movement at the intersection.</i>	<i>Same as Alternative 1. While additional vehicle trips in BCC are projected under Alternative 2, the relatively small number of vehicles would be masked by the much larger total traffic volumes moving through the intersection.</i>	<i>Same as Alternative 2.</i>
4.1e. Parking effects (Issue 1.12.1a)	40 new Brighton vehicles 321 new Solitude vehicles above 1996/97 levels	21 new Brighton vehicles 423 new Solitude vehicles above 1996/97 levels	19 fewer Brighton skier vehicles 102 more Solitude skier vehicles than 1996/97 levels
4.1f. Effects on evening traffic (Issue 1.12.1f)	Continuation of current situation; 30% of Big Cottonwood Canyon accidents occur between 5:00 and 10:00 PM and 78% of evening accidents occur during the winter.	Slightly increased potential for evening accidents on SR-190 due to increased skier use of expanded night skiing facilities.	Same as Alternative 2.
<b>4.2 Vegetation and Wildlife (Issue 1.12.2)</b>			
4.2a. Wetland and riparian effects (Issue 1.12.2a)	No additional acres of wetland/riparian areas affected.	2.48 additional acres of wetland/riparian areas affected.	1.81 additional acres of wetland/riparian areas affected.
4.2b. Forest health (Issue 1.12.2b)	Continuation of current forest succession, with moderate to high risk of insect infestations.	Implementation of silvicultural prescriptions to reduce the risk of insect infestations.	Same as Alternative 2.

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