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SCOPING NOTICE
COPPER MOUNTAIN RESORT MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN
2007 PROJECTS
WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST
SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO

Dear Interested Public Land User:

Copper 2c

The White River National Forest has accepted a proposal from Copper Mountain Resort (CMR) to initiate a review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Tenmile Creek Facilities Improvements and Restoration Project. CMR is owned and operated by Intrawest Corporation under a 40-year Special Use Permit (SUP) issued by the US Forest Service - White River National Forest (Forest Service). Project components are designed to respond to current and anticipated consumer demands for access to public lands within CMR's SUP area, while improving stream health of a reach in Tenmile Creek within and adjacent to CMR's existing SUP area.

CMR's proposal includes project components that: (1) increase parking capacity beyond the footprint of the existing Corn Lot on the east side of Highway 91, (2) improve the health of an approximately 1,000-foot reach of Tenmile Creek that flows through and adjacent to CMR's SUP boundary, and (3) extend the Summit County Recreation Path by approximately 20,000 feet to the south with construction of an associated pedestrian bridge that would cross over Tenmile Creek and provide access to CMR. The Proposed Action components are illustrated on the attached map.

Proposed Action

Parking Capacity Increase

CMR currently maintains approximately 3,992 parking spaces located throughout a series of day skier parking lots on National Forest System (NFS) lands within its SUP boundary and on private lands within CMR's base area¹. To meet current and future parking demand, CMR is proposing to create an additional 1,508 parking spaces by clearing and grading approximately 13 acres of NFS land located adjacent to the existing Corn Lot on the east side of Highway 91². The Proposed Action would bring CMR's resort-wide parking capacity to approximately 5,500 vehicles. To address safety concerns and improve customer

¹ Parking spaces fluctuate throughout the season depending upon snow storage and other constraints.

² Final engineering for the proposed parking spaces has not been completed. Actual number of spaces may change within the proposed disturbance footprint.

