

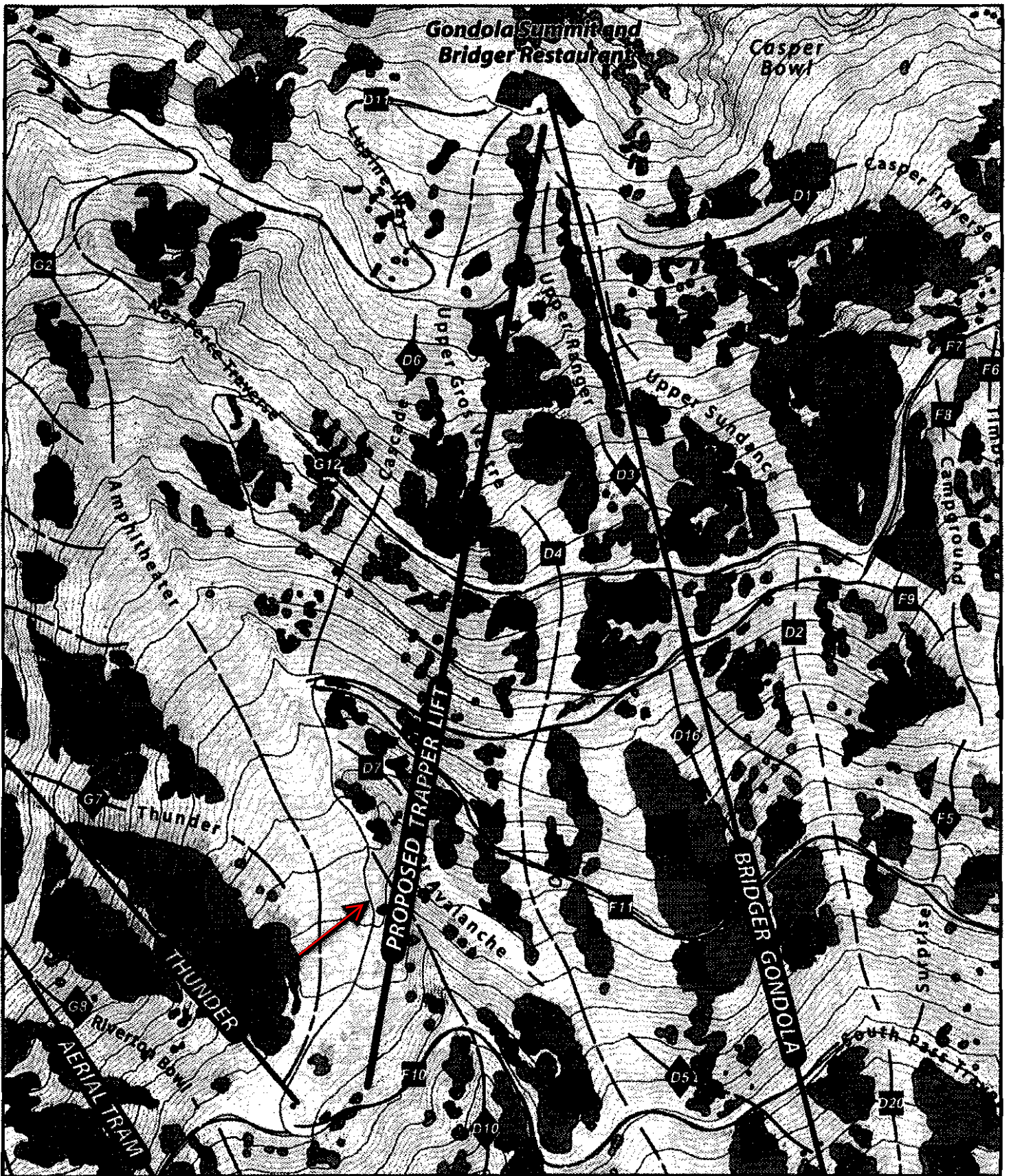
*Decision Memo for Jackson Hole Mountain Resort's Proposed East Ridge Lift Removal and Relocation*

JHMR has indicated that the new lift will be named the Trapper Lift. The concept for a lift in this general location dates back to the 1996 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that analyzed JHMR's Master Development Plan. This decision memo tiers to the 1996 EIS. In the Record of Decision for the EIS, the BTNF Forest Supervisor authorized a double chairlift in this general location which, at the time, was called "Headwall Ski School." However, the Headwall Ski School lift extended from a point slightly above the Bridger Gondola to just below it, and was only 1,000 feet in total length. It is my determination that a longer lift alignment—spanning between the bottom of the Thunder Lift and the top of the Bridger Gondola—will better meet operational and skier circulation needs. The Trapper Lift would remain a fixed-grip, double chair with a length of approximately 3,263 feet and a vertical rise of approximately 1,197 feet. It would have a capacity of roughly 800 people-per-hour.

My decision includes the following:

- ➔ ○ The bottom terminal of the Trapper Lift is approved to be located adjacent to, and below, the Thunder restrooms and will require approximately 1.5 acres of recontouring and excavation to create a level "pad" for the lift terminal and loading area.
- The top terminal is approved to be located approximately 80 feet away from the plaza area at the restaurant and approximately five feet lower in elevation. This location will allow the lift to function as direct access to the top of the Bridger Gondola and Bridger Restaurant.
- The top terminal unload area will require approximately 2,100 cubic yards of fill material to be imported. This material is needed to create a "milling" area at the bottom of the lift unload ramp and skier egress routes away from the lift. The fill material is approved to be excavated from a location just west of the Bridger Gondola Complex. Approximately 1.9 acres total of ground disturbance is authorized at the top terminal location.
- A temporary access route to the excavation site is approved to be constructed to allow for the transfer of fill material from the excavation site to the top terminal location. The access route is required to be reclaimed once excavation of the top terminal location is complete, and all disturbed areas will be reclaimed by reusing topsoil and revegetation with a Forest Service-approved seed mix.
- Removal of approximately 75 to 80 trees within the lift alignment and approximately 3.5 acres of ground disturbance for installation of the top and bottom terminals and towers is approved.

The lift will be installed using helicopters and cranes; no permanent roads are required or approved, but some temporary access routes are authorized to be created during construction of the lift terminals. This temporary access routes are required to be reclaimed. The excavation for tower foundations will be performed by hand or with a low-impact walking (or "spider") excavator. Each tower location for a lift of



**PROPOSED TRAPPER LIFT INSTALLATION  
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