



USDA FOREST SERVICE

RECORD OF DECISION

MT. HOOD MEADOWS SKI AREA MASTER PLAN
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

FOREST PLAN AMENDMENT No. 10

HOOD RIVER RANGER DISTRICT, MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST

Responsible Official: Roberta A. Moltzen, Forest Supervisor

HOOD RIVER COUNTY, OREGON

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would accommodate approximately 12,500 PAOT. To accommodate the 13,900 PAOT capacities allowed for other facilities, alternative forms of transportation will need to be utilized, i.e., increased car pooling, increased busing, mass transit. If adequate parking areas cannot be sited at the Main Lodge and Westside bases due to environmental and other constraints, future modification of the Master Plan may be considered to provide additional parking at the Hood River Meadows base.

Other mitigation to address MHM's contribution to US 26 traffic congestion will be applied as described in the Response to Significant Issues section and under Transportation mitigation (page A-16).

All parking areas will be paved; existing unpaved areas are to be paved prior to development of additional parking. Stormwater management and snow storage will be incorporated into both existing and new parking areas.

Overnight recreational vehicle (RV) parking in base area parking lots is authorized as an incidental use in the winter. During the summer and shoulder seasons, overnight parking may be authorized by the District Ranger in conjunction only with authorized special events.

Skier Facilities and Services

Specific skier facilities and services include:

- ◆ Thirteen (13) chairlifts, approximately located and sized in capacity as described for Alternative S4.
- ◆ In association with the authorized lifts, the creation or redevelopment of an additional 95 acres of ski terrain within the existing permit area. The expanded ski trail system would total approximately 825 acres.

Note: This reflects corrected acreages associated with ski trails for Lift 15.

- ◆ Seven surface lifts, as proposed in MHM's comments on the Draft SEIS, to be used primarily for ski school and chairlift access.

Note: This is a reduction from the 9 surface lifts assessed in Alternative S4.

- ◆ A maximum of six permanent racing facilities, with additional mobile facilities as authorized by the District Ranger.
- ◆ Night skiing in conjunction with all lifts, except Lifts 9 (Heather Canyon), 10 (Cascade Express) and 23 (Elevator Express)
- ◆ Management by MHM of 15 kilometers of groomed nordic trails within the expanded permit area at Hood River Meadows.
- ◆ A full-service restaurant with a capacity limited to 1,000 PAOT in the winter.

Note: This is a reduction from the 1,500 PAOT year-round capacity assessed in Alternative S4.