

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Mt. Hood National Forest Global Signals Mt. Defiance Upgrade CE	Hood River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2007	Expected:03/2007	07/2007	Doug Jones 541-352-6002 dgjones@fs.fed.us
Indian Mountain Repeater Site Installation CE	- Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2007	Expected:05/2007	06/2007	Leonides Segovia 541-352-6002 lsegovia02@fs.fed.us
Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort Parking CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2006	Expected:05/2007	07/2007	Doug Jones 541-352-6002 dgjones@fs.fed.us
Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort Snowmaking EA	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Doug Jones 541-352-6002 dgjones@fs.fed.us



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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

JANUARY, 1997

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stormwater management, and all other uses except Lift 15 and associated ski trails, will be limited to a maximum of 9.5 acres. To the extent feasible, existing clearings are to be utilized for ski trail development associated with Lift 15. To reduce the impacts of clearing, the width of these trail clearings is to be minimized.

The permittee has the flexibility to site the authorized development within the larger base area identified in the SEIS (excluding that portion within the White River drainage). Full development may be constrained by topography, Riparian Reserves and other limitations.

I am recommending that MHM consider locating new maintenance facilities at the site of the existing administration building versus in the middle or lower portions of the expanded base area. This area offers several distinct advantages: it has previously been committed to development, provides easy access for grooming machines to ski slopes, and represents an opportunity to provide a small area for employee parking.

Hood River Meadows Base Expansion

The existing Hood River Meadows base is expanded by up to one acre to accommodate an alpine skiing day lodge.

CONDITIONS

The alpine skiing day lodge is to be located at the site of the current temporary facility at the north bulb parking turnaround and be designed to accommodate up to 2,500 PAOT.

Construction of the nordic lodge authorized in a 1994 Decision Notice will be part of the first phase of Master Plan development and occur prior to or simultaneous with construction of the new alpine lodge.

No additional parking is authorized in conjunction with the base area expansion. Adequate parking for nordic skiers, including during peak alpine skiing periods, will be dedicated and managed as part of the existing parking area.

Parking

A total of up to 8 acres of additional parking is authorized as part of the base area expansions. Stormwater management and snow storage are included in, rather than in addition to, this total. Construction of this parking is to be phased, based upon an annual average background traffic growth rate of 2.6% on US Highway 26. The annual parking allocation may be accumulated (banked) to provide for a critical mass, rather than increments, of parking.

Based upon 30.5 acres of total parking (8 new acres, 20.5 existing acres), 0.8 acres of parking could be developed annually ($30.5 \text{ acres} \times 2.6\% = 0.8 \text{ acres}$).

CONDITIONS

Due to the environmental limitations of the sites authorized for parking expansion, the total parking design capacity is limited to a maximum of 8 acres. Using current vehicle occupancy figures, the 8 acres