

Montana Snowbowl Master Development Plan

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sites have been identified: 1) Spartan saddle (near the existing reservoir); 2) the summit of TV Mountain and 3) the most southern part of the proposed TV Mountain expansion south of proposed trail 118. Anyone of these sites has adequate area for drain fields and replacements (estimated drain field size would be 20,000 square feet). For the skier services building on top of TV Mountain, a drain field on the summit would be preferred (and would be approximately 2000 square feet for this facility). The preferred location for the base area would be either Spartan Saddle or the area south of trail 118. This system(s) would be of conventional design (septic tanks with pumped effluent to absorption trenches) and would meet the design standards and require approval of the Montana Department of Health.

Parking and Access



As stated earlier, prior to the initiation of the projects on this plan, the Snowbowl road would be improved to a standard required by the Forest Service (28 foot width including 24 foot driving surface and 2 foot shoulders). As part of that road improvement more parking will be developed at the last two tight turns and along the road. Road and parking construction started in the summer of 2003 and is scheduled to be completed in 2005. Other parking would be available by moving the maintenance vehicles as described above. It is anticipated that 330 new parking spaces would be obtained with the road improvement and the maintenance changes, which would be adequate for the proposed capacity. In addition the current bus service could be expanded to carry an additional 120 skiers for a total of 200 skiers using the bus service. All of these improvements would result in a total parking-transportation capacity of 2425 skiers (at 2.5 skiers per vehicle and 40 per bus, see page 15 and 16). These changes are summarized in Appendix B. Although the parking capacity of this plan is in balance with other facility capacities, as backup Snowbowl has two other options to increase parking capacity that have not been included in the above calculations. One is to improve efficiency by encouraging more carpooling with various incentives. The second is to operate a continuous shuttle service on busy days to Snowbowl's off site parking lot at the base of Grant Creek (next to the Sevenar store). The off site lot is over four acres and would have the capacity for over 600 vehicles with supervised parking. Either one or both of these options could be initiated quickly (even mid season) when management felt parking capacity at the ski area could be exceeded (for example a major competition).

6h. Expanded Summer Use

Summer use would continue on the same schedule as it is now with a gradual expansion and improvement of facilities including more summer trails for mountain biking and hiking and more modern upper mountain guest facilities. With the construction of the "C" lift and the guest service facilities on the summit of TV Mountain more of the summer activity would be centered there. Hiking/mountain biking trails would be constructed from the TV Mountain summit to connect with the existing trails. As shown on the map, one new trail would come down the west side of TV Mountain and join the Point 6 road (one of the existing trails). Another trail would leave the summit of TV Mountain along ski trail B112 to the Spartan saddle where riders could either take the existing 2nd Thought trail (#18) to the base or ride up hill on a new trail across Mission Magic (#9) to the top of the Grizzly lift. There they would hook up with existing trail that goes through the Bowls, Longhorn and Paradise to reach the base area. A golf course may be added on TV Mountain.