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RECORD OF DECISION

Mt. Ashland Ski Area Expansion

Rogue River -Siskiyou National Forest
Ashland Ranger District

Klamath National Forest
Scott River Ranger District



Substantial concern was expressed over the safety, potential congestion and skiing experience associated with the Windsor to Moraine Lift (LC-13) associated with Alternative 6. Additional concern was expressed over the cost of this lift (approx. \$770,000) and its financial effects of construction and maintenance, versus the surface lift (LS-15) proposed under Alternative 2. This led me to believe that LC-13 should not be part of my decision, and in combination with inclusion of the Skiway, led me to the Middle Fork and Poma Chairlift configuration.

Within the existing SUP, my decision includes tree clearing for lift corridors and their associated staging areas, excavation for installation of lift towers, and delivery of electrical power.

Surface Lifts

I am authorizing two new surface lifts as described in Alternative 2 (LS-12 South Ridge Tubing Lift, and LS-15 Rodger's Way). The South Ridge Tubing Lift, as part of the overall Snow Tubing Facility, will provide the non-skiing public an opportunity to experience this type of winter recreation. This relatively slow moving lift will safely transport guests and tubes to the top of the tubing lanes. Rodger's Way is a new surface lift located at the base of existing Windsor and Ariel Chairlifts that will provide Novice access to the newly authorized ski runs. Installing these two surface lifts will involve tree clearing for surface lift corridors and their associated staging areas, excavation for lift infrastructure, grading, and delivery of electrical power.

Infrastructure – Roads

Mt. Ashland 2b

Authorized actions for lifts and runs require the reconstruction of 0.44 mile of the existing administrative service road known as Falstaff Summer Work Road with construction of 0.41 mile of new construction to connect the existing segments. This action is described in Alternatives 2 and 6. The Falstaff reconstruction and construction initially provides prudent access for development of actions authorized by my decision over areas previously disturbed by ski area development in 1963. Once authorized expansion activities are complete, this road will provide efficient summer access for infrastructure maintenance, resource protection, and monitoring.

Included in my authorization for roads is 200 feet of new construction for a new administrative service road for the South Ridge Tubing Facility. Once the South Ridge Tubing Facility development is complete, this road will also provide access for infrastructure maintenance, resource protection, and monitoring. Authorized use of both roads is for administrative vehicles only.

Infrastructure – Power

I authorize delivery of electrical power from the existing supply as needed for all actions authorized by this ROD. This includes power delivery to the Ticket Building, Arrival Services Building, Moraine Lodge, South Ridge Tubing Facility (yurt, toilets, surface lift, night lighting) LC-6 Middle Fork and Poma Chairlifts, and Bottom Run night lighting. Connection will be made to existing power supply infrastructure with underground electrical line installation to occur in previously disturbed areas, and/or during times of initial construction at the time of site disturbance.

Infrastructure – Potable Water and Wastewater

Waterlines, associated water storage tanks, and sewer lines are authorized for all actions in this ROD to serve the potable water and wastewater delivery needs of the Moraine Lodge and Base Area Facilities. Potable water will be delivered from the existing source near Pumphouse Creek and wastewater will be delivered to and processed by the existing Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Water and sewer line construction, where located on the Falstaff Road, will occur during the time of initial construction and reconstruction of this road at the time of site disturbance. Water storage will be located near the top terminal of the Comer chairlift in an area previously excavated.