



**2001 Mt. Rose/Slide Mountain Facilities
Improvements Proposal**

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Lifts

- Upgrade the existing Zephyr Lift to a high speed detachable four- or six-person chairlift utilizing the same alignment
- Install a small lift parallel to the lower portion of the Zephyr Lift servicing a proposed terrain park

Terrain

- Construct three new trail segments to enhance access to existing and proposed skiing terrain
- Improve the surface of existing trails via grading and stumping/smoothing
- Create a dedicated terrain park

Snowmaking

- Construct a water storage impoundment with a capacity of approximately five to seven acre feet (1.6 to 2.2 million gallons) above the *Bonanza* trail to provide a reliable supply for snowmaking, summer irrigation, and fire suppression
- Install snowmaking on eight additional trails totaling roughly 65 acres of coverage

Parking

- Re-grade and expand the East Bowl parking lot to facilitate on-grade access to the Zephyr Lift and Day Lodge and to accommodate additional vehicles (on Washoe County Land)

Chutes Area (on National Forest System land)

Terrain

- Amend the current Mt. Rose SUP to include the Chutes terrain (approximately 131 acres)
- Selectively thin vegetation within the existing "Chutes" to improve skiing opportunities

Lifts

- Install a four-person, fixed-grip lift bringing skiers from the bottom of the "Chutes" terrain (National Forest) to the top of the Showoff Trail on the Mt. Rose side (private land)

Mt. Rose Side (private and National Forest System land)

Buildings

- Construct a mountain-top restaurant between the tops of the Northwest Magnum and Lakeview lifts (on private land)
- Construct two 500-square foot viewing/picnic decks (one on private and one on NFS land)

Lifts

- Extend the top terminal of the Lakeview Chair onto NFS land enabling access to existing and proposed trails

Terrain

- Construct several new trail segments to increase circulation across both sides of the resort