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PLANNED EXTENSION OF NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE™ RESORT'S LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN® LIFT WILL ENHANCE SKIER EXPERIENCE, PROVIDE DIRECT ACCESS FROM MARTIS CAMP

Truckee, Calif. – *Northstar-at-Tahoe* Resort's Lookout Mountain ski slopes will be extended into the luxury residential community of Martis Camp, the community's developer, DMB/Highlands, announced today.

Chris Ryman, speaking on behalf of *Northstar-at-Tahoe* Resort owners and operators, said the extension of Lookout Mountain's ski trails to Martis Camp is "a natural extension of Lookout Mountain's lift and trails, which will allow *Northstar-at-Tahoe* Resort guests to enjoy an enhanced skiing experience."

Plans call for the lift extension to Martis Camp to be accompanied by the extension of four Lookout Mountain trails and the addition of a new intermediate trail to the east of the Lookout Mountain lift. The length of the lift will increase from 3,200 feet to 4,800 feet, and the project will add 46 acres of ski trails and 35 acres of snowmaking coverage. ←

The expansion of the Lookout Mountain lift and trail system will allow Martis Camp members and their guests to directly access *Northstar* Resort's extensive system of ski trails. This access will come via a Doppelmayr-built detachable quad chair lift and will be supported by a base facility where lift tickets can be purchased and snow sports lessons arranged for Martis Camp members and their guests.

"This direct access to *Northstar-at-Tahoe* Resort puts Martis Camp in a class with only a handful of other residential communities in the Western United States. It also demonstrates our ongoing commitment to provide a broad variety of unparalleled experiences within the Martis Camp community," said Mark Johnson, a DMB/Highlands principal.

Although the lift extension and trail additions are subject to approvals from Placer County and other regulatory agencies, and to customary title review, the agreements once again evidence cooperative efforts between the development and conservation interests within the Martis Valley.

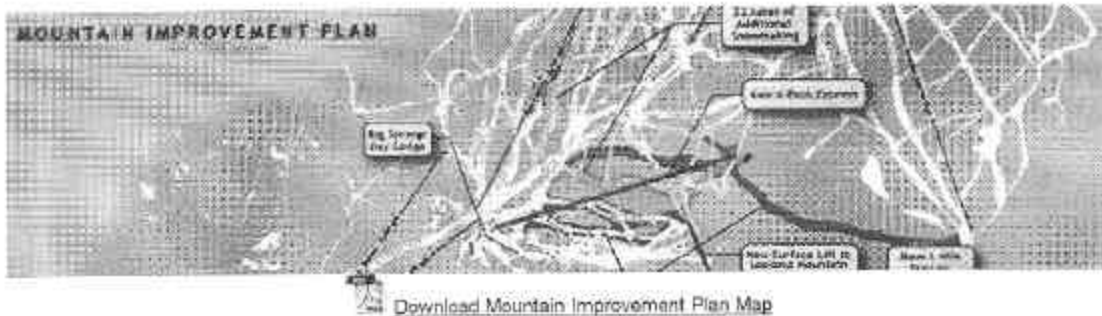
Martis Camp is a luxury residential community with unparalleled four-season amenities, which include a Tom Fazio-designed championship golf course; a 50,000-plus square-foot Camp Lodge that serves the golf course and community; and a Family Barn with a summer swimming venue, a soda fountain, bowling lanes, movie theatre and an outdoor amphitheatre with performance stage. This year-round community also features an extensive system of neighborhood parks and trails.

The addition of on-property ski access promises Martis Camp members yet another exceptional amenity among the growing list of multi-generational, family activities that set it apart as one of North America's premier luxury communities.

For more information about Martis Camp, call (800) 721-9005 or visit www.MartisCamp.com.

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NEXT PHASE OF MOUNTAIN IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

In the next step toward achieving *Northstar-at-Tahoe*™ Resort's transformation into one of the finest year-round destination resorts in North America, the resort is launching the next phase of its extensive mountain improvement plan, which includes two new lifts, relocating the Cross-Country & Snowshoe Center, adding new parking lots, expanding its snowmaking system, and additional terrain.

NEW LIFTS ACCESS NEW TERRAIN

Northstar-at-Tahoe Resort is investing \$10.5 million in the next phase of mountain improvements which will result in the completion of two new Doppelmayr lifts for the 2006/07 winter season. The planned lifts include the Tahoe Zephyr Express, a high-speed six-pack which will dramatically improve access to Lookout Mountain and the Backside. The new lift, whose base is situated directly across from the mid-mountain Day Lodge, will whisk riders up nearly 1,050 vertical feet in just five minutes. The new six-pack will access 13 total trails and 137 acres of total terrain, including 60 acres of new intermediate terrain. Included in this terrain is a new mile-long run called Drifter that will connect guests directly from the top of the six-pack to the Backside.

The second lift, called Lookout Link, is a European-style surface lift to replace Salmon Tow, which transported guests over to Lookout Mountain. The new lift will be friendly to both skiers and snowboarders.

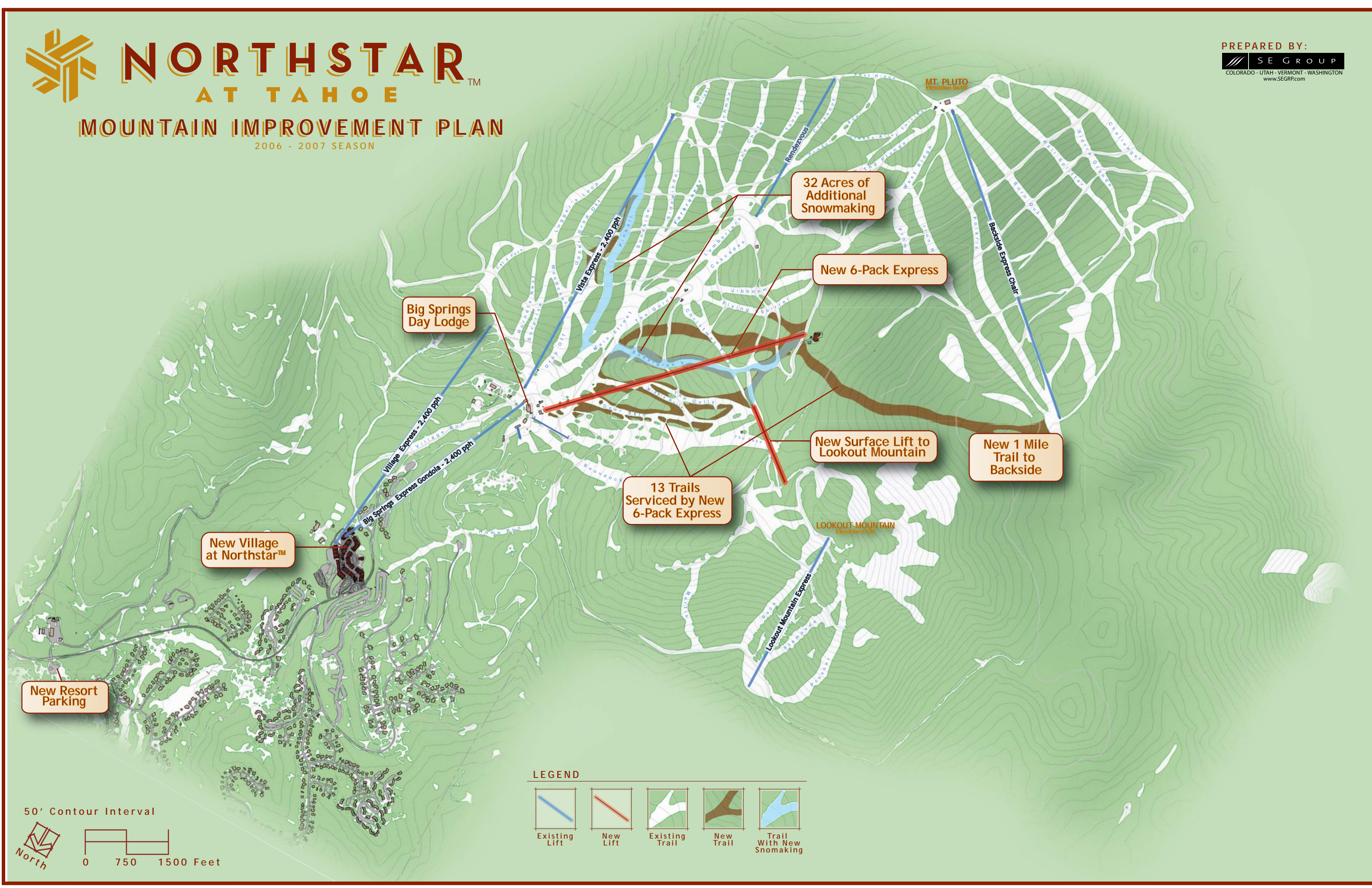
OTHER MOUNTAIN IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE

- Completion of Phase One of the *Village at Northstar*™ which includes new shops, boutiques, art galleries and restaurants. All skier services such as the ticket and season pass office, group sales, season and day lockers, new and expanded free overnight ski check and basket check will also open in the Village Center. Upon completion, *Northstar-at-Tahoe* Resort will have invested a total of \$30 million into these commercial improvements.
- Addition of a new parking lot containing 600 spaces behind the gas station at the entrance of Northstar Drive, in order to better circulate traffic flow and improve access to the resort.
- Expansion of *Northstar-at-Tahoe* Resort's snowmaking system on the terrain located off of Vista Express and the new Tahoe Zephyr Express.
- Relocated and Expanded 1,400 square-foot Cross-Country & Snowshoe Center featuring a sundeck and expanded teaching area.

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MOUNTAIN IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2006 - 2007 SEASON

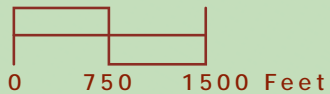
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Existing Lift	New Lift	Existing Trail	New Trail	Trail With New Snowmaking

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SECTION 1.0

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1.1 PROJECT LOCATION

Northstar-at-Tahoe is located approximately six miles southeast of Truckee within Placer County via State Route 267. The proposed snowmaking extension is located in Section 1, Township 16N, Range 16E on APN's 110-050-35, 110-050-05, 110-050-32, and 80-260-16, all of which are in ownership by Trimont Land Company. The project area is contained within the project area studied in the Lookout EIR.

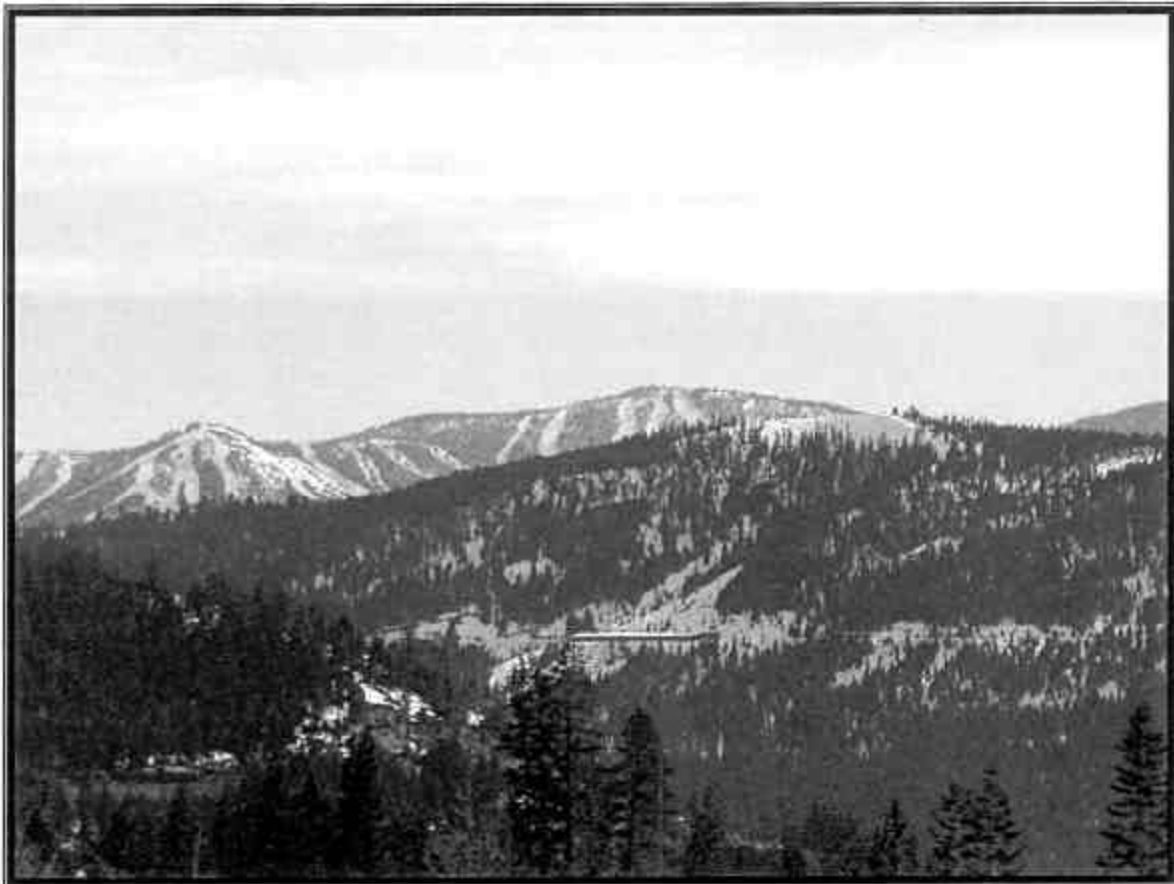
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1.2 PROPOSED PROJECT

The proposed project would involve the extension of existing snowmaking lines on 2 runs in the North Lookout Mountain Ski Pod, on the north facing slope of Lookout Mountain. A total of 15,000 LF of utility trenching would be required to extend the existing water and air lines into the area. Utility trenching would occur on existing dirt roads and along ski runs already cleared of vegetation. Utility trenches would typically be 4-5 feet deep total to maintain adequate cover over the water lines, and approximately 4 feet wide. Appurtenant facilities would include valve boxes at major junctions, and snowmaking guns placed along the trails at approximately 100 foot intervals.

Steel pipe ranging from 18" to 6" in diameter would be installed, using both conventional welding procedures and the epoxy-glued Zaplok® jointing technique. Where space permits, strings of pipe ranging from 500' to 1,000' would be assembled, pulled adjacent to ditch and placed with heavy equipment. Where staging space is constrained, pipe would be assembled and pulled directly into the ditch or welded joint-by-joint, in place. Tracked excavators and bulldozers would be utilized in the great majority of the ditch excavation, pipe placement and backfill. Subsequent to mainline pipe installation, crews would immediately install welded hydrant lateral piping and hydrant sets. When hydrant laterals are set and stabilized, backfill of mainline and lateral trenching would commence, with revegetation of disturbed soils immediately following.

**Northstar-at-Tahoe
Mountain Improvements Project
Draft Environmental Impact Report**



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**Prepared for:
Placer County Planning Department**

**Prepared by:
Hughes Environmental Consultants, Inc.**

Impact

4.10.3 The proposed project would require additional water supply lines.

Within the project area, proposed snowmaking lines would connect into existing snowmaking lines. Approximately 30,926 linear feet of snowmaking and utility trenching is proposed with this project. No additional water supplies would be developed for the proposed snowmaking lines.

Water demands for all the uses within the Northstar-at-Tahoe resort have been documented for the NCSD in the Master Water Plan Update (EcoLogic 2002). **Table 4.10-3** illustrates existing and proposed (with the current project) snowmaking water demands at Northstar-at-Tahoe:

TABLE 4.10-3
EXISTING AND PROPOSED SNOWMAKING WATER DEMANDS

	Acres Served	Total Demand (Ac-Ft/Yr)
Existing Snowmaking	200	183
Proposed Snowmaking as a Result of the MIP	283	258

The potential to support an additional 620 skiers would have a minor impact upon domestic water usage. Assuming 10 gallons/skier/day, an additional 620 skiers would create a projected increase of 6,200 gallons/day. The Master Water Plan illustrates that Northstar-at-Tahoe has adequate water supply and infrastructure to support this increase. However, since Northstar-at-Tahoe does not expect such an increase in skiers visiting the site due to parking and other constraints at the resort, the project applicant expects minimal increase in domestic water usage with the proposed project.

Significance

Less Than Significant Impact

Mitigation Measure

None Required