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REPLY TO: 2720 , Special Uses

DATE: June 12, 2000

Mr. Casey Blann
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Dear Casey:

I have considered your proposal of June 7, 2000 to extend the snowmaking pipelines along the existing roads to the tubing area, and to the Wild Mountain area.

I have determined that the proposed use is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation accordance with the Environmental Policy and Procedures Handbook, FSH 1909.15, Chapter 30. The activity is within Category 5, Section 31.1b of this handbook and is considered to be a routine administrative action to approve repair or maintenance of a recreation site. My review of the scoping has not identified any extraordinary circumstances associated with this activity that may have a significant effect on the environment. The area has been surveyed and no archaeological sites exist near the project area. Biological evaluations have been completed for projects within this area each year, and have shown no effects to threatened, endangered, or sensitive species.

You may proceed with the projects immediately. You must exercise Best Management Practices for erosion control during and after this project until the soil compacts back into the road and the area is revegetated.

KATHRYN D. HARDY
District Ranger