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What's New: In The Works

This summer we will be introducing the new **Jerome Creek Cabin**, a single-family home based on our successful Townhome design. Design and permitting are underway and we will be breaking ground on the construction of the **Judah Residential Condominiums** the Summer of 2006. We would like to hear from you if you are interested in one of these magnificent ski-in condominiums.



The strenuous hike to the top of **Crow's Peak** is for those looking for more adventure in off-piste skiing. It is well worth it, for the fresh turns in the powder down through strawberry fields. This epic skiing is soon to be more accessible via the new **Crow's Peak Chair Lift**. We have Forest Service approval and anticipate completion for the 2007-2008 season. Also recently approved, the **Judah Summit Chair** will take skiers to the top of the ridge for more of that classic Sugar Bowl off-piste splendor.

CONTACT
THE VILLAGE AT SUGAR BOWL

TRUCKEE RD PROJECT SCOPING AND IMPLEMENTATION FORM

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION **PROJECT SCOPING** (highlight one)

*PROJECT TITLE: Mt. Judah Chairlift at Sugar Bowl

*REQUEST DATE: April 26, 2004

*Project Implementation Timeline (Begin/End) August 1, 2004

*Project Coordinator: Bob Moore Phone: 587-3558

Specialist Funding (Yes/No): Yes Management Code: A Collection Agreement has been established with Sugar Bowl to cover Forest Service planning and monitoring costs.

Response needed by: **May 1, 2004**

Expected Decision Date: To be negotiated Forest Priority: unassigned

*PROJECT VICINITY (e.g. nearby landmarks): Sugar Bowl Ski Area, Mt. Judah.

Quad Map: Legal: 17N, 15E, SW1/4 Section 21, MDM - Map attached.

TOTAL AREA INVOLVED IN PROJECT: 10-20 acres

*PROJECT MAP: Attached

*PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Sugar Bowl has formally requested authorization to add an additional chairlift serving the top of Mt. Judah, within the existing ski area boundary. I have done some preliminary site reconnaissance for the terminal locations. No tree removal is involved, no access road will be constructed, over the snow road will be plowed in annually, power will be from an on-site generator (propane fueled "whisper" type) at the loading area, the lift will likely be a double chair with approximately 600' vertical and less than 1000' long. The majority of the excavation will be by hand with the spoils removed from the site.

The mitigations we are currently proposing are primarily focused on avalanche safety and ski area boundary marking. A separate special use permit may need to be issued to allow avalanche control on the ridge, this is intended to include avalanche run out zones on the east side of Mt. Judah. A permanent sign line with steel pipes (in sleeves, pipes removed seasonally) will be installed adjacent to the top of the lift, a larger than normal lift shack will be necessary to accommodate patrollers on standby. Other mitigations considered are removal of excavated material from the tower locations and keeping the top terminal "tucked" on the west side of the ridge for visual mitigation. The Mt. Judah Loop trail will not be impacted.

Sugar Bowl's complete submittal package is available for review (it is lengthy).

*KNOWN INFORMATION: (e.g., Old NEPA documents, Previous Biological Surveys)
Only information available is the reports generated for the Mt. Judah Expansion EIS and the Mt Judah Loop trail.

FOR SCOPING, DO YOU NEED TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS PLANNING PROCESS? Yes No

If yes complete Truckee RD Scoping Form pg 2. If no, fill out your name and date, and return to project coordinator.

Name _____ Date 4/27/04

- S.U. + C.B. to provide
Timelines to do their
studies + B-E's

Decision Memo
for
Crows Nest Chairlift Project

USDA, Forest Service
Pacific Southwest Region
Tahoe National Forest ♦ Truckee Ranger District
Placer County, California
October 2002

Sugar Bowl 1, 2c

PROPOSED ACTION:

It is my decision to allow the Sugar Bowl Ski Resort to construct and operate a chairlift adjacent to Crows Nest Peak on Federal land. The area being considered for expansion is currently under permit to Sugar Bowl and the new chairlift facility would provide access to an area that is now only accessible to expert skiers who can hike to the peak. This project will be implemented in accordance with the terms and conditions of the existing special use permit and is consistent with Forest Service direction as authorized in Forest Service Manual 2720.

An estimated 30 trees will be removed to allow for construction of lift tower sites and a lift line corridor. A temporary road will be constructed to the location for the top terminal, in order to provide access for equipment. Minor cut and fill work is required to construct the top terminal pad. The proposed action (dated April 26, 2002) provides a detailed description of the activities that will occur under this decision, and is available in the project file.

Location of Proposed Action:

The project area is in the southeast portion of the Tahoe National Forest on the Truckee Ranger District, in Placer County. The project area occurs in the Sugar Bowl Ski Resort special use permit area, west of Mount Disney. The legal description for the project area is T.17N., R.14E., north east corner of section 36, Mount Diablo Baseline Meridian.

Environmental Protection:

The following measures will be incorporated to provide environmental protection and assure that any potential impacts are minimized. Additional information about these standard management requirements is attached as Appendix A.

1. Remove large trees over snow by tractor or by helicopter to protect soil from disturbance.
2. Disturbed slopes would be covered with mulch. Where disturbance is continuous on slopes greater than 15%, use straw wattles to trap sediment.
3. Re-vegetate disturbed slopes with native vegetation. Monitor these areas for vegetation recovery and the need for future erosion control measures.