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Dear Joe,

Here is the list for projects that we intend to pursue on Baldy this summer. As has been the case these past two springs, project selection may be based on availability of project funding. Our standard maintenance tasks will take on the forefront and most projects will take on a character of allowing us operational efficiencies.

Summer lift operations for hiking and sightseeing are scheduled to begin June 26th with bikes to follow on July 1st. As you and I have discussed, we are planning on using the Roundhouse Gondola and the Christmas Lift for access to the top of Baldy and to the perimeter trails. We are relocating our lunch barbeque to the deck at the Roundhouse, as well as considering a sit down lunch experience inside the Roundhouse, and anticipate that this offering will be significantly welcomed. Our operational hours will change to 10am to 4pm to better accommodate our guest's needs. We currently have a concert planned on July 12th at River Run, but may see the opportunity to provide other entertainment as the need arises. Beyond that we currently do not have any special events planned on public lands.

Here, for your review, are the proposed projects for the Summer 2010 on public lands:

Trail Crew / Slope Related Projects:

- Construction of four trails:
 - **Roundhouse Area to the Bald Mountain Trail (hiking trail):** This trail will be 3400 feet in length and would be a zero slope trail transecting Upper Canyon, Mid Holiday, Mid River Run and the College South Slopes. It will connect with the southern most switch-back of the Bald Mountain Trail below the Louis Stur drink station. Constructing this section as a zero slope would allow its use as a connector to the upper section of the Bald Mountain Trail as well as lower section of the Bald Mountain Trail.

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- **Broadway Saddle to the Roundhouse (biking trail):** This trail will be 9000 feet in length. This 1.7 mile trail traverses the Upper Bowls area, Bowl 75 and will connect with Christmas Lane, providing return access from the Broadway Trail to the Roundhouse Area.
 - **Roundhouse to the River Run Trail:** This trail will be 8950 feet in length. This two-way hiking trail provides an alternative to those who are likely to walk down the dusty service road. This trail could also become an alternative to the Bald Mountain Trail as a popular climb. Due to the technical nature of the Lower River Run Trail extensive uphill cyclist activity, we do not see this as a viable solution to downhill bike traffic from the Roundhouse. Alternatives need to be evaluated in order to fulfill this deficiency.
 - **Complete the uncompleted portion of the Cold Springs Trail from the bottom of Lift #4 to the Boneyard:** This trail is located within BLM property until it reaches Sun Valley Company property near the Boneyard.
- Ski area boundary maintenance.
 - Install an information kiosk at the top of the mountain, to better serve our guests.
 - Paint and relocate several trail directional signage.
 - Application of MCH pouches on private land adjacent to the forest service permit boundary at the base of Warm Springs in conjunction with the Ketchum Ranger District's Bald Mountain Douglas Fir Bark Beetle Project.
 - Re-contour Lower Warm Springs from the top of Greyhawk Lift #7 to the top of the Half-Pipe, skier's middle to left.
 - General ski trail maintenance (brush cutting and mowing).

General Maintenance Items:

- Repair leak in Roundhouse potable water line.
- Repair possible leak in Lookout potable water line.
- Septic tank maintenance – Seattle Ridge, Lookout and Roundhouse.
- Refill fuel storage tanks.
- Potable water storage maintenance.
- Begin snow grooming equipment replacement program.

Lift Related Projects:

- Inspect and re-bush tower assemblies: Lift #5 and Lift #10.
- Inspect gearboxes: Lift #11, Lift #14 and Lift #6.
- Replace bullwheel liner: Lift #5.
- Re-splice: Lift # 1 and Lift # 7.
- Ultrasound all chairs: Lift #12, Lift #7 and Lift #5.
- Paint: Lift #3, Lift #5 and Lift #12.
- Rebuild motor on Lift #4 (Cold Springs).
- Inspect footings and tower bases on all lifts.
- Consideration is being given to installing fiber optic cable on Lift #10 (Cox).
- Perform all standard scheduled maintenance.