

Proposed Tranquility Parking Lots and Alberta Lift Environmental Assessment

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BIOLOGICAL EVALUATION FOR THREATENED, ENDANGERED AND SENSITIVE WILDLIFE SPECIES

WOLF CREEK SKI AREA PROJECT

I. INTRODUCTION

Forest Service policy regarding a Biological Evaluation (BE) and a Biological Assessment (BA) is described in Forest Service Manual 2672.4 and 50 CFR 402.12, respectively. Additional descriptions for BAs can be found under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

In general, the intent of the Forest Service is to not undertake actions which would lead to adverse impacts on the Threatened, Endangered, or Sensitive (TES) species known or suspected of occurring in the analysis area.

This BE addresses the potential impacts from the proposal to build two parking areas, a short stretch of road, and a new lift line on the Wolf Creek Ski Area.

II. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Table 1 - summary of the analysis.

Species	No Effect	Not Jeopardize	No Impact	May Impact Individuals
Bald Eagle	X			
Peregrine Falcon	X			
Mexican Spotted Owl	X			
Southwestern Willow Flycatcher	X			
Uncompaghre Fritillary Butterfly	X			
Lynx		X		
Marten			X	
Golden-crowned Kinglet			X	
Northern Goshawk			X	
Boreal Owl			X	
Olive-sided Flycatcher			X	
Three-toed Woodpecker			X	
Tiger Salamander				X
Western Boreal Toad				X
Northern Leopard Frog				X
Dwarf Shrew			X	
Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout				X

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