

February 1, 2008, through 11:59 p.m. (MST) on Saturday, February 2, 2008.

**Prohibited Acts:** The following acts are prohibited during the temporary land closure:

1. Being present on, or driving on, the designated race course. Spectators may not be within 200 feet of the designated race course. This does not apply to race participants, race officials nor emergency vehicles authorized by or operated by local, State or Federal Government agencies. Emergency medical response shall only be conducted by personnel and vehicles operating under the guidance of La Paz County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Fire, or the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS), or the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

2. Vehicle parking or stopping in areas affected by the closure, except where such is specifically allowed (designated spectator areas).

3. Camping in any area, except in the designated spectator areas.

4. Discharge of firearms.

5. Possession or use of any fireworks.

6. Cutting or collecting firewood of any kind, including dead and down wood or other vegetative material.

7. Operating any vehicle (except registered race vehicles), including off-highway vehicles, not registered and equipped for street and highway operation.

8. Operating any vehicle in the area of the closure at a speed of more than 35 mph. This does not apply to registered race vehicles during the race, while on the designated race course.

9. Failure to obey any official sign posted by the Bureau of Land Management, La Paz County, or the race promoter.

10. Parking any vehicle in a manner that obstructs or impedes normal traffic movement.

11. Failure to obey any person authorized to direct traffic, including law enforcement officers, BLM officials and designated race officials.

12. Failure to observe Spectator Area quiet hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

13. Failure to keep campsite or race viewing site free of trash and litter.

14. Allowing any pet or other animal to be unrestrained by a leash of not more than 6 feet in length.

The above restrictions do not apply to emergency vehicles owned by the United States, the State of Arizona, or La Paz County. Authority for closure of public lands is found in 43 CFR 8340, Subpart 8341; 43 CFR 8360, Subpart 8364.1; and 43 CFR 2930. Persons who violate this closure order are subject to arrest, and upon conviction may be fined not more than \$100,000 and/or

imprisoned for not more than 12 months.

**Steven Poltsch,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Bald Mountain Ski Resort Master Development Plan EIS

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et. seq.*, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et. seq.*, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Shoshone Field Office, announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Bald Mountain Ski Resort Master Development Plan EIS. The FEIS analyzes and discloses the effects of the updated Bald Mountain Ski Area Master Development Plan and 40-year term ski permit application for the Bald Mountain Ski Area near Ketchum, Idaho.

**DATES:** The FEIS will be available for public review for 30 calendar days from the date of this publication, which coincides with the NOA published in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Following this 30 day period, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service will each issue a separate Record of Decision, which will identify the Responsible Officials' Selected Alternative and discuss the rationale for their decisions.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the FEIS was sent to affected Federal, State, and local government agencies and interested parties. The document is also available electronically on the following Web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sawtooth/projects>. Copies of the Final EIS will be available for public inspection at the following locations: Ketchum Ranger District, 206 Sun Valley Road, Ketchum, ID. 83340, Business Hours 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joe Miczulski, Winter Sports Manager at the Ketchum Ranger District; P.O. Box 2356,

Ketchum, ID. 83340; or phone at (208)–622–5371.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Sun Valley Company (SVC) has requested a new 40-year term ski area permit for the Bald Mountain Ski Resort. The existing ski area permit, which was issued in December 1977, expires December 2007. To be valid, a ski area permit must have an approved Master Development Plan (MDP), which is prepared by the permit holder and encompasses the entire winter sports resort envisioned for development and authorization by the permit. Upon acceptance by the Authorized Officers, the MDP becomes part of the ski area permit. The EIS analyzes the effects of the proposed action and alternatives. The agencies give notice of the NEPA analysis and decision making process on the proposal so interested and affected members of the public may participate in and contribute to the final decision.

A 1989 MDP currently guides the Forest Service and BLM in their administration of the Special Use Permit (SUP) for the ski area. A majority of the actions described in the 1989 MDP have been implemented. Given the age and status of the 1989 MDP, the Forest Service, BLM and SVC determined that an updated plan would be appropriate at this time.

In August 2005, the Sun Valley Master Plan (2005 Master Plan) was produced and submitted to the Forest Service and BLM. The 2005 Master Plan was accepted at that time, and the Phase 1 projects on public lands were advanced for site-specific review and analysis under requirements of NEPA.

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Phase 1 projects of the 2005 Master Plan was released for public comment in February 2007. The comment period on the DEIS extended through April 9, 2007, eliciting ninety-three comment letters from individuals, organizations, and public agencies. Major themes of the letters included comments relating to the proposal to construct a trail on Guyer Ridge (and associated impacts on the visual environment), installation of additional snowmaking infrastructure (and associated impacts on the acoustic environment), as well as effects to recreation resources associated with trail construction, installation of snowmaking machinery, and seasonal construction of a terrain park on the Warm Springs side of the ski area. The Agencies formally addressed comments in the "Response to Comments on the DEIS" which is included with the FEIS. In addition, some comments warranted clarifications and factual changes in the

FEIS; however, none of these changes or clarifications altered the effects determinations disclosed in the DEIS. Some of these changes and clarifications include: quantification of earthen material proposed to be moved for development of the Guyer Ridge trail; a more thorough description of the remodeling plans for the Roundhouse Restaurant; information on avalanche danger on Guyer Ridge under Alternative 2; and clarifications concerning noise and light impacts due to construction and grooming activities on Guyer Ridge.

**Purpose and Need for Action:** The purpose and need for the proposed Master Development Plan (MDP) is to update the 1989 MDP to reflect current conditions and needs at the ski resort. Most of the improvements described in the 1989 MDP have been implemented. In addition, new ski area technologies, updated land management plans, and changes in the environment have emerged during this time, which warrant consideration in an updated MDP.

**Proposed Action:** SVC has largely implemented the 1989 MDP. The 2005 MDP represents a logical extension of the previously approved and completed projects, and is separated into three phases. Phase 1 projects are designed to enhance recreational opportunities on Bald Mountain by responding to the constantly evolving mountain sports industry while addressing the goals and objectives of the Sawtooth Forest Plan and the BLM Sun Valley Management Framework Plan. The Proposed Action includes: development of new ski trails both within and outside of the current permit boundary, installation of additional snowmaking machinery, modification of existing ski runs, installation of the River Run Gondola, removal of the Exhibition chairlift, and modifications to the Roundhouse Restaurant. A Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) was also analyzed concurrently with the DEIS. The VMP specified treatments to ensure long-term health of vegetation on Bald Mountain.

**Alternatives Identified:** Three alternatives are analyzed in the FEIS. Alternative 1—No Action would result in the existing MDP not being updated. The SUP would be renewed in 2007 and the current MDP would be made part of it. Under Alternative 2—the Proposed Action—the MDP as submitted by SVC would be attached to a new ski area permit. Alternative 3 is an alternative which meets the purpose and need to update the MDP, but varies from the actions originally submitted by SVC in response to issues raised by the public.

**Preferred Alternative:** The Preferred Alternative is a slightly modified Alternative 3, as described in the DEIS and FEIS. The Preferred Alternative consists of a realigned western boundary of the SUP addition for the Guyer Ridge trail included in Alternative 3. The western boundary would be repositioned in a straight line to connect with the western bends of the proposed Guyer Ridge trail. All other elements of Alternative 3, as described in the DEIS, remain in the Preferred Alternative. These include the following: installation of a new gondola, removal of the Exhibition chairlift, adjustment of the SUP boundary to include new ski trails, development of new ski trails and modification of existing ski runs within the current permit boundary, installation of additional snowmaking machinery, implementation of a non-significant Forest Plan Amendment for scenery resources, modifications to the Roundhouse Restaurant, and implementation of the VMP. The Preferred Alternative would reduce the acreage added to the ski area's SUP, yet still allow the permittee to glade Guyer Ridge as proposed in Alternative 3. In addition, this modification would provide the ski area the flexibility to manage the terrain similar to other in-bounds portions of the ski area.

Dated: August 16, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Extension for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Smoky Canyon Mine, Panels F and G

**AGENCY:** DOI Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Lead Agency; USDA Forest Service (FS), Co-lead Agency; and the State of Idaho, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Cooperating Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of Extension for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Smoky Canyon Mine, Panels F and G Mine Expansion Project.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces an extension of the mandatory 30-day waiting period prior to releasing the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Smoky

Canyon Mine, Panels F and G Mine Expansion Project. The original availability notice, issued October 26, 2007, provided for a 30-day waiting period prior to the release of the ROD. The BLM is extending this period until December 26, 2007.

**DATES:** The FEIS is now available for public review. The BLM Record of Decision will be released no sooner than December 26, 2007—60 days after publication of the original Notice of Availability of the FEIS in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency.

**ADDRESSES:** The FEIS will be available in limited quantities at the Bureau of Land Management, Pocatello Field Office, 4350 Cliffs Drive, Pocatello, Idaho 83204, phone (208) 478-6340 and the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Soda Springs Ranger District, 410 E. Hooper Avenue, Soda Springs, Idaho 83276, phone (208) 547-4356. It will also be available on the BLM Web site at: [http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/pocatello/programs/planning/smoky\\_canyon\\_mine.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/pocatello/programs/planning/smoky_canyon_mine.html) and the Caribou-Targhee National Forest Web site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee/phosphate>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Stout, Bureau of Land Management, phone (208) 478-6340; or Jeff Jones, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, phone (208) 236-7572.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The original Notice of Availability was published on October 26, 2007, and initiated a mandatory 30-day waiting period prior to releasing the ROD. Since this publication the BLM has received a number of requests from the public to extend the required 30-day waiting period. The FEIS, in exploring the effects of the mining operation, is lengthy and complex. Additional time will allow for increased public awareness of the proposed decision. To honor these requests the BLM has decided to extend the waiting period for an additional 30 days, to end on December 26, 2007.

Dated: November 2, 2007.

**Joe Kraayenbrink,**

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