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Environmental Assessment Signed for Mt Rose Ski Tahoe

Sparks ... Robert Vaught, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Supervisor, today signed a decision on the Environmental Assessment for Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe. This decision finalizes a year-long process to look at the impacts of proposed ski area improvements. The document allows the resort to improve and expand facilities and visitor services including a lift to service the area known as the chutes.

“There has been a great deal of public interest in this project, Vaught said. This decision enhances recreation in an environmentally responsible manner,” he added.

Comments were received expressing concerns about impacts of a potential new lift to the view of a popular aspen stand at the bottom of the Chutes area. Others expressed a desire to see the East Bowl reinvigorated. In response to their comments, the lift has been realigned and will take skiers from the bottom of the Chutes to the East Bowl side of the resort thus preserving the unaltered view of the aspen stand. In addition, less ground will be disturbed than originally planned.

The Chutes area will be opened to skiing. Both the Forest Service and the ski area have been concerned about the avalanche danger in the chutes. “Regular avalanche management and patrol work will significantly reduce that hazard,” said Carson District Ranger, Gary Schiff.

Other improvements planned include: a) snow making in the East bowl and b) a new high speed lift in the east bowl and c) new view decks and trails.

Gary Schiff, Carson District Ranger added. “These are modest yet important improvements that are light on the land. This will improve the skiing experience for both locals and visitors.”

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