Forest Service Questions about Ski Resort

Proposed Use Would be in Public Interest

- Tribal consultation – **Has outreach efforts and discussions been completed with Ute and eastern Shoshone Indian tribes?**
- Other Public Outreach and Communications – **Has there been communication with groups that may be in opposition to ski resort development? i.e., groups that may be concerned with environmental or other social impacts.**
- Effects on other authorized existing uses, or uses of adjacent non-NFS lands
  - **Has there been consultation with other groups that may be impacted? (Hunters, hikers, other trail users, etc.)**
  - **Has there been outreach and discussions with nearby landowners, including residents of Pines and Acres where resort is within their viewshed and possible affected sound area?**
  - **Would there be any potential effects to the UDOT snow shed and buildings and their use?**

Demonstrated Public Need

- **Is there information that demonstrates the need and demand for an additional ski resort opportunity here?**
- **Is there an analysis showing whether this could be provided on nearby private or other public lands?**

Proposed Use is Consistent with Federal, State, and Local Laws, Regulations, Orders, and Policies

- Water Rights
  - *Culinary* – **Preliminary plan estimate shows 13.35-acre feet from well.**
    - **Has there been discussions with state water engineer on likelihood of obtaining a water right for this?**
    - **These items need to be demonstrated in a proposal to determine both feasibility and compliance with state water right laws.**
  - *Snowmaking* - **Preliminary plan and feasibility study notes that entire project is dependent on Daggett County donating water for snowmaking and changing point of diversion from Green River to Cart Creek.**
    - **A proposal would need to demonstrate the likelihood of obtaining this through evidence from Daggett County showing availability of water and confirmation from the county to do so.**
    - **Demonstration of discussion with state water engineer and documentation of a likelihood of obtaining approval for diversion of water.**
  - *Colorado River Compact* – **Are there implications associated with proposed changes of use within the waters affected by the Colorado River Compact?**

- Water Diversion
  - *Plans for water diversion and costs.*
    - **What is the proposed plan for diversion of water?**

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        - How will the water be delivered from Cart Creek to the ski resort and snowmaking locations?
        - What are the projected costs and how will these be capitalized?
    - *Effects/impacts to other water users of Cart Creek?* – The USFS has existing use of water from Cart Creek. Have these or other water uses from the proposed point of diversion been considered?

Proposed Use Will Not Create a Serious and Substantial Risk to Public Health or Safety

- Traffic Analysis – Has there been a study of traffic flow and/or communications with UDOT regarding potential traffic and use at the Greendale Junction area?
- Generator vs Powerline for Electrical Supply
    - There is a powerline nearby the proposed location. Has this been considered in comparison to generator use cost/benefit?
    - If generators are used, have emissions and/or noise effects been considered? This correlates with consideration of uses of adjacent non-forest lands (and nearby community of Pines and Acres).
    - Have there been considerations for possible fuel spillage?
- Septic system – The preliminary master plan notes that the project will utilize a septic system and leach field.
    - What are the estimates of size/capacity?
    - Has there been an examination of type of soils and or location – i.e., much of the area is rock and may be difficult/costly to complete.
    - Has effectiveness of a leach field in this area been examined?

General Questions and Details Beneficial for Initial Proposal Review

- Prices of Tickets and Source of Revenue Estimates – What are the estimated prices of tickets being used in the draft feasibility study?
- Size of snowmaking system
- More detailed map and GIS layers – Map showing proposed locations lifts, runs, lodge and other development structures.
- Employee Housing and Anticipated Source of Labor
    - There is a shortage of employee housing in Daggett County. Have considerations been given to the amount of needed housing and where this would be obtained?
    - What are the anticipated needs and availability of labor?