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TO: Board of County Commissioners
Gary Martinez
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Eva Henson
RE: Work Session Meeting of March 1, 2016
DATE: March 1, 2016

Attendees:

Elected Officials: Karn Stiegelmeier, Thomas C. Davidson and Dan Gibbs – Commissioners

Staff: Gary Martinez, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Scott Vargo, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Julie Sutor, Public Affairs Coordinator; John Minor, Sheriff; Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director; Lindsay Hirsh, Planning Manager; Alan Hanson, Senior Planner and Eva Henson, Deputy Clerk.

Guests: Kevin Fixler, Travis Beck, Scott Fitzwilliams, Paul Semmer, Cindy Ebbert, Tony Cammarata, Leigh Hierholzer, Alan Henceroth and Peggy Hiller

I. Lake Hill Onsite Visit with USFS (I-70 East Bound Scenic Overlook – just past Exit 203 Frisco/Breckenridge)

II. USFS Draft Environmental Impact Statement for A-Basin Ski Resort Expansion

Alan Hanson gave brief overview and background regarding the A-Basin Expansion Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). A-Basin is proposing to incorporate the Beavers area into its operational boundary, develop the Beavers terrain including ski trails and a new chairlift, replace Molly Hogan and Pallavicini chairlifts, grade around the ridge above the top terminal of the Pallavicini chairlift for a new snow road, construct a surface access lift to provide access to the Zuma chairlift and remove of the Norway chairlift.

On February 18, 2016, staff from the USDA Forest Service, A-Basin and SE Group, consultant who prepared the DEIS, presented the DEIS to the Snake River Planning Commission. The Commission gave its support and found that the project fits well with the existing character of the ski area, is fully consistent with the 2002 White River National Forest Plan, the ski area's 2011 Master Development Plan and reflective of the ski area's positive and valuable contributions to the community.

Scott Fitzwilliams, USDA Forest Service Supervisor, noted that this project has the potential to

affect the human environment on public lands they administer and therefore the project is subject to the environmental review requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Pursuant to NEPA, the USFS has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to analyze the potential direct, indirect, and project contributions to cumulative impacts on the human and biological environment. As required by NEPA, the Forest Service has released the DEIS for a 45-day public review and comment period.

Alan Henceroth, Chief Operating Officer, gave a detailed overview of the proposed proposed projects and identified the needs at A-Basin.

Travis Beck, SE Group, gave a brief update regarding the social impacts including the additional amount of employees needed for the project.

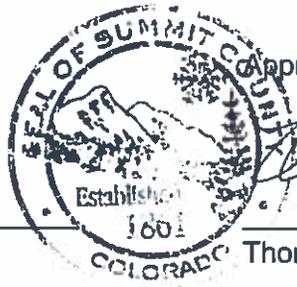
All comments in response to the DEIS are due to the Forest Service by March 21, 2016.

III. Managers' & Commissioners' Issues

Respectfully submitted,



Eva Henson, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:



Thomas C. Davidson, Chair