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### **PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR MT ROSE-SKI TAHOE PLAN**

**Carson City...**“The National Forest in the vicinity of Mt. Rose Ski Area is a place of incredible scenic beauty. Our responsibility is to enhance the public’s recreational enjoyment of the forest as well as protect it. In light of that responsibility, we have reviewed Mt. Rose’s proposal and have developed and analyzed three alternatives for public review. Alternative number three is the Forest Service preferred alternative,” said Carson District Ranger Gary Schiff.

The preferred alternative includes the following:

- a) Opening the Chutes to daily management and downhill skiing and authorizing the construction of a short lift from the bottom of the Chutes to the ridge just above the Mt. Rose Ski Lodge,
- b) Constructing snowmaking lines on the east bowl to provide for a more dependable snow pack on the Slide Mountain portion of the ski area,
- c) Replacing the current east bowl lift with a high speed six person chair lift, and,
- d) Constructing several view decks in order to enjoy views of both Lake Tahoe and the Carson Valley.

“We’re concerned about the scenery,” said District Recreation Staff Officer Larry Randall. “We want to provide for excellent recreation while maintaining the beautiful view that people enjoy from the valley. It is important to use a ‘light on the land’ approach to the improvements and our alternative will do just that.”

In regards to opening the Chutes for downhill skiing, Schiff indicated that it would increase skier safety. He said that regular avalanche control work and inspection, combined with skiers compacting the snow, would provide for expanded opportunities for those that enjoy skiing steep terrain, while increasing safety.

After reviewing public comments, Forest Supervisor Bob Vaught will sign a final decision later this spring.

For further information, please contact Larry Randall at (775) 884-8140. The public comment period runs for thirty days and will end on February 17, 2003. Comments should be sent to Arthur Bauer, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Carson Ranger District, 1536 S. Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701 or emailed to [abauer@fs.fed.us](mailto:abauer@fs.fed.us). The document can be viewed on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest website at [www.fs.fed.us/htnf](http://www.fs.fed.us/htnf).

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