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This section of the Final EA provides changes to the Draft EA that have been made to provide clarification or corrections as a result of public and agency comments or new information. Deletions are shown with ~~striketrough~~ and additions are shown with underline. Such changes to the Draft EA are indicated below under the appropriate EA section heading.

Please note that global changes were made throughout the Final EA in response to agency comments. The following summarizes the global changes made throughout the document. Note that only changes were made when it was pertinent to the subject matter.

- References to “proposed trail alignment” were changed to “proposed Ski Back Trail alignment”.
- References to “Draft EA” were changed to “Final EA” for discussion of the Final EA.
- References to “USDA Forest Service” and “USFS” were changed to “Forest Service”.
- Specific references to “trail” were changed to “Ski Back Trail”.
- Specific references to “project” were changed to “Proposed Action”.

VOLUME I – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Volume I, Introduction, Subsection a, Purpose and Need, page ES-1 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

~~MMSA proposes to construct a ski trail~~ The purpose of the Ski Back Trail is to increase skiable terrain at the Canyon Lodge portal and to simultaneously create skier return capacity to The Village portal.

Volume I, Introduction, Subsection a, Purpose and Need, page ES-1 of the Draft EA. Revise the fourth sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

In addition, future development of The Village is expected to double the demand on the Village Gondola. Construction of ~~an additional trail~~ the Ski Back Trail ~~accessible by skiers to The Village, Canyon Lodge, and Main Lodge~~ would

allow for a better balance between up-slope and down-slope skier capacity thus, improving circulation, resources allocation, and guest experience.

Volume I, Introduction, Subsection a, Purpose and Need, page ES-1 of the Draft EA. Revise the second paragraph as follows:

The Proposed Action being ~~contemplated~~analyzed by the ~~USDA~~ Forest Service, as the ~~Federal~~ Lead Agency for this project, is whether to grant approval ~~sought by MMSA~~ for the use of National Forest System land within the existing permitted boundary of the MMSA Special Use Ski Permit area for the Ski Back Trail project and under what terms and conditions; ~~based on the USDA National Forest plans and policies and considering the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action, other action alternatives, and the no action alternative~~the project would be authorized. The decision will be based on the National Forest plans and policies and considering the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action, other action alternatives, and the no action alternative. Various action alternatives were considered including three alternatives that were evaluated in detail in this ~~Draft-Final~~ Environmental Assessment (EA). This ~~Draft-Final~~ EA has been prepared to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA - 42 U.S. Code 4321 *et seq.*).

Volume I, Introduction, Subsection b, Agency Use of EA and Permitting, page ES-1 of the Draft EA. Revise the first paragraph as follows:

This ~~Draft-Final~~ EA has been prepared to inform the public and to meet the needs of the ~~Federal and State Lead Agencies~~ Forest Service, as well as other permitting agencies in considering MMSA's application for the development of ~~a ski trail~~the Ski Back Trail, and subsequently, any other permits and approvals needed for the Proposed Action. A list of applicable permit requirements is provided in Section 1.7 of this document. This ~~Draft-Final~~ EA reflects comments and concerns made by agencies and the public during the scoping process. In addition, a public review period ~~will be~~was provided to solicit written comments on the Draft EA.

Volume I, Introduction, Subsection b, Agency Use of EA and Permitting, page ES-2 of the Draft EA. Revise the first paragraph as follows:

Based on the comments received on the Draft EA, ~~a~~this Final EA will be ~~prepared that will document and incorporate~~ responses to comments and revisions as appropriate. ~~After release of the~~Following publication of the Final EA, the decision of the ~~USDA~~ Forest Service (as ~~Federal~~ Lead Agency) on the project will be documented in a Finding of No Significant Impact and a Decision Notice, including terms and conditions

of approval, ~~and a determination of~~ The decision will also determine whether or not an EIS should be prepared.

Volume I, Description of Proposed Action, page ES-2 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

The proposed trail alignment extends in a west to east direction, paralleled by Minaret Road to the north and at a higher elevation than the proposed trail alignment, and the Mammoth Slopes residential development located to the south of and at a lower elevation than the proposed trail alignment.

Volume I, Description of Proposed Action, page ES-2 of the Draft EA. Revise the fourth sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

It is anticipated that the Ski Back Trail ~~would~~ will be attractive to intermediate level and above, downhill skiers.

Volume I, Description of Proposed Action, page ES-2 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

As proposed, four walls constructed of ~~the native rock walls~~ would be a maximum of four feet high with the exception of one soil-nail wall that would be a maximum of 12.5 feet high at center.

Volume I, Description of Proposed Action, page ES-2 of the Draft EA. Revise the third sentence of the third paragraph as follows:

Construction of the Ski Back Trail would require removal of vegetation of between ~~40-22~~ and to 100-40 feet.

Volume I, Description of Proposed Action, page ES-3 of the Draft EA. Revise the third sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

During use of the ~~trail~~ Ski Back Trail, snowmaking would occur as necessary.

Volume I, Table ES-1, Issue Subheading, Recreation, page ES-4 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Construction of the Ski Back Trail would result in adverse ~~affects~~ effects to the Uptown and Downtown cross-country mountain bike trails.

Volume I, Table ES-1, Issue Subheading, Transportation, page ES-4 of the Draft EA. Revise the paragraph as follows:

The Proposed Action would not result in adverse construction or operational transportation ~~affects~~effects.

Volume I, Table ES-1, Issue Subheading, Air Quality. Page ES-4 of the Draft EA. Revise the paragraph as follows:

The Proposed Action would not result in adverse construction or operational air quality ~~affects~~effects.

Volume I, Table ES-1, Issue Subheading, Noise, page ES-4 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

However, mitigation measures are recommended in order to ensure no adverse construction noise ~~affects~~effects to the nearby residential uses.

Volume I, Table ES-1, Mitigation Measure Subheading, Noise, page ES-5 of the Draft EA. Add mitigation measure as follows:

Mitigation Measure 3.5-6: All snow-making equipment shall be placed a minimum of 300 feet from the nearest residential unit. Confirmation that due to the distance and intervening topography, the snow-making equipment does not exceed the City's Noise Ordinance shall be performed by a qualified Acoustical Engineer.

Volume I, Table ES-1, Residual Effect Subheading, Noise, page ES-5 of the Draft EA. Add paragraph discussion as follows:

This mitigation measure requires that all snow-making equipment be placed a minimum of 300 feet from the nearest residential unit. Furthermore, confirmation that the snow-making equipment does not exceed the City's Noise Ordinance shall be performed by a qualified Acoustical Engineer. This mitigation measure would be a beneficial impact on noise levels and no residual impact is anticipated.

Volume I, Table ES-1, Issue Subheading, Biological Resources, page ES-5 of the Draft EA. Revise the first paragraph as follows:

The Proposed Action would not result in adverse construction or operational ~~affects~~effects to plant species, migratory movement, or critical habitat. In addition, while sensitive wildlife species are not anticipated to occur within the Ski Back Trail vicinity, a mitigation measure is included to ensure no adverse construction ~~affects~~effects.

Volume I, Table ES-1, Issue Subheading, Biological Resources, page ES-6 of the Draft EA. Add paragraph discussion as follows:

The Proposed Action would install temporary and permanent erosion control including revegetation of the trail surface with native grasses and a mix of native shrubs and wildflowers in the disturbed areas, in which weed control measures would be required to control the colonization of disturbed ground by non-native, weedy, plant species.

Volume I, Table ES-1, Mitigation Measure Subheading, Biological Resources, page ES-6 of the Draft EA. Add mitigation measure as follows:

Mitigation Measure 3.6-2: The project applicant shall implement the following measures during ground disturbing activities:

1. All equipment used in ground disturbing activities will be cleaned free of soil and plant parts prior to beginning work on the project to prevent introduction or translocation of weed species. Ensure equipment is free of mud and plant parts by completing a thorough visual inspection of tires, tracks, and underbody.
2. Minimize the amount of ground disturbance through careful equipment operation.
3. Monitor project area for new noxious weed species for up to three years following project implementation, and remove any newly established noxious weed populations. Consult with Forest botany personnel as needed to identify weed species.
4. Revegetate project area with native species. Consult with Forest botany staff on appropriate species mix.

Volume I, Table ES-1, Residual Effect Subheading, Biological Resources, page ES-6 of the Draft EA. Add paragraph discussion as follows:

This mitigation measure requires the implementation of weed control measures, including equipment cleaning, careful equipment operation, monitoring for new noxious weed species for up to three years following the project, and revegetation of the project area with native species. Implementation of this mitigation measure would not result in physical changes to the environment and would not create a residual effect.

Volume I, Table ES-1, Issue Subheading, Aesthetics, page ES-8 of the Draft EA. Revise the paragraph as follows:

The Proposed Action would not result in adverse construction or operational aesthetic ~~effects~~.

SECTION 1.0 INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE AND NEED

Volume I, Subsection 1.2, Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action, page 1 of the Draft EA. Revise first sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

~~MMSA proposes to construct a ski trail~~The purpose of the Ski Back Trail is to increase skiable terrain at the Canyon Lodge portal and to simultaneously create skier return capacity to The Village portal.

Volume I, Subsection 1.2, Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action, page 2 of the Draft EA. Revise the footnote as follows:

⁴ *Communications with MMSA Transportation Supervisor, Paul ~~Wedre~~Weden.*

Volume I, Subsection 1.2, Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action, page 3 of the Draft EA. Revise the first paragraph as follows:

It is estimated that the Ski Back Trail is anticipated to reduce the existing demand on the Village Gondola to 2,000 skiers per hour rather than 3,200 and reduce future demand on the Village Gondola to 5,200 skiers per hour rather than 6,400, with a wait of approximately 80 minutes rather than 115 minutes. This amount could also reduce the ~~amount~~number of skiers riding the transit buses between Canyon Lodge and The Village by 120 to 180 riders.¹ Although buildout demand would still be greater than capacity, the Ski Back Trail would provide an alternate route for approximately 900 to 1,200 skiers per hour to depart

¹ *This is assuming that 60 percent of skiers that would wait in line for the Blue Line bus at Canyon Lodge would instead utilize the Ski Back Trail.*

the mountain contributing to the Town’s overall master plan by balancing the up-slope and down-slope capacity.

Volume I, Subsection 1.2, Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action, page 3 of the Draft EA. Revise the second line of the second paragraph as follows:

The ~~amount~~number of skiers/snowboarders traveling from outside the area not only impacts the capacity of MMSA, but also traffic conditions within the Town and the issue of global warming has become especially sensitive to this area due to the increased impacts experienced by mountain resorts.

Volume I, Subsection 1.2, Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action, page 3 of the Draft EA. Revise the footnote as follows:

⁵ *This is assuming that 60 percent of skiers ~~that~~who would wait in line for the Blue Line bus at Canyon Lodge would instead utilize the Ski Back Trail.*

Volume I, Subsection 1.3.a, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service, Inyo National Forest, page 4 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the third paragraph as follows:

A key purpose of the planning documents is to “provide for multiple use and sustained yield of goods and services from the ~~national~~National Forest System in a way that maximizes long term net public benefits in an environmentally sound manner.”

Volume I, Subsection 1.4.a, Forest Service, page 5 of the Draft EA. Revise the bullet point as follows:

Maintain ~~Timber~~timber stands for health and vigor only. Timber harvest is incidental to ski area expansion. (INF LRMP, 1988, Rx #13, p. 138)

Volume I, Subsection 1.4.b(2), Town of Mammoth Lakes 2007 General Plan Update, page 7 of the Draft EA. Revise the bullet point as follows:

Goal: Emphasize feet first, public transportation second, and car last in planning the community transportation system while still meeting level of service standards “D₂”:

Volume I, Subsection 1.4.b(3), Resolution Endorsing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, page 7 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Mayors and council who sign on to the agreement are making a commitment to reduce GHG emissions in their own cities and communities to seven percent below 1990 levels by 2012 through actions, such as; increasing energy efficiency, reducing vehicles miles traveled, maintaining healthy urban forests, reducing sprawl, and promoting clean renewable energy resources.

Volume I, Subsection 1.5.a, Public Scoping, page 8 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

The Ski Back Trail has been identified in several planning documents and publications; ~~as noted above.~~

Volume I, Subsection 1.5.a, Public Scoping, page 8 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

~~As a consequence, various~~ Various alignments and proposals for a Ski Back Trail have received substantial public review over the last several years, including open houses, field trips, and news articles.

Volume I, Subsection 1.5.a, Public Scoping, page 8 of the Draft EA. Revise the third sentence of the paragraph as follows:

The initial proposed alignment was presented to the public in an MMSA sponsored open house on November 10, 2003, with invitations extended to all adjacent landowners, the public, and other interested parties; ~~and which~~ 25 members of the public and representatives of local government ~~were in attendance~~ attended.

Volume I, Subsection 1.5.a, Public Scoping, page 8 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the third paragraph as follows:

Field trips ~~were also scheduled to review~~ covering the proposed trail alignment were held on Wednesday, October 6, 2004, and Saturday, October 9, 2004.

Volume I, Subsection 1.5.b, Identified Issues and Concerns, page 9. Delete the fourth bullet point as follows:

- ~~• Impacts regarding violation of MMSA's Bike Park Permit by eliminating free trail use.~~

Volume I, Subsection 1.5.b, Identified Issues and Concerns, page 9 of the Draft EA. Revise the footnote as follows:

- ⁶ *Copies of all comments received are on file with the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, P.O. Box 24, 1 Minaret Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.*

Volume I, Subsection 1.6, Document Organization, page 11 of the Draft EA. Revise the sixth bullet point as follows:

Appendix D: Floral and Faunal Compendia and Sensitive Plant Species Table

Volume I, Subsection 1.7, Necessary Approvals, page 11 of the Draft EA. Revise the third bullet point as follows:

- ~~Lahontan~~ Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

SECTION 2.0 PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

Volume I, Subsection 2.1, Project Location and Surrounding Uses, page 12 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence in the third paragraph as follows:

As shown in the aerial photograph in Figure 2 on page 14, the proposed trail alignment extends in a west to east direction, paralleled by Minaret Road to the north and at a higher elevation than the proposed trail alignment, and the Mammoth Slopes residential development located to the south of and at a lower elevation than the proposed trail alignment.

Volume I, Subsection 2.2.a, MMSA, page 12 of the Draft EA. Revise the second paragraph as follows:

The Canyon Lodge portal is the ~~most~~ most-used base facility on the mountain. As such, it services approximately 8,000 skiers a day and is also the ~~pass-pass~~-through for skiers originating at The Village portal. The Canyon Lodge and Village portal includes chairs 7, 8, 16, 17, 22, Poma, Heimo's Platter, Canyon Carpet, and Canyon Carpet West; and have an existing lift capacity of 6,050 skiers at one time (SAOT) and trail capacity of 4,427 SAOT.

Volume I, Subsection 2.2.a, MMSA page 15 of the Draft EA. Revise the seventh sentence of the first full paragraph as follows:

Meanwhile, the Main Street/Minaret Road intersection currently functions at a LOS C₂; however, during peak days (including the week around Christmas

Day, Thanksgiving weekend, Martin Luther King Day, and Presidents Day weekend), the LOS drops to well below LOS D.9

Volume I, Subsection 2.2.a, MMSA, page 15 of the Draft EA. Revise the footnote as follows:

⁸ *Communications with MMSA Transportation Supervisor, Paul ~~Wedre~~Weden.*

Volume I, Subsection 2.2.b, Project Area, page 15 of the Draft EA. Revise the first paragraph as follows:

The recommended Ski Back Trail alignment is characterized by a moderately dense cover of Jeffrey pines and ~~Red Fir~~red fir, with trees ranging from several inches to nearly 80 feet above the ground surface. The understory is a mixture of ~~manzanita~~manzanita-type shrub, yellow-brown ground cover, and fallen woody debris. The dominant cover is sunny, open areas consisting of greenleaf manzanita, pinemat manzanita, tobacco brush, big sagebrush, and antelope bitterbrush.

Volume I, Subsection 2.3, Proposed Action, page 16 of the Draft EA. Revise the third sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Please note, that in order to provide ease of description, locations along the trail have been defined as “Stations,” where Station 78 represents the top of the trail as defined by ~~it’s~~its length of 7,800 linear feet and Station 00 would be where the trail terminates.

Volume I, Subsection 2.3.a, Construction, page 16 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

In order to maintain skiable pitch in the ~~six~~five steeper sections of the trail, slope retention would be necessary.

Volume I, Subsection 2.3.a, Construction, page 16 of the Draft EA. Revise the second paragraph as follows:

As described above, the proposed Ski Back Trail alignment and construction would utilize ~~down-slope grade-cutting and~~ slope retention techniques ~~where necessary rather than fill, in order~~ to minimize the disturbance of the natural terrain, existing bike trails, and visual impacts to the residents in the adjacent Mammoth Slopes neighborhood. In response to public comments, cut

and fill on side-hill portions of the proposed Ski Back Trail will be balanced with the goal to safely retain trees. Construction of the Ski Back Trail would require removal of vegetation of between 22 and 40 ~~and 100~~-feet and a total grading area of 6.16 acres.

Volume I, Subsection 2.3.a, Construction, page 16 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Minimal hauling would be required for the project since the existing dirt that would be cut would be utilized to fill in the areas of the Ski Back Trail were required and/or stored on property to be used at other Forest Service approved ~~location~~ locations on the mountain.

Volume I, Subsection 2.3.a, Construction, page 18 of the Draft EA. Revise the third paragraph as follows:

The Ski Back Trail would terminate on a private parcel on Forest Trail Road, immediately downhill of the Val d'Isere condominiums. ~~There is an~~An agreement in place with the owner of the parcel allowing for a bridge to be constructed over Forest Trail Road ~~on which the trail terminates, that the owner will be responsible for the design and construction of a bridge over the Forest Trail Road~~ connecting skiers from the Ski Back Trail to The Village. Furthermore, in response to public comments, the final 300 feet of the proposed Ski Back Trail will incorporate a raised causeway to maintain a one percent grade and eliminate the need for stairs at the Village and the proposed Ski Back Trail Connection Bridge.

Volume I, Subsection 2.3.b, Operations, page 18 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the paragraph as follows:

During use of the ~~trail~~Ski Back Trail, snowmaking would occur as necessary. Snowmaking generally only occurs early in the ski season (November to December) and it is estimated that in an average year a total of 60 hours of snowmaking activities could occur.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.a, Alternative 1 – Original Alignment Proposal, page 19 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

The Original Alignment Alternative 1 Proposal ~~that was~~describes the originally proposed Ski Back Trail alignment developed in 1997 can generally be described as having included, on average, steeper slopes and a straighter alignment.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.a, Alternative 1 – Original Alignment Proposal, page 19 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

~~However, as~~As a result, it also included ~~a substantial-substantially amount~~ more cut and fill, tree removal, and impacts to the existing mountain bike trails.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.a, Alternative 1 – Original Alignment Proposal, page 19 of the Draft EA. Revise the third sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

As illustrated in Figure 4 on page 21, the Original Alignment Proposal Alternative coincides with the ~~proposed~~Proposed Action alignment for approximately 1,600 feet at the upper reach and then turns north at approximately Station 60 for approximately 200 feet.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Comparison of Alternatives, page 24 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Table 2 on page 25 provides a comparison of ~~affects-effects~~ of the Proposed Action and the three alternatives after application of required mitigation measures.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Comparison of Alternatives, Noise, page 24 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the third paragraph as follows:

Noise: Potential short-term ~~affects-effects~~ could occur to the residential community located south of the proposed Ski Back Trail, during construction activities.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5,e, Comparison of Alternatives, Noise, page 24 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

However, with implementation of the mitigation measures requiring adequate screening and compliance with the Town's Noise Ordinance, there would be no adverse noise ~~affectseffects~~.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5,e, Comparison of Alternatives, Biological Resources, page 24 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Biological Resources: A review of the floral and faunal compendia indicates that there are no sensitive plant species and/or sensitive wildlife species that would be adversely affected by construction or operation of the Proposed Action.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Comparison of Alternatives, Biological Resources, page 24. Add the sentence to the paragraph as follows:

Furthermore, a mitigation measure has been included to ensure invasive weed species within the project area are minimized during construction activities, monitored and removed as needed. With implementation of this mitigation measure, biological resources would not be adversely affected.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Comparison of Alternatives, Cultural Resources, page 24 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the fifth paragraph as follows:

Implementation of the recommended mitigation measures would require monitoring during grading activities to ensure no adverse ~~affects~~effects to cultural resources, including human remains, would occur.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Recreation, page 25 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Therefore, a mitigation measure would require reconstruction of the mountain bike trails to ensure there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects to summer recreational facilities.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 1 Original Alignment Proposal Subheading, Recreation, page 25 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Therefore, a mitigation measure would require reconstruction of the mountain bike trails to ensure that there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects to summer recreational facilities.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 2 Transit Emphasis Alternative Subheading, Recreation, page 25 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would not be any construction activities or associated construction ~~affects~~effects to the mountain bike trails for the Transit Emphasis Alternative.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 2 Transit Emphasis Alternative Subheading, Recreation, page 25 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Therefore, Alternative 2 would result in adverse operational ~~affects~~effects to winter recreational facilities.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 2 Transit Emphasis Alternative Subheading, Recreation, page 25 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the third paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects to summer recreational facilities with implementation of Alternative 2.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 3 No Action Alternative Subheading, Recreation, page 25 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would not be any construction activities or associated construction ~~affects~~effects for the No Action Alternative.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 3 No Action Alternative Subheading, Recreation, page 25 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Therefore, Alternative 3 would result in adverse operational ~~affects~~effects to winter recreational facilities.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 3 No Action Alternative Subheading, Recreation, page 25 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the third paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects to summer recreational facilities with implementation of Alternative 3.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Transportation, page 26 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Construction-related ~~affects~~effects would be short-term and traffic generated by the construction crew would be small compared to the existing traffic volumes on Minaret Road and other affected streets.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Transportation, page 26 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse construction ~~affects~~effects and no mitigation measures would be required.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Transportation, page 26-27 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

As there would be no adverse operational ~~affects~~effects in regards to the Proposed Action, no mitigation measures are required.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 1 Original Alignment Proposal Subheading, Transportation, page 26 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Construction-related ~~affects~~effects would be short-term and traffic generated by the construction crew would be small compared to the existing traffic volumes on Minaret Road and other affected streets.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 2 Transit Emphasis Alternative Subheading, Transportation, page 26 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

As the Ski Back Trail would not be developed, no construction-related ~~affects~~effects would occur and no mitigation measures are required.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 2 Transit Emphasis Alternative Subheading, Transportation, page 26-27 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

There would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects and no mitigation measures are required.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 3 No Action Alternative Subheading, Transportation, page 26 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Since there would be no development under the No Action Alternative, there would be no construction-related traffic ~~affects~~effects and no mitigation measures are required.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 3 No Action Alternative Subheading, Transportation, page 26-27 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

There would be no adverse operational ~~affects~~effects and no mitigation measures would be required.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Air Quality page 27-28 of the Draft EA. Revise the second to last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Since construction ~~affects~~effects are temporary in nature, there would be no adverse construction ~~affects~~effects.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Air Quality, page 28-29 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

As such, the Proposed Action would not result in adverse operational ~~affects~~effects to air quality and no mitigation measures are required.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 1 Original Alignment Proposal Subheading, Air Quality, page 27-28 of the Draft EA. Revise the second to last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Since construction impacts are temporary in nature, there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 1 Original Alignment Proposal Subheading, Air Quality page 28-29 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

As such, Alternative 1 would not result in adverse operational ~~affects~~effects to air quality and no mitigation measures are required.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 2 Transit Emphasis Alternative Subheading, Air Quality, page 27 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would not be any construction activities or associated construction ~~affects~~effects for the Transit Emphasis Alternative.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2 Alternative 2 Transit Emphasis Alternative Subheading, Air Quality, page 28 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects resulting from emissions of TACs or odors.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 2 Transit Emphasis Alternative Subheading, Air Quality page 29 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse operational ~~affect~~effect to air quality and no mitigation measures are required.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 3 No Action Alternative Subheading, Air Quality page 27 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would not be any construction activities or associated construction ~~affects~~effects for the No Action Alternative.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 3 No Action Alternative Subheading, Air Quality page 29 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the third paragraph as follows:

With respect to potential TAC impacts, Alternative 3 is not expected to generate any additional air toxics emissions, and there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 3 No Action Alternative Subheading, Air Quality page 29 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the third paragraph as follows:

In summary, impacts under Alternative 3 would not increase operational emissions as compared to existing conditions; therefore there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects to air quality.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Noise, page 29 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

However, the projected construction traffic would be small when compared to the existing traffic volumes on SR-203 and other affected streets and ~~it's~~its associated longer-term (e.g., hourly or daily) noise level changes would not be measurable.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Noise, page 29 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse short-term construction related worker commutes and equipment transport noise ~~affects~~effects and no mitigation measures would be required.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Noise, page 29-30 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

In addition, implementation of the recommended mitigation measures would further ensure that there would be no adverse potential construction noise ~~affects~~effects.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 1 Original Alignment Proposal Subheading, Noise, page 29 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the paragraph as follows:

However, the projected construction traffic would be small when compared to the existing traffic volumes on SR-203 and other ~~affected~~effected streets and it's associated longer-term (e.g., hourly or daily) noise level changes would not be measurable.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 1 Original Alignment Proposal Subheading, Noise, page 29 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse short-term construction related worker commutes and equipment transport noise ~~affects~~effects and no mitigation measures would be required.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 2 Transit Emphasis Alternative Subheading, Noise, page 29 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

As the Ski Back Trail would not be constructed under this alternative, no construction noise ~~affects~~effects would occur.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 3 No Action Alternative Subheading, Noise, page 29 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Since there would be no development under this Alternative, there would be no adverse construction-related noise ~~affects~~effects.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 1 Original Alignment Proposal Subheading, Noise, page 30 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

In addition, implementation of the recommended mitigation measures would further ensure that there would be no adverse potential construction noise ~~affects~~effects.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 2 Transit Emphasis Alternative Subheading, Noise, page 30 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

The resulting change in traffic noise would not be measurable and there would be no adverse traffic noise ~~affects~~effects.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 3 No Action Alternative Subheading, Noise, page 30 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Consequently, traffic noise conditions would remain the same, and thus, no traffic noise ~~affects~~effects would occur.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 3 No Action Alternative Subheading, Noise, page 30 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no operational noise ~~affects~~effects under this Alternative.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Noise, page 31 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse interior or exterior noise ~~affects~~effects to the existing residential uses adjacent to the Proposed Action alignment from snow-grooming activities and no further mitigation measures are required.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Noise, page 31 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

There would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects and no mitigation measures are required.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 1 Original Alignment Proposal Subheading, Noise, page 31 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse interior or exterior noise ~~affects~~effects to the existing residential uses adjacent to Alternative 1 alignment from snow-grooming activities and no further mitigation measures are required.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 1 Original Alignment Proposal Subheading, Noise, page 31 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

There would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects and no mitigation measures are required.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Biological Resources, page 32. Add the sentence to the first paragraph as follows:

No sensitive plant species identified by the Forest Service would be adversely impacted.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Biological Resources, page 32 of the Draft EA. Revise the second paragraph as follows:

As such, based on the sensitivity of the plant species, there would be no adverse construction ~~affects~~effects of the Proposed Action in regards to biological resources.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Biological Resources, page 33 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the last paragraph as follows:

In addition, since the Ski Back Trail area does not contain sensitive wildlife movements, does not provide an effective route for migratory species, and does not contain critical habitat, the Proposed Action would not result in adverse ~~affects~~effects in these regards.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Biological Resources, page 33 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the last paragraph as follows:

As such, implementation of the Proposed Action would not result in adverse operational ~~affects~~effects to biological resources.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 1 Original Alignment Proposal Subheading, Biological Resources, page 32 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Alternative ~~2~~1 would require grading a total of approximately 8.3 acres of land, including the export of 23,000 cubic yards of cut and the import of 2,000 cubic yards of rock stack.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 1 Original Alignment Proposal Subheading, Biological Resources, page 32. Add the sentence to the first paragraph as follows:

No sensitive plant species identified by the Forest Service would be adversely impacted.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 1 Original Alignment Proposal Subheading, Biological Resources, page 32 of the Draft EA. Revise the second paragraph as follows:

As such, based on the sensitivity of the plant species, there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects of Alternative ~~2~~1 in regards to biological resources.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 1 Original Alignment Proposal Subheading, Biological Resources, page 32 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the last paragraph as follows:

As such, implementation of Alternative 1 would not result in adverse ~~affects~~effects to biological resources.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 2 Transit Emphasis Alternative Subheading, Biological Resources, page 32 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

No grading or excavation activities that would affect sensitive plant species, sensitive wildlife species, wildlife movement, or critical habitat, located in the Ski Back Trail area would be impacted.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 2 Transit Emphasis Alternative Subheading, Biological Resources, page 32 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

As such, implementation of Alternative 2 would not result in adverse ~~affects~~effects to biological resources in the area.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 2 Transit Emphasis Alternative Subheading, Biological Resources, page 32 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Implementation of Alternative 2 would not result in adverse ~~affects~~effects to biological resources in the area.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 3, No Action Alternative Subheading, Biological Resources, page 32 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

As such, implementation of Alternative 3 would not result in adverse ~~affects~~effects to biological resources in the area.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 3, No Action Alternative Subheading, Biological Resources, page 32 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

As such, implementation of Alternative 3 would not result in adverse ~~affects~~effects to biological resources in the area.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Cultural Resources, page 33 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, mitigation measures requiring monitoring for all ground-disturbing construction activities would not result in adverse ~~affects~~effects to historical, archaeological, or paleontological, resources, and human remains.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Cultural Resources, page 34 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the top paragraph as follows:

As such, there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects to cultural resources with implementation of the Proposed Action.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 1 Original Alignment Proposal Subheading, Cultural Resources, page 33 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, mitigation measures requiring monitoring for all ground-disturbing construction activities would not result in adverse ~~affects~~effects to historical, archaeological, or paleontological, resources, and human remains.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 2 Transit Emphasis Alternative Subheading, Cultural Resources, page 33 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects to cultural resources with implementation of Alternative 2.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 3 No Action Alternative Subheading, Cultural Resources, page 33 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects to cultural resources with implementation of Alternative 3.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 1 Original Alignment Proposal Subheading, Cultural Resources, page 34 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the top paragraph as follows:

As such, there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects to cultural resources with implementation of the Alternative 1.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 2 Transit Emphasis Alternative Subheading, Cultural Resources, page 34 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the top paragraph as follows:

As such, there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects to cultural resources with implementation of the Alternative 2.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 3 No Action Alternative Subheading, Cultural Resources, page 34 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the top paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects to cultural resources with implementation of Alternative 3.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Aesthetics, page 34 of the Draft EA. Revise the third sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

As such, since the construction activities would be short-term with limited viewsheds of the construction activities, there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects in this regard.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 1 Original Alignment Proposal Subheading, Aesthetics, page 34 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

As such, since the construction activities would be short-term with limited viewsheds of the construction activities, there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects in this regard.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 2 Transit Emphasis Alternative Subheading, Aesthetics, page 34 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

There would be no adverse construction ~~affects~~effects for Alternative 2.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 3 No Action Alternative Subheading, Aesthetics, page 34 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would not be any adverse construction activities or associated construction ~~affects~~effects for the No Action Alternative.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Aesthetics, page 34-35 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Therefore, the Proposed Action would not result in an adverse ~~affects~~effects to regional visual resources.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 1 Original Alignment Proposal Subheading, Aesthetics, page 34-35 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Therefore, Alternative 1 would not result in an adverse ~~affects~~ effect to regional visual resources.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 2 Transit Emphasis Alternative Subheading, Aesthetics, page 34 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

As such, Alternative 2 would not result in adverse ~~affects~~ effects regarding visual resources.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 3 No Action Alternative Subheading, Aesthetics, page 34 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the last paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~affects~~ effects to the visual character, landscape character, or scenic integrity under the No Action Alternative.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Proposed Action Subheading, Aesthetics, page 35 of the Draft EA. Revise the third sentence of the last paragraph as follows:

As such, the Proposed Action would not result in an adverse ~~affect~~ effect to the visual resources along the Ski Back Trail alignment.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 1 Original Alignment Proposal Subheading, Aesthetics, page 35 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the last paragraph as follows:

As such, Alternative 1 would not result in an adverse ~~affect~~ effect to the visual resources along the Ski Back Trail alignment.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Table 2, Alternative 2 Transit Emphasis Alternative Subheading, Aesthetics, page 35 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the last paragraph as follows:

As such, Alternative 2 would not result in adverse ~~affects~~ effects regarding visual resources.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Comparison of Alternatives, page 36 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

In all cases, the mitigation measures would ensure that there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects regarding noise, biological resources, cultural resources, and recreation.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Comparison of Alternatives, page 36 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

There would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects to all other environmental issue areas, as concluded within this Draft EA and in the Initial Study.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Comparison of Alternatives, page 36 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the last paragraph as follows:

Specifically, the No Action Alternative would not construct a ski trail to increase skier return capacity to The Village portal of which, existing up-slope capacity exceeds down-slope capacity on the Village Gondola and the Canyon Lodge and Main Lodge Transit system.

Volume I, Subsection 2.5.e, Comparison of Alternatives, page 36 of the Draft EA. Revise the second to the last sentence of the last paragraph as follows:

Thus, the ~~amount~~number of skiers/snowboarders traveling from outside the area would continue to increase substandard traffic conditions within the Town contributing to global warming, which has become especially sensitive to this area due to the increased impacts experienced by mountain resorts.

SECTION 3.1 INTRODUCTION

Volume I, Introduction, page 37 of the Draft EA. Revise the following as follows:

3.8 ~~Aesthetics~~Visual Resources

Volume I, Introduction, page 37 of the Draft EA. Revise the following as follows:

Appendix D Floral And Faunal Compendia and Sensitive Plant Species Table

SECTION 3.2 RECREATION

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.2.a, Winter, page 42 of the Draft EA. Revise the fifth sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Of the remaining hotel units to be developed in The Village, ~~the Westin Hotel will be operational by winter 2007;~~ the Hillside and the second phase of 8050 are under construction; the One Hotel is scheduled to break ground in the spring of 2008; and the Mammoth Crossings Hotel complex and the Marriot Hotel are currently seeking final tract map approval from the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.2.a, Winter, page 42 of the Draft EA. Revise the footnote as follows:

¹² *The planning document for the development of the Village area is The North Village Specific Plan adopted by the Town of Mammoth Lakes Town Council in 2000. This document details the number of hotel/bed and commercial units and associated occupancies at build out to be 6,400 visitors. Not all visitors who vacation in the mountains are skiers. The standard calculation for visitors who will ski is 1:1.7 according to Ecosign Mountain Resort Planners ~~LLC~~ Ltd. 2007.*

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.2.a(2), Village Gondola Down-Load Capacity, page 43 of the Draft EA. Revise the third sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

The one-way operating capacity of the Village Gondola is approximately 2,200 skiers per hour based on an observed car capacity of 10 to 12 skiers.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.2.a(2), Village Gondola Down-Load Capacity, Table 3, page 44 of the Draft EA. Revise the table footnote as follows:

* *Chair & Trail Capacity is based on Skier Carrying Capacity (SCC). The measurement in Mammoth Mountain Ski Area's Draft Master Development plan ~~64pp~~ as the number of skiers that a given ski area or chair catchment area can comfortably support, or those that may be accommodated at one time. A ski area or chair catchment area's SCC is a function of vertical transport ~~fee~~ feet demand per skier, vertical transport ~~fee~~ feet supplied per hour, difficulty of terrain, and scope of support.*

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.b(1), Construction Impacts, page 45 of the Draft EA. Revise the third sentence of the paragraph as follows:

The proposed Ski Back Trail would intersect the mountain bike trails a total of 25 times and would overlap the mountain bike trails for approximately 2,800 feet of the total ~~40,200~~7,800 feet; refer to Figure 6 on page 46 for an illustration of where the Proposed Action would intersect the mountain bike trails.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.b(1), Construction Impacts, pages 45 and 47 of the Draft EA. Revise the third sentence of the paragraph as follows:

The proposed Ski Back Trail would intersect the mountain bike trails a total of 25 times and would overlap the mountain bike trails for approximately 2,800 feet of the total ~~40,200~~7,800 feet; refer to Figure 6 on page 46 for an illustration of where the Proposed Action would intersect the mountain bike trails.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.b(1), Construction Impacts, pages 45 of the Draft EA. Revise the seventh sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Access to the Town and Village would remain available on the weekdays through Canyon Lodge via Shotgun and Paper Route and Big Ring bike trails.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.b(1), Construction Impacts, pages 45 of the Draft EA. Revise the ninth sentence of the paragraph as follows:

The Proposed Action trail alignment is configured and would utilize slope retention techniques to minimize the impacts to the existing mountain bike trails by more closely keeping to the natural terrain with minimal cut and fill and tree removal.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.b(1), Construction Impacts, pages 45 of the Draft EA. Revise the 10th sentence of the paragraph as follows:

In addition, in response to public comments, cut and fill on side-hill portions of the proposed Ski Back Trail would be balanced with the goal to safely retain trees.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.b(1), Construction Impacts, pages 45 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Construction of the proposed Ski Back Trail would not result in adverse ~~affects~~effects to summer recreational facilities.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.b(2)(a), Winter, Table 5, page 48 of the Draft EA. Revise Table 5 as follows:

Table 5

Peak End of Day Village Gondola Queue With and Without Ski Back Trail

<u>Gondola Peak Day</u>	<u>Gondola Demand</u>	<u>Approximate Wait Time</u>	<u>Approximate Skiers in Queue¹</u>
Existing Peak Saturday	3,200 skiers	27 minutes	1,000 skiers
Buildout Peak Saturday	6,400 skiers	115 minutes	4,200 skiers
Existing Peak Saturday with SBT	2,000 skiers*	0 minutes	0 skiers
Buildout Peak Saturday with SBT	5,200 skiers*	80 minutes	3,000 skiers

* *The comfortable carrying capacity of the Ski Back Trail is 1,200 skiers per hour.*

¹ *Subtracted 2,200 to get the approximate number of skiers in the queue.*

Source: Demand calculated off of existing and future buildout of accommodations in the North Village Specific Plan and the additional accommodations with a one quarter mile radius of the Village Gondola.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.b(2)(a), Winter, page 49 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

The Proposed Action would not result in adverse ~~affects~~effects to winter recreational facilities.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.c(1), Construction Impacts, page 50 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Construction impacts to the mountain bike trails would be short-term and therefore, construction of Alternative 1 would not result in adverse ~~affects~~effects to summer recreational facilities.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.c(2)(a), Winter, page 51 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Alternative 1 would not result in adverse ~~affects~~effects to winter recreational facilities.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.c(2)(b), Summer, page 51 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Implementation of the recommended mitigation measure would ensure there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects to summer recreational facilities.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.d(1), Construction Impacts, page 51 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

There would not be any construction activities or adverse ~~affects~~effects to the mountain bike trails for the Transit Emphasis Alternative.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3d.(2)(a), Winter, page 52 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, Alternative 2 would result in adverse ~~affects~~effects to winter recreational facilities due to the fact that it would not alleviate demand for the down loading of the village gondola nor provide any additional recreational opportunities, and would result in down loading queues of approximately two hours on peak days.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.d(2)(b), Summer, page 52 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects to summer recreational facilities with implementation of Alternative 2.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.e(1), Construction, page 52 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would not be any construction activities or adverse ~~affects~~effects for the No Action Alternative.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.e(2)(a), Winter, page 52-53 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, Alternative 3 would result in adverse ~~affects~~effects to winter recreational facilities due to the fact that it would not alleviate demand for the down loading of the Village Gondola nor provide any additional recreational opportunities, and would result in down loading queues of approximately two hours on peak days.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.e(2)(b), Summer, page 53 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects to summer recreational facilities with implementation of Alternative 3.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.f, Conformity with Applicable Plans and policies page 53 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the paragraph as follows:

The Proposed Action and Alternative 1 would develop an alpine skiing trail within the ~~USDA~~-Forest Service rural ROS class of the Mammoth Escarpment Management Area.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.f, Conformity with Applicable Plans and policies page 53 of the Draft EA. Revise the fourth sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

In addition, as described in Section ~~3-73.8~~, Visual Resources, the Proposed Action and Alternative 1 would have a Scenic Class that reflects the general goals of the INFLRMP maintaining Partial Retention, and even perhaps Retention, so that the existing visual character of the proposed Ski Back Trail area would not change.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.f, Conformity with Applicable Plans and policies page 53 of the Draft EA. Revise the fifth sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

As described in Section ~~3-53.6~~, Biological Resources, the Proposed Action and Alternative 1 would not develop the proposed Ski Back Trail in which the integrity of major mule deer staging areas would be compromised during the spring and fall migration and would not disturb northern goshawk nest sites.

Volume I, Subsection 3.2.3.f, Conformity with Applicable Plans and policies page 53 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Alternative ~~3-2~~ would not involve any construction activities and instead would provide four additional bus trips during the peak hours.

SECTION 3.3 TRANSPORTATION

Volume I, Subsection 3.3.1.a, Town of Mammoth Lakes 2007 General Plan Update, page 56 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

~~Levels~~Level of service (LOS) is defined as a qualitative measure describing operational conditions within a traffic stream and the perception by motorists and/or passengers.

Volume I, Subsection 3.3.2.b, Public Transit, page 60. Add the following discussion after the second paragraph as follows:

The Blue Line currently serves Canyon Lodge and the Village with a 15-minute loop. It is currently served by four buses (with a bus capacity of approximately 45-60 riders), which results in about a seven minute headway or approximately eight trips per hour or 360-480 passengers an hour. On typical winter Saturdays there may be 45-50 people waiting in line for the bus at one time.

Volume I, Subsection 3.3.2.b, Public Transit, page 60 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the third paragraph as follows:

In addition, MMSA operates up to seven parking shuttles along Minaret Road from the Main Lodge to the Chairs 4/20 parking area; to pick-up skiers parked along the side of Minaret Road and take them to and from the Main Lodge.

Volume I, Subsection 3.3.2.b, Public Transit, page 60 of the Draft EA. Revise the footnote of the Second paragraph as follows:

¹⁹ *Per communications with Paul Weden, MMSA-Senior Transportation Supervisor with LSA Associates, March 4, 2005.*

Volume I, Subsection 3.3.2.c, Village Gondola, page 62 of the Draft EA. Revise the first full sentence of the paragraph as follows:

The one-way operating capacity of the Village Gondola is approximately 2,200 skiers per hour based on an observed car capacity of 10 to 12 skiers.

Volume I, Subsection 3.3.3.b(2), Operational Impacts, page 64 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Based on the existing conditions of peak day wait times as noted above for both the Main Lodge transit system and the Village Gondola, there is a need for additional ~~end-of-day~~end-of-day mobility capacity.

Volume I, Subsection 3.3.3.b(2), Operational Impacts, page 65 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second full paragraph as follows:

For these reasons, it is assumed that it is more likely that more users of the Ski Back trail would be diverted from the Village Gondola ~~then~~than from the Main Lodge transit system.

Volume I, Subsection 3.3.3.b(2), Operational Impacts, page 65 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the third full paragraph as follows:

In order to relate the ~~trails-trail's~~ attractiveness from these two portals to its ability to reduce congestion by meeting the need for the diversion of excess demand from the Village Gondola and Main Lodge transit system, it was estimated as a conservative worst-case scenario that a minimum of 10 percent of skiers going to The Village from the Canyon Lodge may be attracted to the Ski Back Trail and a minimum of five percent of the skiers from the Main Lodge.

SECTION 3.4 AIR QUALITY

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(1)(a), Ozone Precursor Emissions, page 92 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the third full paragraph as follows:

As such, there would be no adverse ~~affect-effect~~ regarding both VOC and NOx as O3 precursors and as primary pollutants.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(1)(c), Carbon Monoxide Emissions, page 93 of the Draft EA. Revise Table 13 as follows:

Table 13

**Proposed Action Construction Emissions
(Tons Per Year)**

Construction Phase	VOC	NO_x	SO₂	CO	PM₁₀	PM_{2.5}
Site Preparation (six months)	1.0	3.0	< 0.1	4.0	8.0	2.0
Total	1.0	3.0	< 0.1	4.0	8.0	2.0
Significance Threshold	250	250	250	250	100	250
Over (Under)	(249)	(247)	(250)	(246)	(92)	(248)
Adverse AffectEffect?	No	No	No	No	No	No

Note: Numbers may not add up exactly due to rounding.

^a *Construction emissions calculated using URBEMIS2002 v. 8.7.*

Source: PCR Services Corporation, 2007.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(1)(c), Carbon Monoxide Emissions, page 93 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect regarding projected CO emissions as a result of construction activities.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(1)(d), Particulate Matter Emissions, page 94 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, the Proposed Action would not result in an adverse ~~affect~~effect regarding PM₁₀ emissions during construction.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(1)(e), Fine Particulate Matter Emissions, page 94 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, the Proposed Action would not result in an adverse ~~affect~~effect regarding PM_{2.5} emissions during construction.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(1)(f), Toxic Air Contaminants, page 94 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect regarding TAC impacts during construction.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(1)(g), Odor, page 94 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Potential sources of odors related to construction of the Proposed Action include odors from ~~diesel-powered~~diesel-powered construction equipment.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(1)(g), Odor, page 94-95 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Due to the temporary nature of construction activities and distance to the nearest off-site receptors, there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect regarding odors.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(2)(a), Ozone Precursor Emissions, page 95 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Thus, the project results in a net environmental benefit and there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect regarding VOCs and NO_x.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(2)(b), Sulfur Dioxide Emissions, page 96 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Based on the net reduction of SO₂ emissions, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(2)(c), Carbon Monoxide Emissions, page 96 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

There would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect regarding CO emissions during operation of the Proposed Action.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(2)(e), Fine Particulate Matter Emissions, page 97 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Since the Proposed Action results in a 40 lbs/year net decrease in PM_{2.5} emissions, the Proposed Action would result in a net environmental benefit and there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect regarding PM_{2.5}.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(2)(f), Toxic Air Contaminants, page 97 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, impacts resulting from emissions of TACs would result in a net environmental benefit and there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect regarding TACs.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(2)(g), Odor, page 97 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Potential sources of odors during operation of the Proposed Action include odors from ~~diesel powered~~diesel-powered snow grooming equipment.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(2)(g), Odor, page 97 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Due to the limited amount and intermittent nature of snow grooming activities resulting from the Proposed Action, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect regarding odors.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(2)(h), Greenhouse Gas Emissions, page 98 of the Draft EA. Revise the second to last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

The Proposed Action, by reducing VMT, promotes ~~principals~~principles which are supportive of the Town and State's GHG reduction goals.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(2)(h), Greenhouse Gas Emissions, page 98 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Because operation of the Ski Back Trail results in a net reduction in GHG emissions, supports the goals of GHG reduction, and implements specific measures to reduce GHG emissions, there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect regarding global climate change resulting in an environmental benefit.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(2), Summary of Conclusions, page 98 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the last paragraph as follows:

The Proposed Action would not result in adverse ~~affects~~effects for all criteria pollutants during both construction and operations.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(2), Summary of Conclusions, page 98 of the Draft EA. Revise the second to last sentence of the last paragraph as follows:

Since construction impacts are temporary in nature and below the applicable policies and adopted air quality standards, there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect regarding construction emissions.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.b(3), Mitigation Measures, page 99 of the Draft EA. Revise the sentence as follows:

Since there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect regarding construction and operational impacts for air quality with implementation of the Proposed Action, no mitigation measures are required.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(1)(a), Ozone Precursor Emissions, page 99 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect regarding impacts from construction of Alternative 1.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(1)(b), Sulfur Dioxide Emissions, page 99 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Because the SO_x emissions are below the Town's standard of 250 tpy, there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect regarding emissions during construction.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(1)(c), Carbon Monoxide Emissions, page 99 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect regarding projected CO emissions as a result of construction activities.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(1)(c), Carbon Monoxide Emissions, page 100 of the Draft EA. Revise Table 16 as follows:

Table 16

**Alternative 1 Construction Emissions
(Tons Per Year)**

Construction Phase	VOC	NO_x	SO₂	CO	PM₁₀	PM_{2.5}
Site Preparation (six months)	1.0	4.0	< 0.1	4.0	8.0	2.0
Total	1.0	4.0	< 0.1	4.0	8.0	2.0
Significance Threshold	250	250	250	250	100	250
Over (Under)	(249)	(246)	(250)	(246)	(92)	(248)
Adverse Affect<u>Effect</u>?	No	No	No	No	No	No

Note: Numbers may not add up exactly due to rounding.

^a *Construction emissions calculated using URBEMIS2002 v. 8.7.*

Source: PCR Services Corporation, 2007.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(1)(d), Particulate Matter Emissions, page 100 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, Alternative 1 would not result in an adverse ~~effect~~effect for PM₁₀ emissions during construction.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(1)(e), Fine Particulate Matter Emissions, page 100 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, Alternative 1 would not result in an adverse ~~effect~~effect for PM_{2.5} emissions during construction.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(1)(f), Toxic Air Contaminants, page 100 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect regarding toxic emission impacts associated with construction of Alternative 1

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(1)(g), Odor, page 100 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Potential sources of odors related to construction of Alternative 1 include odors from ~~diesel-powered~~diesel-powered construction equipment.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(1)(g), Odor, page 100 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Due to the temporary nature of construction activities and distance to the nearest off-site receptors, there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect regarding odors.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(2)(a), Ozone Precursor Emissions, page 101 of the Draft EA. Revise the paragraph as follows:

Since there is an incremental decrease in NO_x and VOC emissions predicted to occur as the result of Alternative 1, there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect for VOCs and NO_x as ozone precursors and as primary pollutants resulting in a net beneficial environmental impact.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(2)(b), Sulfur Dioxide Emissions, page 101 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Based on the net reduction of SO₂ emissions, there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect resulting in a net beneficial environmental impact.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(2)(c), Carbon Monoxide Emissions, page 101 of the Draft EA. Revise the paragraph as follows:

Operation of Alternative 1 would result in a decrease of 146 lbs/yr after buildout and therefore, there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect for predicted impacts from CO emissions during operations resulting in a net beneficial environmental impact.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(2)(f), Toxic Air Contaminants, page, 102 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect regarding emissions of TACs resulting in a beneficial environmental impact.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(2)(g), Odor, page, 102 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Potential sources of odors related to Alternative 1 include odors from diesel-powered snow grooming equipment.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(2)(g), Odor, page, 102 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Due to the limited amount of snow grooming that would result from Alternative 1, there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect regarding odors.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(2)(h), Greenhouse Gas Emissions, page, 102-103 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Alternative 1 is also consistent with the following GHG reduction initiatives contained in the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement:

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(2)(h), Greenhouse Gas Emissions, page, 103 of the Draft EA. Revise the second bullet point of the second paragraph as follows:

- Incorporate ~~measure~~measures that reduce VMT, examples including circulation system improvements, mass transit facilities, private shuttles and design plans which encourage pedestrian circulation.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(2), Summary of Conclusions, page, 103 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Based on the impact analyses, Alternative 1 would not result in an adverse ~~affect~~effect regarding all criteria pollutants during both construction and operations.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(2), Summary of Conclusions, page, 103 of the Draft EA. Revise the second to last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Since construction impacts are temporary in nature and below the significance criteria, there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect regarding construction emissions.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.c(2), Summary of Conclusions, page, 104 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Operational emissions exhibit a net environmental benefit for all criteria, GHG, TAC, and odorous pollutants and there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect regarding operational emissions.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.d(2)(a), Ozone Precursor Emissions, page, 104 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect for both VOC and NO_x as both ozone precursors and as primary pollutants.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.d(2)(b), Sulfur Dioxide Emissions, page, 104 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Compared to the Town's standard of 250 tpy, SO_x emissions are negligible, and therefore, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.d(2)(c), Carbon Monoxide Emissions, page, 104 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect for predicted CO emissions during operation of Alternative 2.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.d(2)(d), Particulate Matter Emissions, page, 105 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Emissions resulting from the operation of Alternative 2 would be less than one percent of the applicable significance threshold and therefore, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect for PM₁₀ emissions.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.d(2)(e), Fine Particulate Matter Emissions, page, 105 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, Alternative 2 would not result in an adverse ~~effect~~effect for PM_{2.5} emissions.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.d(2)(f), Toxic Air Contaminants, page, 105 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect from emissions of TACs.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.d(2)(g), Odor, page, 105 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect regarding odorous emissions.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.d(2)(h), Greenhouse Gas Emissions, page, 106 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Results are presented ~~on~~in Table 20 on page 107.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.d(2)(h), Greenhouse Gas Emissions, page, 106 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Alternative 2 supports the following ~~principals~~principles of smart growth consistent with the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement:

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.d(2)(h), Greenhouse Gas Emissions, page, 106 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the third paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect regarding global climate change.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.d(2), Summary of Conclusions, page, 106 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Based on the operational impact analyses, Alternative 2 would not result in an adverse ~~effect~~effect regarding all criteria pollutants.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.d(2), Summary of Conclusions, page, 106 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Under Alternative 2 the Ski Back Trail is not constructed, therefore there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect regarding construction.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.d(2), Summary of Conclusions, page, 106 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Operational emissions resulting from Alternative 2 exhibit emissions below the Town's standards for all criteria pollutants and as a result, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect due to operations.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.e(2), Operational Impacts, page, 107 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Alternative 3 is not expected to increase localized CO or PM₁₀ concentrations over existing conditions and there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.e(2), Operational Impacts, page, 107 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

With respect to potential air toxic impacts, Alternative 3 is not expected to generate any additional air toxics emissions and would therefore; ~~would~~ not result in an adverse ~~effect~~effect.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.e(2), Operational Impacts, page, 107 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

In summary, impacts under Alternative 3 would not increase construction or operational emissions as compared to existing conditions; therefore, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect to air quality.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.f, Conformity with Applicable Plans and policies, page, 108 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the paragraph as follows:

The Proposed Action and Alternative 1 result in short-term increases in PM₁₀ emissions during construction; however, these emissions are below the *de minimis* level.

Volume I, Subsection 3.4.3.f, Conformity with Applicable Plans and policies, page, 108 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

All actions are therefore; below the *de minimis* level and conformity with attainment plans need not be further demonstrated.

SECTION 3.5 NOISE

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.a(1), Construction Noise, page 121 of the Draft EA. Revise the second point as follows:

Noise levels for construction equipment ~~was~~were obtained from manufacturers, reported in the available literature, and used by other agencies for similar planning-level analysis;

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.b(1), Construction Impacts, page 123 of the Draft EA. Revise the second to last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

However, the projected construction traffic would be small when compared to the existing traffic volumes on SR-203 and other affected streets and ~~it's~~its associated longer-term (e.g., hourly or daily) noise level changes would not be measurable.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.b(1), Construction Impacts, page 123 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect regarding short-term construction-related worker commutes and equipment transport noise and no mitigation measures would be required.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.b(1), Construction Impacts, page 125 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the last paragraph as follows:

The closest existing residences in the vicinity of the Ski Back Trail are located approximately 200 feet south of the ~~Proposed Action~~Ski Back Trail alignment or more than 150 feet from the construction areas.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.b(1), Construction Impacts, page 126 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

There is existing intervening terrain between these homes and the ~~Proposed Action~~Ski Back Trail alignment.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.b(1), Construction Impacts, page 126 of the Draft EA. Revise the fourth sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Since the existing residences are 30 to 40 feet lower than the ~~Proposed Action~~Ski Back Trail alignment, construction noise would be blocked by the terrain (edge of the hills).

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.b(1), Construction Impacts, page 126 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

In addition, compliance with the construction hours specified in the Town Noise Ordinance and implementation of Mitigation Measures 3.5-1 through 3.5-3 would further ensure that there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect regarding potential construction noise.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.b(2)(a)(i), Exterior Noise Levels, page 126 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the paragraph as follows:

As described in Section 3.3, ~~Traffic~~Transportation, of this ~~Draft~~Final EA, implementation of the ~~Proposed-proposed Action~~Ski Back Trail would not equate to trip reduction due to the fact that there is existing latent demand for the transit and auto trip by those people who would prefer to end their day between 3:30 P.M. and 4:30 P.M., but due to traffic conditions leave before or after.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.b(2)(a)(i), Exterior Noise Levels, page 126 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

As such, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect regarding exterior noise from traffic and no mitigation measures would be required.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.b(2)(a)(ii), Interior Noise Levels, page 127 of the Draft EA. Revise the second to last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

With windows open, homes exposed to exterior traffic noise levels below 58 dBA L_{dn} (58 dBA - 17 dBA = 41 dBA) would also be below the 45 dBA L_{dn} interior noise standard, which would not adversely ~~effect~~effect interior noise levels.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.b(2)(b)(i), Exterior Noise Levels, page 129 of the Draft EA. Revise the second to last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect regarding potential exterior noise at these residences.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.b(2)(b)(i), Exterior Noise Levels, page 129 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Regardless, Mitigation Measures 3.5-4 ~~and~~, 3.5-5, and 3.5-6 are included to ensure there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect regarding snow-making noise.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.b(2)(b)(ii), Interior Noise Levels, page 130 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the top paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect regarding interior noise for the existing residential uses adjacent to the proposed Ski Back Trail~~Proposed Action~~trail alignment.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.b(2)(c)(i), Exterior Noise Levels, page 130 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the paragraph as follows:

In general, the ~~trail~~ Ski Back Trail would be groomed once daily; although on heavily trafficked days, an additional grooming pass may be considered.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.b(2)(c)(i), Exterior Noise Levels, page 130 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

There would be no adverse ~~effect~~ effect and no further mitigation measures are required.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.b(2)(c)(ii), Interior Noise Levels, page 130 of the Draft EA. Revise the footnote as follows:

⁵² *Based on the sound level readings provided by Pisten Bully, the manufacturer of snow-grooming machines that most likely would be used for this project.*

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.b(2)(c)(ii), Interior Noise Levels, page 130-131 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~ effect regarding interior noise for the existing residential uses adjacent to the proposed Ski Back Trail ~~Proposed Action trail~~ alignment from snow-grooming activities and no further mitigation measures are required.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.b(2)(d)(i), Exterior Noise Levels, page 132 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the top paragraph as follows:

There would be no adverse ~~effect~~ effect and no mitigation measures are required.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.b(2)(d)(ii), Interior Noise Levels, page 132 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~ effect regarding interior noise for the existing residential uses adjacent to the proposed Ski Back Trail ~~Proposed Action~~ alignment from skier pass-by noise.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.b(3)(b), Operation, page 133. Add mitigation measure as follows:

Mitigation Measure 3.5-6: All snow-making equipment shall be placed a minimum of 300 feet from the nearest residential unit. Confirmation that due to the distance and intervening topography, the snow-making equipment does not exceed the City's Noise Ordinance shall be performed by a qualified Acoustical Engineer.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.c(1), Construction Impacts, page 133 of the Draft EA. Revise the second to last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

However, the projected construction traffic would be small when compared to the existing traffic volumes on SR-203 and other affected streets, and ~~it's~~its associated longer-term (e.g., hourly or daily) noise level changes would not be measurable.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.c(1), Construction Impacts, page 134 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the top paragraph as follows:

Regardless, this Alternative would be required to implement the same construction mitigation measures (refer to Mitigation Measures 3.5-1 through 3.5-3), which would ensure that there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect regarding short-term construction noise impacts.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.c(2), Operational Impacts, page 134 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect and no mitigation measures would be required.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.c(2), Operational Impacts, page 134 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the fourth paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect regarding exterior or interior noise for the existing residential uses adjacent to the Original Alignment Proposal from snow-grooming activities.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.c(2), Operational Impacts, page 135 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the fifth paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect regarding exterior or interior noise for the existing residential uses adjacent to the Original Alignment Proposal from skiers passing by.

Volume I, Subsection 3.5.3.d(2), Operational Impacts, page 135 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

The resulting change in traffic noise would not be measurable and there would be no adverse ~~effect~~effect regarding traffic noise.

SECTION 3.6 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Volume I, Subsection 3.6, Introduction, page 138 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence from the first paragraph as follows:

Information regarding the sensitive biological resources in the Ski Back Trail area is based on a literature review including a review of the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) in 2007, survey data from two bike trail projects within the project area, information from the Original Ski Back Trail site review, and information from a reconnaissance of the study area.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6, Introduction, page 138 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence from the first paragraph as follows:

The ~~floral and faunal compendium~~Floral and Faunal Compendium and Sensitive Plant Species Table is included in Appendix D of this ~~Draft~~Final EA.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.1.a(1), Federal Endangered Species Act, Section 10 and Section 7, page 138 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

~~Take of~~Taking a threatened or endangered species is prohibited under Federal law without a special permit.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.1.a(2)(b), Inyo National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, page 140 of the Draft EA. Revise the top bullet point as follows:

- Manage wildlife habitat to provide species diversity, ensure that viable populations of existing native wildlife ~~is~~are maintained, and that the habitats of management emphasis species are maintained or improved.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.1.a(2)(b), Inyo National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, Riparian Area, page 140 of the Draft EA. Revise the first bullet point as follows:

- Protect streams, streambanks, lakes, wetlands, and shorelines, and the plants and wildlife ~~dependant~~ dependent on these areas.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.1.b(3), California Native Plant Society – Native Plant Species List, page 143 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

The CNPS list does not afford legal status or protection for the species; however, ~~The the USFWS Forest Service~~ uses the CNPS lists in developing ~~to help develop~~ recommendations for species to include on the Regional Forester’s sensitive species list. ~~sensitive status plants.~~

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.1.c(1), Town of Mammoth Lakes 2007 General Plan Update, page 144 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sub bullet point as follows:

- R.1.A.1. Action: Prepare species, habitat and natural community preservation and conservation strategies.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.1.c(1), Town of Mammoth Lakes 2007 General Plan Update, page 144 of the Draft EA. Revise the third bullet point as follows:

- Policy R.1.C. Prior to development, projects shall identify and mitigate potential impacts to ~~site specific~~ site-specific sensitive habitats, including special status plant, animal species and mature trees.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.2.c, Existing Jurisdictional Waters, page 146 of the Draft EA. Revise the paragraph as follows:

PCR did not conduct a jurisdictional delineation for the study area; however, based on information contained in the Botanical Field Reconnaissance Reports prepared by the ~~USFS Forest Service~~ (Nelson 2004, Weis 1998, and Nelson 1996), it does not appear that U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) jurisdictional “waters of the U.S.,” ACOE jurisdictional wetlands, or areas that would fall under the jurisdiction of the CDFG and RWQCB occur within the study area.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.2.d, Wildlife Species, page 147 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

The plant community discussed above provides wildlife habitat; however, due to the fact that the Ski Back Trail area is adjacent to a ~~well traveled~~ well-

traveled road and the eastern end of the ~~trial-trail~~ is almost completely surrounded by development, wildlife diversity within the area is expected to be low.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.2.d(3), Reptiles, page 147 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Sensitive reptile species are discussed further in Section ~~2-23.6.2~~3.6.2(g), Sensitive Biological Resources, below.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.2.d(4), Birds, page 148 of the Draft EA. Revise the third sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Bird species with the potential to occur on-site include, but ~~is~~are not limited to, the European starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*), Stellar's jay (*Cyanocitta stelleri*), Brewer's blackbird (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*), American crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*), mourning dove (*Zenaida macroura*), northern flicker (*Colaptes auratus*), Clark's nutcracker (*Nucifraga columbiana*), mountain chickadee (*Poecila gambeli*), house wren (*Troglodytes aedon*), spotted towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*), white-crowned sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*), song sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*), and lesser goldfinch (*Carduelis psaltria*).

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.2.d(4), Birds, page 148 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Raptor species with the potential to occur on-site include the turkey vulture (*Cathartes aura*); and American kestrel (*Falco sparverius*).

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.2.d(4), Birds, page 148 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Sensitive bird species are discussed further in Section ~~2-23.6.2~~3.6.2(g), Sensitive Biological Resources, below.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.2.d(5), Mammals, page 149 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Sensitive mammal species are discussed further in Section ~~2-23.6.2~~3.6.2(g), Sensitive Biological Resources, below.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.2.d(5), Mammals, page 149 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Additional details regarding mule deer migration in the vicinity of the study area is provided in the following Section ~~2.23.6.2~~3.6.2(e), Wildlife Movement.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.2.e, Wildlife Movement, page 150 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the sixth paragraph as follows:

The study area contains habitat that supports a variety of common species of invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.2.e, Wildlife Movement, Mule Deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*), page 152 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the third paragraph as follows:

Interannual temporal variability does occur~~;~~, however, with respect to migrations.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.2.e, Wildlife Movement, Mountain Lion (*Puma concolor*), page 153 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the fifth paragraph as follows:

Mountain lions from the Round Valley Herd that primarily preyed on migratory mule deer had home ranges that rarely changed over time.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.2.g(1)(c), California Native Plant Society, page 156 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the fifth paragraph as follows:

The CNPS is a ~~Statewide~~ statewide resource conservation organization that has developed an inventory of California's special status plant species (CNPS 2001).

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.2.g(1)(c), California Native Plant Society, page 156 of the Draft EA. Revise the first numbered bullet point of the second paragraph as follows:

1. Seriously endangered in California (over 80 percent of occurrences threatened/high degree and immediacy of threat);

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.2.g(1)(c), California Native Plant Society, page 156 of the Draft EA. Revise the second numbered bullet point of the second paragraph as follows:

2. Fairly endangered in California (20 to 80 percent occurrences threatened); and)

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.2.g(3), Sensitive Plant Species, page 157 of the Draft EA. Revise the last the first paragraph as follows:

~~For the purposes of this discussion, sensitive plants include those listed, or candidates for listing, by the USFWS and CDFG, and species considered sensitive by the CNPS.~~ sensitive plants include those plant species designated by the Regional Forester as such, and are included on the Regional Sensitive Plant List. The Regional Sensitive Plant List includes, but is not limited to, those species listed as rare, threatened, endangered, or proposed by the CDFG or USFWS (particularly Lists 1A, 1B, and 2).

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.2.g(3), Sensitive Plant Species, page 157 of the Draft EA. Revise the second paragraph as follows:

~~Several sensitive plant species were reported in the CNDDDB from the vicinity and several were determined to be potentially present through the literature review. A discussion of each sensitive plant species potentially present within the study area, is presented in Appendix D.~~ Several species listed by the CNPS, including Forest Service Sensitive and Watch List species, were reported in the CNDDDB from the broader general area, such as Inyo and Mono Counties, through not within the project area. Based on additional review of the literature, and based on habitat preferences, known ranges, and the available habitat within the project area, only one of these species was determined to be potentially present in the project area. The Sensitive Plant Species Table in Appendix D presents those species reported in the CNDDDB from the broader area.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.2.g(3), Sensitive Plant Species, page 157 of the Draft EA. Revise the third paragraph as follows:

~~Several plant species listed as sensitive by the USFS (Inyo National Forest) occur within the vicinity of the study area; however, almost all of these species are not expected to occur within the study area due to a lack of suitable habitat and/or restricted elevation range. In addition, several plant species listed as sensitive by the USFS (Inyo National Forest) are not expected to occur within the study area due to a restricted bioregional distribution (i.e., only occur in desert mountains or desert floristic province). These species are also included in Appendix D.~~ No plant species listed as sensitive by the Forest Service, nor species listed as threatened, endangered, or proposed by the USFWS, are known to occur within the project area, nor is there potential habitat for any sensitive or federally listed species within the project area.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.2.g(3), Sensitive Plant Species, page 157 of the Draft EA. Revise the fourth paragraph as follows:

~~Four sensitive plant species were determined to be potentially present through the literature review: slender moonwort (*Botrychium crenulatum lineare*), Pine city sedum (*Sedum*~~

~~*pinetorum*), sweet smelling monardella (*Monardella beneolens*), and Kern's Plateau bird's beak (*Cordylanthus eremicus* ssp. *kernensis*); however, these species are not expected to occur since they were not observed during botanical field reconnaissance surveys conducted by the U.S. Forest Service during their blooming period (Nelson 2004, Weis 1998, and Nelson 1996). The Pine City sedum (*Sedum pinetorum*), a Forest Service Watch List species, could potentially occur within the project area, based on the known range, though the habitat is only marginally suitable. This species' habitat is expected more on rocky ledges and cliffs, which are habitats not present in the project area. No *Sedum pinetorum* species were observed during project surveys.~~

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.2.g(3), Sensitive Plant Species, Table 29 Sensitive Wildlife Species, Vertebrates, Birds Subheading, page 159. Delete the following table rows as follows:

<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	sharp-shinned hawk	NONE	CSC	NONE	Woodlands; forages over chaparral and other scrublands; prefers riparian habitats and north-facing slopes, with plucking perch sites.	Entire State of CA, although only winters in most of southern California.	P, F, B
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Cooper's hawk	NONE	CSC		Open woodlands especially riparian woodland.	Entire State of CA.	P, F, B

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.3.b(1)(a), Plant Species, page 163 of the Draft EA. Revise the subheading as follows:

(a) **Sensitive Plant Species**

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.3.b(1)(a), Plant Species, page 163 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Many of the sensitive plant species mentioned in Section ~~3.7.33.6.2(g)(3)~~, Sensitive Plant Species, of this section may occur within the region but are not expected to occur within the study area due to the lack of suitable habitat or due to the fact that they were not observed during botanical surveys conducted by the USFS during their blooming period.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.3.b(1)(a), Plant Species, page 163. Add the following at the end of the first paragraph as follows:

Furthermore, a mitigation measure has been prescribed below to ensure that non-native, noxious weed plant species would be controlled and minimized during ground disturbing activities.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.3.b(1)(b), Sensitive Wildlife Species, page 163 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Several of the sensitive wildlife species mentioned in Section ~~3.7.43.6.2.(g)(4)~~, Sensitive Wildlife Species, of this section may occur within the region but are not expected to occur within the study area due to the lack of suitable habitat.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.3.b(1)(b), Sensitive Wildlife Species, page 164 of the Draft EA. Revise the first full paragraph as follows:

Several sensitive wildlife species (detailed by taxonomic group below) have a potential to occur within the study area, as previously mentioned in Section ~~3.7.43.6.2.(g)(4)~~, Sensitive Wildlife Species. Long- and short-term adverse ~~affects~~ effects may occur as a result of construction activities and conversion of the study area to a ski trail.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.3.b(1)(b), Sensitive Wildlife Species, page 164 of the Draft EA. Revise the fifth paragraph as follows:

The American marten was detected within the study area during meso-carnivore surveys conducted by the ~~USFS Forest Service~~ in spring 2005 (U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, 2005). Specifically, according to the 1996 Ecology of American Martens on the Inyo National Forest and the 2004 Ecology of American Martens on the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, Inyo National Forest, California, the average range of the American Marten is approximately 1,962 and 400 acres, respectively, (Kucera 1996, Kucera 2004). Given the 6.16 acre total impacted area of the proposed Ski Back Trail, impact to the American Marten would be less than significant as approximately 0.3 to 1.5 percent of American Marten habitat would be impacted, respectively. Sensitive mammal species potentially occurring within the study area include Townsend's western big-eared bat, California wolverine, Pacific fisher, and Sierra Nevada red fox. American marten, Townsend's western big-eared bat, and Pacific fisher are not protected by Federal or State listings as threatened or endangered, and loss of individuals would not threaten the regional populations; therefore, removal of their habitat is not expected to adversely affect regional populations of these species.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.3.b(1)(b), Sensitive Wildlife Species, page 165 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the top paragraph as follows:

Although these species ~~has~~ have the potential to occur within the study area, that potential is low due to the proximity of development, the secretive

nature of the species, and the fact that habitat within the study area is not considered its preferred habitat type.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.3.b(1)(e), Nesting Birds, page 165 of the Draft EA. Revise the second to last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

The removal of vegetation during the breeding season could result in an adverse ~~affect~~effect as a result of Proposed Action.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.3.b(1)(e), Nesting Birds, page 165 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Mitigation Measure 3.6-1 is recommended in order to ensure there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect to nesting birds with implementation of the Proposed Action.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.3.b(1), Construction Impacts, page 165. Add a new paragraph in regards to Management Indicator Species as follows:

(f) Management Indicator Species

As described above, the majority of the Management Indicator Species are not anticipated to occur in the study area and therefore, there would be no adverse affect to these species; including the pine marten, fisher, bald eagle, golden eagle, prairie falcon, tule elk, peregrine falcon, blue grouse, sage grouse, spotted owl, riparian area-dependant species, and the snag-dependant species. In addition, while the northern goshawk, great gray owl, wolverine, and the Sierra Nevada red fox have a potential for occurrence within the study area, implementation of the Proposed Action is not expected to adversely affect regional populations of these species.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.3.b(2), Operational Impacts, page 165. Add the following sentence after the second sentence of the paragraph as follows:

The study area is not expected to support any sensitive plant species, is not considered a wildlife movement corridor, and is not within critical habitat for any listed plant or wildlife species. The Proposed Action is not expected to have any adverse impacts to regional populations of sensitive wildlife species. As such, no adverse effects to Management Indicator Species would occur.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.3.b.(2), Operational Impacts, page 165 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts to nesting birds and to ensure that non-native, noxious weed plant species would be controlled and minimized as a result of the Proposed Action are discussed as follows.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.3.b(3), Mitigation Measures, page 165. Add mitigation measures as follows:

Mitigation Measure 3.6-2: The project applicant shall implement the following measures during ground disturbing activities:

1. All equipment used in ground disturbing activities will be cleaned free of soil and plant parts prior to beginning work on the project to prevent introduction or translocation of weed species. Ensure equipment is free of mud and plant parts by completing a thorough visual inspection of tires, tracks, and underbody.
2. Minimize the amount of ground disturbance through careful equipment operation.
3. Monitor project area for new noxious weed species for up to three years following project implementation, and remove any newly established noxious weed populations. Consult with the Forest Service botany personnel as needed to identify weed species.
4. Revegetate project area with native species. Consult with the Forest Service botany staff on appropriate species mix.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.3.b(1)(e), Nesting Birds, page 167 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Mitigation Measure 3.6-1 is recommended in order to ensure there are no adverse ~~affects~~effects to nesting birds with implementation of Alternative 1.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.3.b(1), Construction Impacts, page 167. Add a new paragraph in regards to Management Indicator Species as follows:

(f) Management Indicator Species

As described above, the majority of the Management Indicator Species are not anticipated to occur in the study area and therefore within Alternative 1's project boundaries. As such, there would be no adverse affect to these species including the pine marten, fisher, bald eagle, golden eagle, prairie falcon, tule elk,

peregrine falcon, blue grouse, sage grouse, spotted owl, riparian area-dependant species, and the snag-dependant species. In addition, while the northern goshawk, great gray owl, wolverine, and the Sierra Nevada red fox have a potential for occurrence within the study area, implementation of Alternative 1 is not expected to adversely affect regional populations of these species.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.3.c(2), Operational Impacts, page 167 of the Draft EA. Revise the first paragraph as follows:

Indirect impacts are considered to be those that involve the effects of increases in ambient levels of sensory stimuli (e.g., noise, light), unnatural predators (e.g., domestic cats and other non-native animals), and competitors (e.g., exotic plants, non-native animals). Indirect impacts may be associated with the construction and/or eventual habitation/operation of a project; therefore, these impacts may be both short-term and long-term in their duration. As such, there would also not be any adverse affects to Management Indicator Species. These impacts are commonly referred to as “edge effects” and may result in changes in the behavioral patterns of wildlife and reduced wildlife diversity and abundance in habitats adjacent to study area. In certain situations, indirect impacts may adversely affect sensitive wildlife species, wildlife movement, or nesting birds. Furthermore, native vegetation within the project area may also be indirectly and adversely impacted.

Volume I, Subsection 3.6.3.d(1), Construction Impacts, page 168 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Under Alternative 2, the Ski Back Trail area would not be constructed. No grading or excavation activities that would affect plant species, sensitive wildlife species, wildlife movement, ~~or~~ critical habitat, or Management Indicator Species, located in the Ski Back Trail area would be impacted. As such, implementation of Alternative 2 would not adversely affect biological resources in the area.

SECTION 3.7 CULTURAL RESOURCES

Volume I, Subsection 3.7, Introduction, page 170 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

This section discusses cultural and paleontological resources within the ~~proposed project's~~ Proposed Action's Area of Potential Effect (APE), addressing existing conditions, applicable regulations, and the potential for the ~~project~~ Proposed Action to have an adverse ~~affect~~ effect on cultural resources.

Volume I, Subsection 3.7.a(2), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service, page 170 of the Draft EA. Revise the subheading as follows:

(2) ~~United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service~~

Volume I, Subsection 3.7.3.b(1), Construction Impacts, page 184 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Therefore, with the implementation of Mitigation Measure 3.7-2, the Proposed Action would not disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries, ensuring there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect to human remains.

Volume I, Subsection 3.7.3.c(1), Construction Impacts, page 185 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Therefore, Mitigation Measure 3.7-1 is recommended, which would require monitoring for all ground-disturbing construction activities related to the project ensuring there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect to historical, archaeological, and paleontological resources.

Volume I, Subsection 3.7.3.c(1), Construction Impacts, page 185-186 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

In addition, while no areas containing human remains have been documented within a one-mile radius of the project area, Mitigation Measure 3.7-2 is included to ensure that implementation of Alternative 1 would not disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries, ensuring there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect to human remains.

Volume I, Subsection 3.7.3.c(2), Operational Impacts, page 186 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

As such, there would be no adverse ~~affects~~effects to cultural resources with implementation of the Alternative 1.

SECTION 3.8 VISUAL RESOURCES

Volume I, Subsection 3.8.3.b(1), Construction Impacts, page 200 of the Draft EA. Revise sixth sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

As such, there would be no adverse ~~affect~~effect since the construction activities would be short-term with limited viewsheds of the construction activities.

Volume I, Subsection 3.8.3.b(2)(d), Site Specific, Summary, page 210 of the Draft EA. Revise the Figure 22 and delete the reference to Alternative 4 as follows:

Note: Trail Plan ~~Alternative 4~~ and a Mountain Bike trail intersect at this point.

Volume I, Subsection 3.8.3.b(2)(d), Site Specific, Summary, page 223 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Therefore, the Proposed Action would not have an adverse ~~effect~~effect to regional visual resources.

Volume I, Subsection 3.8.3.b(2)(d), Site Specific, Summary, page 223 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

As such, the Proposed Action would not have an adverse ~~effect~~effect to the visual resources along the Ski Back Trail alignment.

Volume I, Subsection 3.8.3.b(3), Mitigation Measures, page 223 of the Draft EA. Revise the paragraph as follows:

Since there would not be an adverse ~~effect~~effect due to construction and operational impacts regarding visual resources with implementation of the Proposed Action, no mitigation measures are required.

Volume I, Subsection 3.8.3.c(1), Construction Impacts, page 230 of the Draft EA. Revise the second to last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

However, Alternative 1 would require a ~~substantial more~~substantially greater amount of cut and fill along the proposed alignment.

Volume I, Subsection 3.8.3.c(1), Construction Impacts, page 230 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Regardless, construction of Alternative 1 would be short-term with most of the construction activity occurring out of the line of ~~site~~sight for travelers along SR-203 and the residential uses to the south.

Volume I, Subsection 3.8.3.c(1), Construction Impacts, page 230 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

As such, there would not be an adverse ~~effect~~effect since the construction activities would be short-term with limited viewsheds of the construction activities.

Volume I, Subsection 3.8.3.c(2)(d), Site Specific, Summary, page 233 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows:

Therefore, Alternative 1 would not have an adverse ~~affect~~effect to regional visual resources.

Volume I, Subsection 3.8.3.c(2)(d), Site Specific, Summary, page 233 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

The ~~site specifies~~site-specific visual simulations further support this conclusion.

Volume I, Subsection 3.8.3.c(2)(d), Site Specific, Summary, page 233 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

As such, Alternative 1 would not have an adverse ~~affect~~effect to the visual resources along the Ski Back Trail alignment.

Volume I, Subsection 3.8.3.d(1), Construction Impacts, page 234 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

Therefore, there would not be an adverse ~~affect~~effect since there would not be any construction activities or associated construction impacts for the Transit Alternative.

Volume I, Subsection 3.8.3.d(2), Operational Impacts, page 234 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

As such, Alternative 2 would not result in an adverse ~~affect~~effect regarding visual resources.

Volume I, Subsection 3.8.3.f, Conformity with Applicable Plans and Policies, page 235 of the Draft EA. Revise the second to last sentence of the last paragraph as follows:

Therefore, the Proposed Action and Alternative 1 would be consistent with Chapter 4 of the INFLRMP and there would not be an adverse ~~affect~~effect.

SECTION 3.9 CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

Volume I, Section 3.9, Introduction, page 236 of the Draft EA. Revise the footnote as follows:

⁷³ *Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, MMSA Master, Plan, Table II.27 and Table VI.6, 2005.*

Volume I, Subsection 3.9.1.e(1), Proposed Action, page 241 of the Draft EA. Revise the third sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Finally, similar to the Proposed Action, cumulative projects would be required to limit construction activities during nesting periods, in order to further ensure there would be no adverse effects to wildlife resources.

Volume I, Subsection 3.9.1.e(2), Alternative 1 – Original Alignment Proposal, page 241-242 of the Draft EA. Revise the third sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Finally, cumulative projects would be required to limit construction activities during nesting periods, in order to further ensure there would be no adverse effects to wildlife resources.

Volume I, Subsection 3.9.1.e(4), Alternative 3 – No Action Alternative, page 242 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the paragraph as follows:

The No Action Alternative would not result in ~~construction or operational noise~~ biological resources impacts since there would be no development under this Alternative.

Volume I, Subsection 3.9.1.f(1), Proposed Action, page 242 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the paragraph as follows:

A Heritage Resources records review and field survey conducted for the proposed Ski Back Trail concluded that there were no cultural resources within the Ski Back Trail's Area of Potential Effect (APE) and therefore, the Proposed Action would not result in adverse ~~affects-effects~~ to cultural resources.

Volume I, Subsection 3.9.1.f(1), Proposed Action, page 242 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

As such, there would not be a cumulative adverse ~~affect-effect~~ regarding cultural resources.

Volume I, Subsection 3.9.1.f(2), Alternative 1 – Original Alignment Proposal, page 242 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Therefore, Alternative 1 would not result in adverse ~~affects-effects~~ to cultural resources.

Volume I, Subsection 3.9.1.f(2), Alternative 1 – Original Alignment Proposal, page 242 of the Draft EA. Revise the third sentence of the paragraph as follows:

In addition, all cumulative projects would have to comply with federal and ~~State~~ state regulations if cultural resources are identified during construction activities.

Volume I, Subsection 3.9.1.f(2), Alternative 1 – Original Alignment Proposal, page 242 of the Draft EA. Revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

As such, there would not be a cumulative adverse ~~affect-effect~~ effect regarding cultural resources.

Volume I, Subsection 3.9.1.e(4), Alternative 3 – No Action Alternative, page 243 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the paragraph as follows:

The No Action Alternative would not result in ~~construction or operational noise~~ cultural resources impacts since there would be no development under this Alternative.

Volume I, Subsection 3.9.1.g(1), Proposed Action, page 243 of the Draft EA. Revise the second sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Cumulative projects within the area would, therefore, be separated by intervening development.

Volume I, Subsection 3.9.1.g(3), Alternative 2 – Transit Emphasis Alternative, page 244 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the paragraph as follows:

Alternative 2 would provide four additional buses along an ~~already developed~~ already-developed roadway that is currently heavily trafficked.

Volume I, Subsection 3.9.1.g(4), Alternative 3 – No Action Alternative, page 244 of the Draft EA. Revise the first sentence of the paragraph as follows:

The No Action Alternative would not result in ~~construction or operational noise~~ aesthetic impacts since there would be no development under this Alternative.