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Bitterroot Resort Amends Special Use Permit Application

Bitterroot Resort responded quickly to the U.S. Forest Service by resubmitting an amended Special Use Permit Application on Thursday, July 3, 2008, according to Jim Gill, Chief Operating Officer at the Resort.

The amended proposal addresses four areas of concern identified in the Lolo National Forest and Bitterroot National Forest review of the Resort's original application. On the Lolo National Forest, Bitterroot Resort has modified the proposal to remove Nordic skiing to eliminate any issues regarding possible lynx habitat. The amended application avoids winter activity in Management Areas 18, 19 & 23 to comply with big game winter range concerns. On the Bitterroot National Forest, the alpine gladed skiing proposal has been modified to comply with applicable Forest Plan visual resource standards for Management Area 5. Finally, the proposed trail system to serve Nordic and mountain biking will be re-routed to avoid areas of soil instability identified by an on-the-ground soils and geological survey.

Bitterroot Resort anticipates providing a positive recreational opportunity to the people of western Montana, and looks forward to continued dialogue with the U.S. Forest Service. The Amended Special Use Permit Application and detailed maps of the area are available for viewing/download at www.bitterrootresort.us.

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