

variety of visitors passing through the Town of Jackson.

### Proposed Action

The Bridger-Teton National Forest proposes to authorize Snow King Mountain Resort to implement the following projects on National Forest System lands in Teton County, Wyoming under a special use permit:

- A new ski school/teaching center on the ridgeline west of the Snow King summit.

- Development of skiing in the natural bowl on the back side, south of the Snow King summit. This southernmost portion of the current special use permit area is suitable for development of low-intermediate and intermediate level ski terrain, complementing the summit teaching center.

- A 67-acre special use permit boundary adjustment on the front side, east of the existing permit area, to accommodate part of a summit access road/novice skiway, intermediate-level terrain lower on the slope (including groomed runs and tree and glade skiing), and a novice route down from Rafferty lift (via the access road/novice skiway).

- An 89-acre special use permit boundary adjustment on the front side, west of the existing permit area, to accommodate a summit teaching center, another part of the summit access road/novice skiway, and to accommodate expert-level tree and glade skiing.

- New ski terrain totaling about 97.5 acres (groomed runs and teaching terrain).

- Upgrading the existing Summit lift to a gondola, and installation of one new chair lift, two teaching area conveyors, and one surface lift.

- On-mountain facilities (the summit restaurant/guest services building and ski patrol facility, a temporary ski patrol building at the top of Cougar, an observatory and planetarium at the summit, a wedding venue west of the summit building, and a year-round yurt camp at the southern point of the special use permit area).

- 147.1 acres of added snowmaking (with few exceptions, all existing and proposed runs).

- Improved and expanded lighting for night skiing.

- Front-side mountain bike trails and a back-side mountain bike zone.

- Hiking trails between the summit and the west base, west of Exhibition run.

- A zip line from the summit to the west base area, paralleling the Summit lift.

A more detailed description of the proposed action, including maps, is available at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54202>.

### Preliminary Issues

Preliminary issues include potential effects on watershed resources, local plant and animal species, scenic integrity, socioeconomics, and other recreational use.

### Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. In addition, a public open house is proposed for 2019 during the formal comment period on the draft environmental impact statement.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered.

### Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The Forest Service will be the lead federal agency, in accordance with *40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.5(b)*, and is responsible for the preparation of the environmental impact statement. The Town of Jackson is a cooperating agency. Scoping will determine if any additional cooperating agencies are needed.

### Responsible Official

Patricia O'Conner, Forest Supervisor, Bridger-Teton National Forest.

### Nature of Decision To Be Made

The responsible official will decide whether to authorize Snow King Mountain Resort to implement the actions, as proposed in the master development plan, in full, part or modified, or to take no action. If the decision is to authorize Snow King Mountain Resort's actions in a special use permit, then the responsible official will also decide what design features and monitoring will be required.

Dated: July 9, 2018.

**Chris French,**

*Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Inyo National Forest; California; Revision of the Land Management Plan for the Inyo National Forest**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of opportunity to object to the Revised Land Management Plan for the Inyo National Forest.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service is revising the Inyo National Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan (forest plan). The Forest Service has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for its revised forest plan and a draft Record of Decision (ROD). This notice is to inform the public that the Inyo National Forest is initiating a 60-day period where individuals or entities with specific concerns about the Inyo's revised forest plan and the associated FEIS may file objections for Forest Service review prior to the approval of the revised forest plan. This is also an opportunity to object to the Regional Forester's list of species of conservation concern (SCC) for the Inyo National Forest.

**DATES:** The Inyo's revised forest plan, FEIS, draft ROD, and other supporting information will be available for review at [http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/R5/FPR\\_Inyo](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/R5/FPR_Inyo) and the Pacific Southwest Region species of conservation concern web page, <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r5/landmanagement/planning/?cid=STELPRD3847418>. The publication date of the legal notice in the Inyo National Forest's newspaper of record, *The Inyo Register*, initiates the 60-day objection period and is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection (36 CFR 219.52 (c)(5)). An electronic scan of the legal notice with the publication date will be posted at the website above.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Inyo National Forest's revised forest plan, FEIS, and draft ROD can be obtained online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/inyo/landmanagement/planning> or at the following office: Inyo National Forest Supervisor's Office, 351 Pacu Lane Suite 200, Bishop, CA 93514-3101, Phone: 760-873-2400.

Objections must be submitted to the Objection Reviewing Officer Bernie

Gyant, Deputy Regional Forester, at: USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, ATTN: Inyo Forest Plan Objection, 1323 Club Dr., Vallejo, CA 94592, Fax: (707) 562-9049. Note that the office hours for submitting a hand-delivered objection are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Electronic objections may be submitted to *objections-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us* in common formats (.doc, .docx, .rtf, .pdf, or .txt) with "Inyo Forest Plan Objection" or "Inyo species of conservation concern" in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inyo National Forest Environmental Coordinator, Leeann Murphy at 760-873-2404 or *lbmurphy@fs.fed.us*.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The decision to approve the revised forest plan for the Inyo National Forest and the Regional Forester's list of SCC will be subject to the objection process identified in 36 CFR part 219 Subpart B (219.50 to 219.62). An objection must include the following (36 CFR 219.54(c)):

(1) The objector's name and address along with a telephone number or email address if available. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to an objection, the Forest Service will attempt to verify the identity of the objector to confirm objection eligibility;

(2) Signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for electronic mail may be filed with the objection);

(3) Identification of the lead objector, when multiple names are listed on an objection. The Forest Service will communicate to all parties to an objection through the lead objector. Verification of the identity of the lead objector must also be provided if requested;

(4) The name of the plan revision being objected to, and the name and title of the responsible official;

(5) A statement of the issues and/or parts of the plan revision to which the objection applies;

(6) A concise statement explaining the objection and suggesting how the proposed plan decision may be improved. If the objector believes that the plan revision is inconsistent with law, regulation, or policy, an explanation should be included;

(7) A statement that demonstrates the link between the objector's prior

substantive formal comments and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the opportunities for formal comment; and

(8) All documents referenced in the objection (a bibliography is not sufficient), except that the following need not be provided:

a. All or any part of a Federal law or regulation,

b. Forest Service Directive System documents and land management plans or other published Forest Service documents,

c. Documents referenced by the Forest Service in the planning documentation related to the proposal subject to objection, and

d. Formal comments previously provided to the Forest Service by the objector during the plan revision comment period.

It is the responsibility of the objector to ensure that the Reviewing Officer receives the objection in a timely manner. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the objection filing period.

**Responsible Official**

The responsible official who will approve the ROD and the revised forest plan for the Inyo National Forest is Barbara Drake, Acting Forest Supervisor, Inyo National Forest, 351 Pacu Lane Suite 200, Bishop, CA 93514-3101. The responsible official for the SCC list is Randy Moore, Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592.

The Regional Forester is the reviewing officer for the revised forest plan since the Forest Supervisor is the deciding official (36 CFR 219.56(e)(2)). The Regional Forester will consider comments received and respond to them in the FEIS and ROD. The decision to approve the SCC list will be subject to a separate objection process. The Chief of the Forest Service is the reviewing officer for SCC identification since the Regional Forester is the deciding official (36 CFR 219.56(e)(2)). Information about species of conservation concern is available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r5/landmanagement/planning/?cid=STELPRD3847418>.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Rural Business-Cooperative Service**

**Notice of Solicitation of Applications for the Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program**

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces the solicitation of applications for funds available under the Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program (the Program) to provide guaranteed loans to fund the development, construction, and retrofitting of commercial scale biorefineries using eligible technology and of Biobased product manufacturing facilities that use technologically new commercial scale processing and manufacturing equipment to convert renewable chemicals and other biobased outputs of biorefineries into end-user products, on a commercial scale.

**DATES:** With this Notice, the Agency is announcing two separate application cycles, as is provided which are application closing dates of 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, October 1, 2018, and 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, April 1, 2019.

Applications must be received in the USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Energy Programs no later than 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time of the application closing date to compete for program funds. Any application received after 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time of the application closing date will be considered for the subsequent application cycle, provided that funding is available.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications and forms may be obtained from:

- USDA, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Energy Programs, Attention: Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6901-S, Washington, DC 20250-3225.

- Agency website: <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eForms/welcomeAction.do?Home>. Follow the instructions for obtaining the application and forms. Application materials can also be obtained from the Agency's website. <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/biorefinery-assistance-program>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Aaron Morris, Assistant Deputy Administrator, USDA Rural Business-