

# NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON ALTA SKI LIFTS MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The Salt Lake Ranger District of the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) addressing multiple improvement projects at Alta Ski Area, which were proposed by Alta Ski Lifts. Alta Ski Lifts operates the ski area under a special use permit on National Forest System lands adjacent to the town of Alta, in Salt Lake County, Utah. In accordance with the Forest Service's Pre-Decisional Administrative Review Process (36 CFR 218), we are providing this opportunity to comment on this proposed action.

The proposed action includes the following improvements:

- Albion/Wildcat base parking
- Tram from Germania Pass to the top of Mt. Baldy
- Gazex or other equivalent technologies to replace artillery and Avalaunchers
- Sunnyside lift replacement
- Wildcat lift replacement
- Flora lift construction from bottom of Sugarbowl to the top of Collins lift
- Supreme summer ski run work
- Alf's restaurant building addition
- Watson shelter building addition
- Equipment storage facility construction

Project documents and maps, including a detailed description of these improvements, are available to review on the project website (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48903>.) If you have any questions about the project or about the objection process, please contact District Ranger, Bekee Hotze, at [rhotze@fs.fed.us](mailto:rhotze@fs.fed.us). The responsible official for this project is Forest Supervisor, David C. Whittekiend.

## HOW TO COMMENT AND TIMEFRAME

Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object to the decision made on the basis of this EA must meet the requirements of 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. It is the responsibility of those providing comments to submit them by the close of the 30-day comment period. Only persons who submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed action during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection. The scoping period for this proposed action, which closed May 26, 2016, was the first opportunity to submit such comments. This comment period will be the second and last opportunity.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in *The Salt Lake Tribune*, the newspaper of record. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Electronic comments are preferred and must be submitted in a format such as an email message, rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to: [comments-intermtn-uwc@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-intermtn-uwc@fs.fed.us). Written comments must be submitted to Bekee Hotze, District Ranger, Salt Lake Ranger District, 6944 South 3000 East, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121, or by fax at (801) 733-2684. Comments may be hand-delivered from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at the Salt Lake Ranger District, same address.

In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification.