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Comments: Thanks for working on this project. Outdoor recreation of all kinds seem to just keep increasing in popularity, and accommodating getting more people outdoors is important.

A few comments:

Expanded parking:

Would it be possible to add a pedestrian connection (or ski connection) from at least Last Chance parking to High Noon parking? High Noon has a pedestrian connection to the base area, and a ped or skiing connection to High Noon would give people who park in Last Chance another option, rather than waiting for a shuttle. If Upper Last Chance and Upper Upper Last Chance could also be connected over, maybe with a skiable path to use in the downhill direction, that might save on at least some need for shuttles.

Increased snowmaking and water diversion:

It's good that the current level of water diversion has not affected the stream environment, as measured. But that the current diversion does not seem to affect the environment in no way shows that increased diversion would not affect it. Increased diversion needs to be studied. If it is allowed, A Basin should be required to monitor the environmental conditions and effects, as they did, and then reduce diversions if they are having negative effects.

New snowmaking infrastructure:

Keeping installation of new lines to disturbed areas is good. New disturbance should go on roads as much as possible, not ski trails. While roads and ski trails are both disturbed areas, roads are far more disturbed. Building and maintaining a road involves much more disturbance to the environment than cutting trees and maintaining a ski run.

New disturbance in Montezuma Bowl seems like a bad idea. Not only is it going into an undisturbed area, but it is not an efficient use of the water for snowmaking. It is south and west facing, so the snow will melt out faster, whether it is natural or from snowmaking. Snowmaking on other slopes makes more sense.

Remote avalanche control:

Keeping new construction and disturbance to areas that are already disturbed is important. Glad to see this plans to do that.

Noxious weeds:

Glad to see that the plan includes monitoring and treatment for noxious weeds after disturbance. This is important, since noxious weeds move into disturbed areas. Monitoring needs to ensure that the treatments are effective.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.