

Eaglecrest Summer Operations Task Force
Meeting Agenda
Thursday March 17th 2022 5:30pm
Zoom

to join the webinar:

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1. Roll Call:
2. Minutes: to be provided at the next meeting from 2.11.22 & 2.22.22
3. Update from City Attorney Rob Palmer
4. Key dates and miles stones in Gondola Purchase
5. Summer operations at EC, a brief history
6. Current vision, plans, timeline, and associated costs for summer operations
7. Unknowns and uncertainties

Agenda items for a future (3/31?) ESOTF meeting

- Financing
- Partners

Key Dates & Milestones in Gondola Purchase

- Wednesday March 16th Request for Proposals issued for engineering services for on site Gondola inspection.
- Friday March 18th \$100,000 Euro Deposit and initial contract for deposit signed
- Monday March 21st RFP for transport issued
- Friday March 25th Purchase and Sale Agreement signed additional \$50,000 Euro payment
- Tuesday March 29th engineering RFP closes
- April 11th COW meeting shipping bid for approval & future financing discussion
- April 12th to the 15th onsite Gondola Inspection \$700,000 Euro Payment.
- May 25th final inspection, Gondola loading, Final payment \$380,00 Euro



Cost of no action alternative

- The fixed cost of operating Eaglecrest will continue to rise as wages, insurance rates, cost of city government and general inflationary pressures continue to increase over the next decade.
- Need to fund a robust capital schedule in the next ten years to care for the replacement of aging lifts and significant lodge improvements that will become unavoidable
- Vulnerability of the revenue stream from impacts of climate change is likely to continue
- Would be reasonable to expect the cost of operations and capital improvements to hit \$1.8M-\$2M annually within 10 years.



CBJ Comprehensive Plan

Chapter 5: Tourism and Visitors

- Winter Tourism

Juneau has potential to develop as a winter tourism destination, with attractions such as winter scuba diving and more traditional winter sports attracting increasing numbers of visitors. Efforts to promote Eaglecrest as a year-round outdoor recreation destination in Juneau and the surrounding region should continue.

Improvements have been made to upgrade the lodge building, the parking area, chair lifts and the ski trails, all of which have increased Eaglecrest's appeal as a winter destination. Private-public partnerships have been developed recently - and should continue to be cultivated - to provide summer season activities to extend enjoyment of the area year round.



Chapter 5: Policy 5.6 and SOP 4

- TO ENCOURAGE TOURISM, CONVENTION AND OTHER VISITOR-RELATED ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE FACILITIES AND SERVICES, WHILE PROTECTING JUNEAU'S NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC ATTRACTIONS FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACCOMMODATION OF THE FUTURE GROWTH OF TOURISM IN A MANNER THAT ADDRESSES BOTH COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY CONCERNS.
- 5.6 - SOP4 Develop Eaglecrest as a year-round local and regional recreation and tourist facility



Chapter 8: Transportation

- North Douglas

Over the years, North Douglas Highway has experienced increased traffic from recreational users of North Douglas lands, shorelines and waters, in addition to increased resident traffic. Increased traffic is dangerous for pedestrians, joggers, bicyclists and students awaiting school bus service. The boat launch on the north shore of Douglas Island offers many recreational enthusiasts and visitors a world class, spectacular viewscape of the Mendenhall Glacier and access to world class fishing. Eaglecrest is working to be a year-round outdoor recreation destination. In the years ahead, additional traffic associated with a North Douglas bridge connecting the West Douglas New Growth Area to the mainland may have impacts to the North Douglas Highway traffic capacity and safety, depending on the timing and intensity of development in West Douglas, the location and design of the bridge or crossing landing, and the location and type of roadway(s) leading to and from West Douglas. [Please also refer to Chapter 11, Subarea 9 North Douglas Highway and channel crossing discussions.]



Chapter 9: Parks, Recreation, Trails and Natural Area Resources

- Opening Narrative

The Eaglecrest ski area, located on Douglas Island, is an important winter recreational resource to many Juneau families. The management of the facility is seeking ways to provide year-round recreational activities for residents and visitors to make more efficient use of its resources.

The Capital Improvement Program Six-Year Plan includes a prioritized listing of Parks and Recreation, Eaglecrest, and Centennial Hall projects. Funding is provided primarily through the CBJ budget, with occasional state funding through the legislative process. Other sources of funding should continue to be pursued.



Chapter 9: Policy 9.1 and Implementing Action 24

- **POLICY 9.1.**

TO PROVIDE QUALITY DISPERSED OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND TO ACQUIRE AND DEVELOP SUFFICIENT LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN LOCATIONS CONVENIENT TO ALL AREAS OF THE CBJ. PLACES GIVEN PRIORITY FOR NEW FACILITIES INCLUDE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING AREAS AND CURRENTLY DEVELOPED AREAS THAT LACK ADEQUATE PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES.

9.1 - IA24 Encourage development of additional facilities at, and provision of electric energy from the CBJ's existing electrical grid, to the Eaglecrest ski area.



Subarea 8: North and West Douglas Island

- Guidelines for Subarea 8:

11. As much as is practical and efficient, coordinate recreational and maintenance activities and shared use of facilities and equipment and coordinate management activities with the Eaglecrest Facility and programs. Many of the facilities at Eaglecrest can serve both skiers and non-skiers and both winter and off-season recreational activities and events. Shared use and year-round use of the Eaglecrest facilities and lands should be encouraged and facilitated.



History of Summer Operations at Eaglecrest

- Mid 1980's bubble chair lift rides on Ptarmigan
- The 2008 Strategic Plan developed the vision statement –"By 2010, Eaglecrest Ski Area will be a broadly supported, year-round recreation center with appropriate infrastructure for both public and commercial use"
- 2006 entered into concession agreement with Alaska Zipline
- 2014 entered into concession agreement with Cycle Alaska
- 2021 entered into concession agreement with Alaska Coach Tours
- 2021 entered into concession agreement with Segway Alaska
- 2021 Free 18 hole disk golf course installed in Porcupine area



Survey Results from 2012 Master Plan

Chart 1:

Eaglecrest Development Options – Percent Ranking Very Important

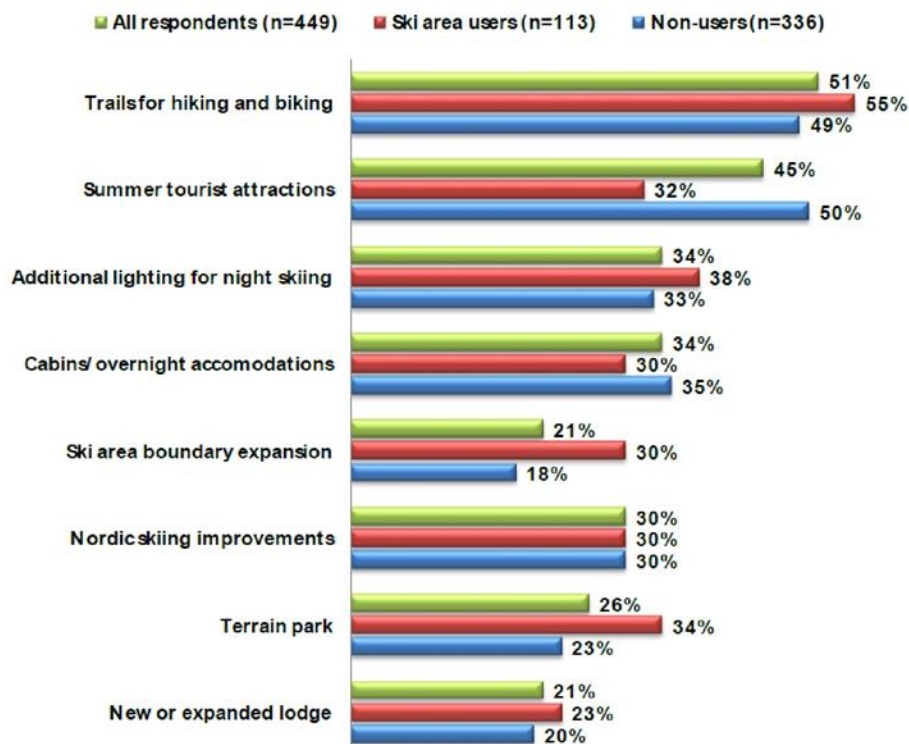
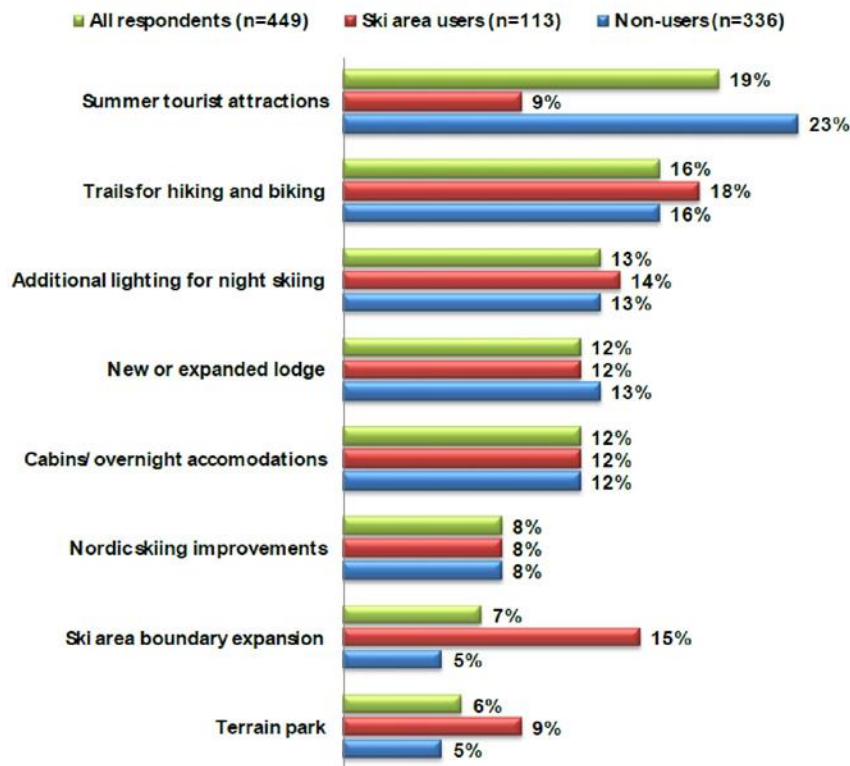


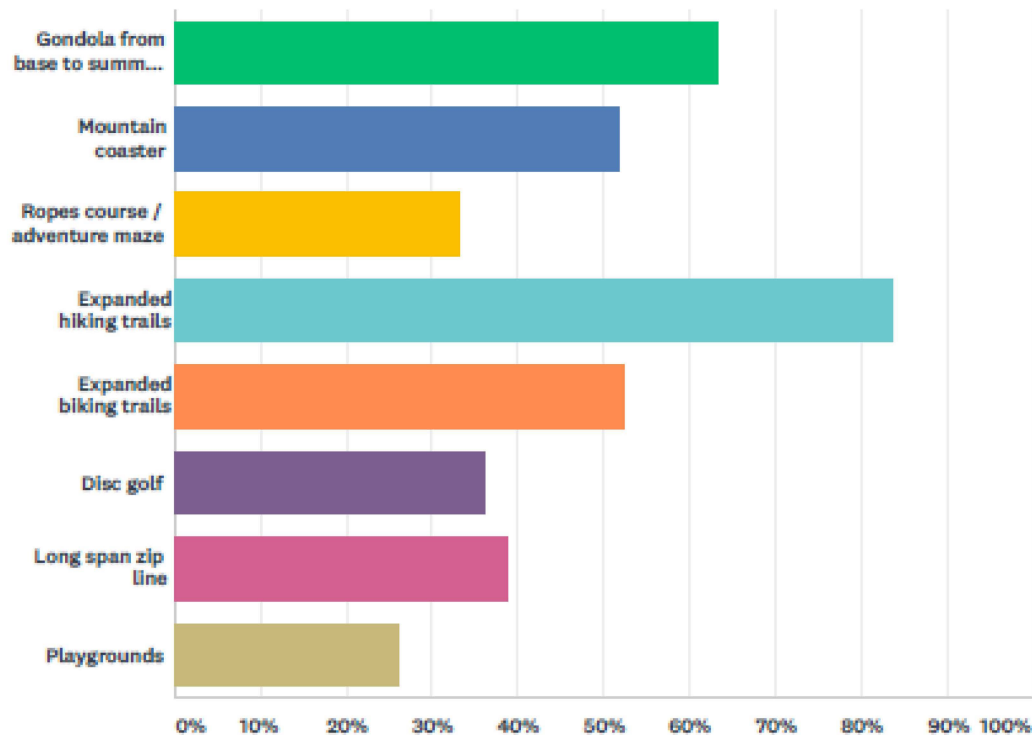
Chart 2:

Eaglecrest Development Options – Ranked as Most Important



Q5 What summer activities would you explore if offered at Eaglecrest?

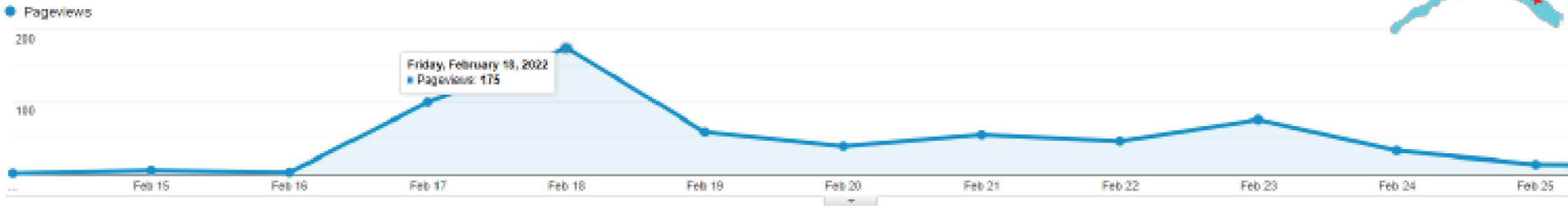
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Gondola from base to summit (Pittman's Ridge)	63.27%	93
Mountain coaster	51.70%	76
Ropes course / adventure maze	33.33%	49
Expanded hiking trails	83.67%	123
Expanded biking trails	52.38%	77
Disc golf	36.05%	53
Long span zip line	38.78%	57
Playgrounds	25.85%	38
Total Respondents: 147		



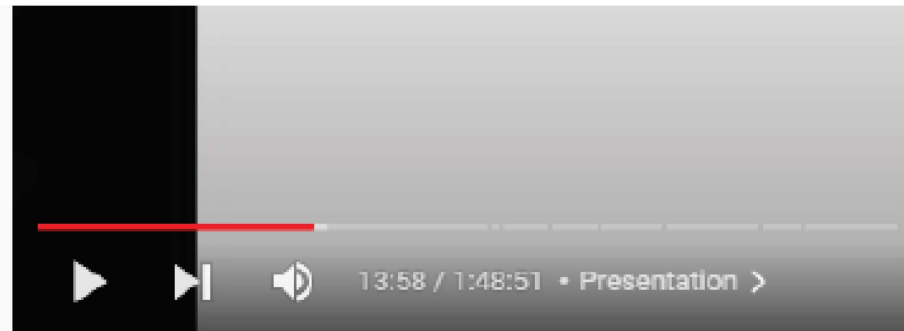
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WEBINAR RECORDING - VIEWS



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WEBINAR - LIVE VIEWS

During the public webinar + Q&A session, we noticed a peak attendance of 138 participants on zoom; some people left early and others joined the meeting late. While we do not have an exact number, we estimate that between 150-200 Juneau residents tuned in live for at least part of the webinar.

Public Meeting Schedule

- July 1st 2019 CBJ Public Works Committee
- July 1st 2019 North Douglas Neighborhood association
- July 11th 2019 Juneau Chamber of Commerce
- July 16th 2019 Public Meeting and Work Session at Peratrovich Hall
- July 18th 2019 Public Meeting and Work Session at the Valley Library
- July 25th 2019 Capital Chat
- October 9th 2019 Douglas Island Advisory Committee
- October 29th 2019 Gatineau Rotary
- February 16th 2022 Capital Chat
- February 22nd 2022 Juneau Afternoon
- February 23rd 2022 Zoom webinar presentation and Q&A
- March 16th 2022 Douglas Advisory Committee
- May 5th 2022 Rotary Club



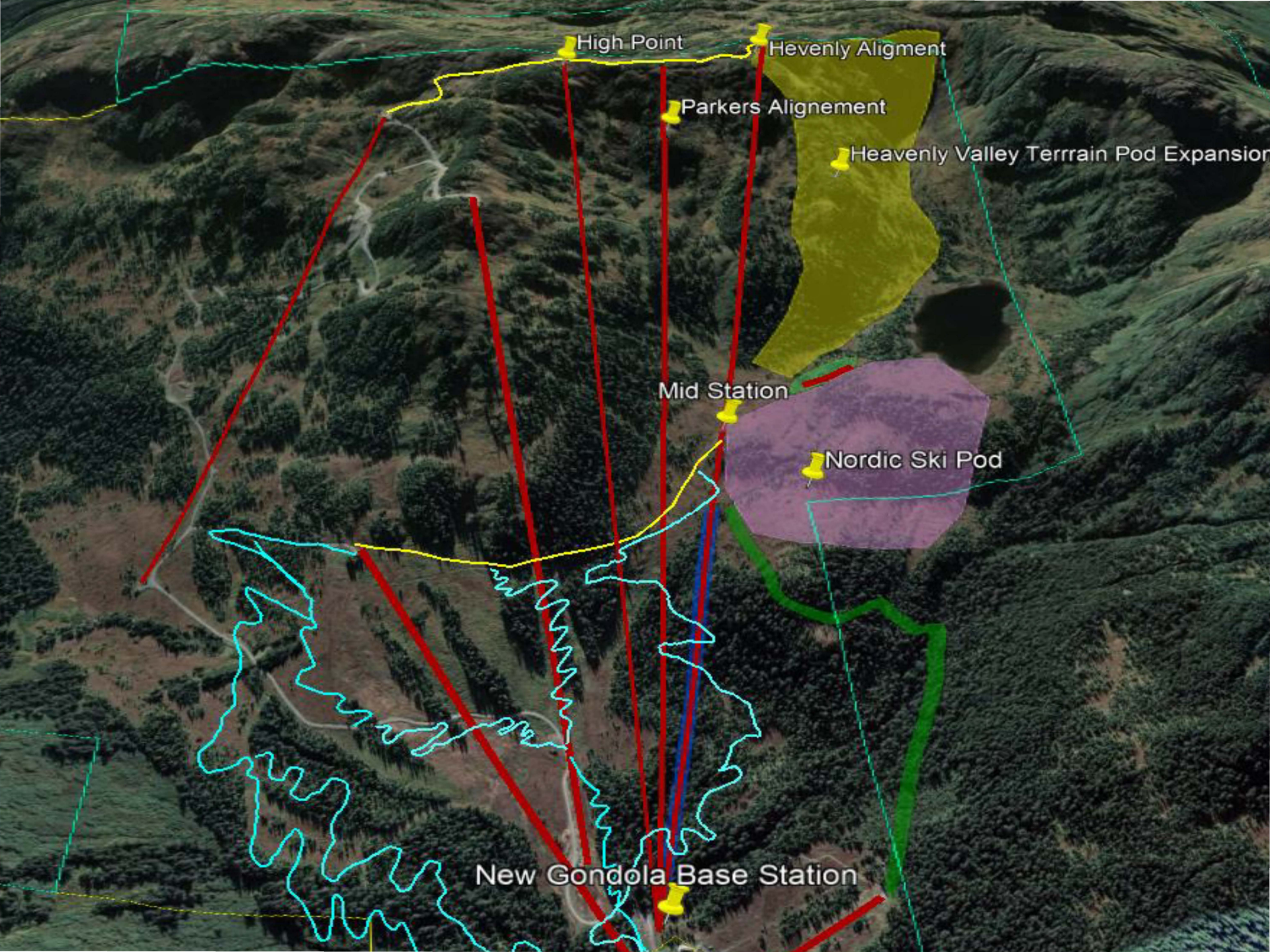
Current Vision for Phase One

- Construction of Gondola to top of West Ridge
- Construction of Mountain Coaster
- Construction of Mountain House at top of Gondola
- Improvement of hiking and biking trails
- Ability to add on other low capital activities in the future



Pulse Gondola Purchase





High Point

Heavenly Aligment

Parkers Aligement

Heavenly Valley Terrrain Pod Expansion

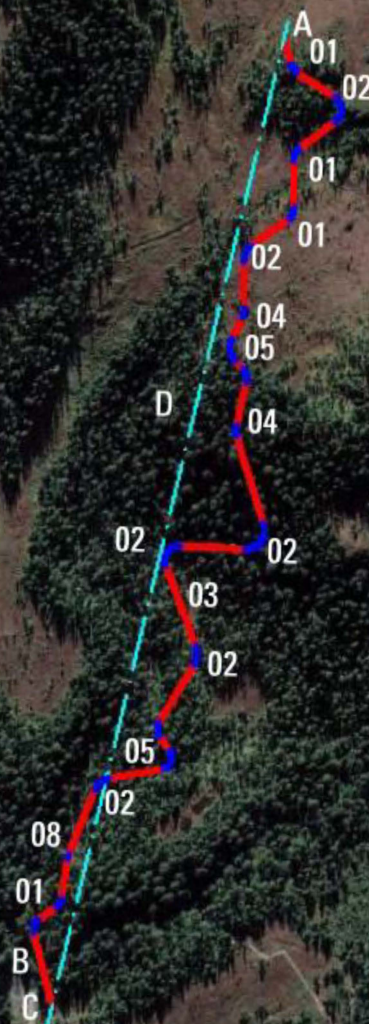
Mid Station

Nordic Ski Pod

New Gondola Base Station

Track Elements

- A Start Downhill Track
- B Brake System
- C Unload / Queuing Sector
- D Gondola
- 01 Soft turn
- 02 Speed turn
- 03 G-Force-Wave
- 04 Jump
- 05 Wild Mouse Turn
- 06 Bridge
- 07 Tunnel
- 08 Speed Track (opt.)
- 09 Theming (opt.)
- 10 Snapshot Camera (opt.)





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Features:

Down-track: 3600ft

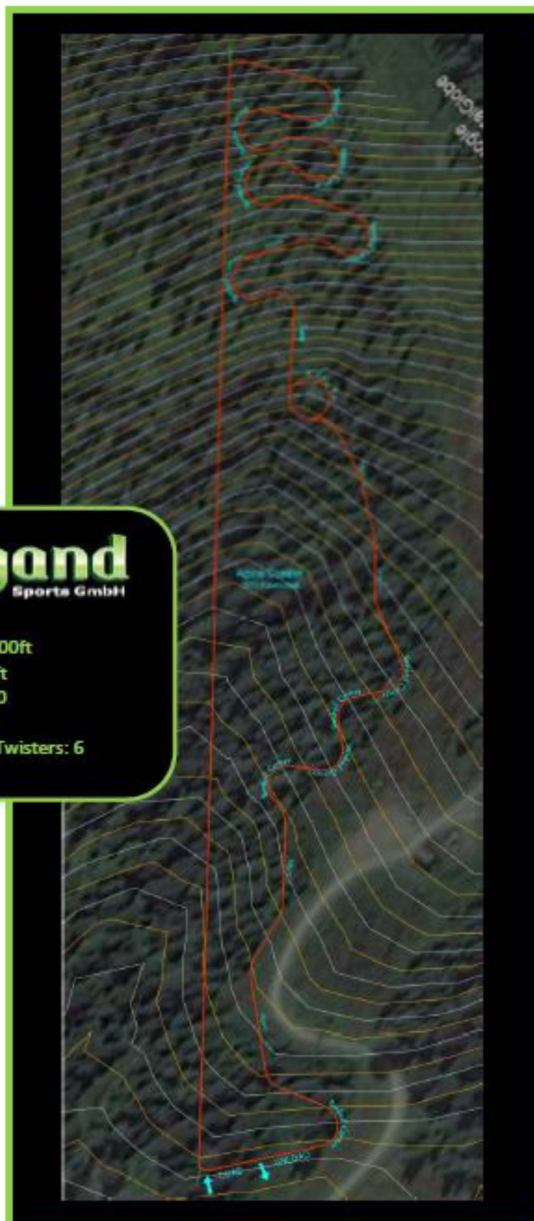
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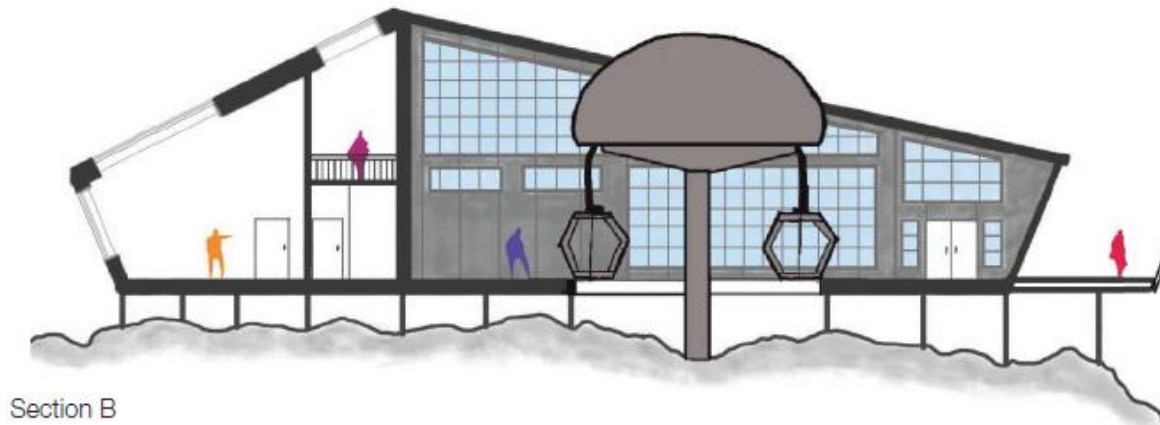
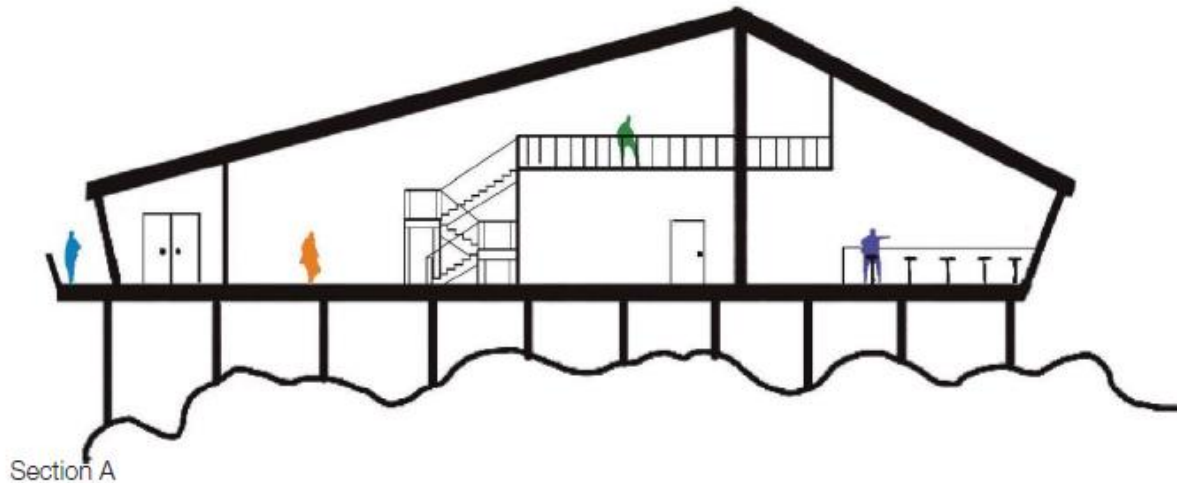
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Waves/Jumps/Twisters: 6

Sleds: 45



Summit Mountain House Concept



Projects Components & Costs for Year One

- Parking lot expansion for Gondola storage –Funded through FY 23 CIP fund \$100,000
- Tree Removal - \$50,000
- Final Engineering & Geotech - \$600,000
- Road Construction to Mid Station and Top Terminal - \$900,000
- 40% down payment on Mountain Coaster - \$434,000
- Gondola Refurbishment & Upgrades - \$400,000
- Permitting and soft costs - \$300,000
- Contingency - \$300,000

Total Capital Costs \$3,084,000



Project Components & Costs for Year Two

- Concrete and foundation work for Gondola Towers & Terminals - \$1,200,000
- Terminal Enclosures - \$950,000
- Summit Facility - \$1,500,000
- Final Mountain Coaster Payment and installation - \$1,066,000
- Electrical connection AELP - \$300,000
- Towers and Line Gear Installation - \$250,000
- Permitting and soft costs - \$300,000
- Contingency - \$1,300,000

Total Year two - \$6,616,000



Unknowns that can effect project costs

- Impacts of results from Geotechnical study on amount of concrete and tower base construction
- Lead time on electrical components and costs from AELP
- Transportation logistics
- Onboard sales agreements
- Water and Sewer upgrades
- Final Summit House design
- Final Mountain Coaster Design
- Partnership opportunities for funding

