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Subject Old Building Lodge at Badger Pass

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Has this building been designated a national historic building? Once it has been it has to be preserved in its original motiff and structure guides and I think that there is \$ available from the govnmnt Feel free to call me.... I helped get an old medical building here designatned in Dec (Built circa 1907)....
.... Stockton

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Regarding the renewal of BADGER PASS SKI AREA : I do hope you will still provide for an area to eat outside . We used to bring our lunch and enjoy being outside on one of the tables . That way we could watch our kids/family ski and be there for them .

The BBQ on some afternoons provided a great lunch too . Loved it. Keep the outdoor area where families can gather, watch and enjoy !
thank you,

Brisbane, California
94005

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I would like to continue to hear about the BP project and have some cursory comments about the rehab.

- *can the decking be replaced with recycled plastic lumbar?
- *can solar panels be utilized on the building?
- *can low flow toilets be installed in all the lavatories?
- *can educational exhibits about the watershed be incorporated to the outside sun deck?
- *can the old BP Welcome sign be re-established on the western corner of the building?

Just some thoughts | [REDACTED]

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<cmudin@pacbell.net>
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Subject scoping badger pass EA

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Dear sir:

Attached find the Sierra Club's Yosemite Committee comment on the Badger Pass rehabilitation EA.

John Modin, member Sierra Club Yosemite Committee.



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Public scoping comment
Badger Pass Lodge Rehabilitation EA
Superintendent, Yosemite National Park
P.O. Box 577
Yosemite, CA 95398

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Dear Sir:

The following comments are submitted on behalf of the Sierra Club's Yosemite Committee. We hope they will be of value in improving the appearance and serviceability of the day use facilities in the Badger Pass ski area.

The NPS proposal to rehabilitate the seriously deteriorated Badger Pass ski lodge to its historic architectural design and function is an action the Committee encourages and supports. The original ski lodge, constructed in 1935, has been seriously impacted by decades of heavy snowfall and weather extremes and has become an unacceptable eyesore and public safety problem. We support maintaining the historic architectural design of the original lodge structure in this rehabilitation effort.

The temporary buildings and additions constructed during more recent, less historic, times to accommodate an increase in family oriented winter recreation should be removed and replaced with permanent structures that reflect a contemporary style more appropriate to our western National Parks rather than the character and design commonly found in the European Alps.

If these more recent structures and temporary buildings were sited where they impact wetlands or other sensitive resource areas they should be relocated to appropriate nearby sites.

The Committee would oppose any expansion of the existing level of day use in the Badger Pass ski area. The levels of visitor services should remain at or below current levels and reduction of service and or visitor amenities should be made where they conflict with or impact the natural resources of the area.

Hopefully these comments will be helpful in your efforts to remedy the dilapidated infrastructure in the Badger Pass ski area.

Joe Fontaine,
Chair, Sierra Club Yosemite Committee



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Truckee, CA 96160
United States

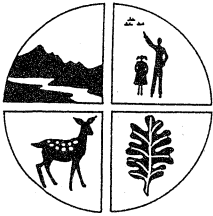
I wanted to email NPS to offer my support for the Badger Pass Lodge repair/restoration project. Badger Pass is where I learned to ski, snowboard, telemark and cross country ski. Before I moved to Yosemite (to work for DNC), I had spent very little time in the snow. I learned to love the thrill of winter sports at Badger Pass. Later, I worked at Badger Pass and I learned the excitement of helping others discover skiing and snowboarding (I was an instructor). I even fell in love with my wife at Badger Pass.

I would like to see a full restoration of the Badger Pass Lodge. I really like that old building. It has more character than all of the other ski lodges I've visited. I love the nooks and crannies of locker room with it's wooden lockers and waxing table. I like how most everyone just leaves their stuff in the cubbies in the main dining room. The whole place just has a homey feel to it.

Additionally, I'd like to see the Badger Pass ski area get some attention. When I last skied there, Rail Creek was in need of brush trimming, the terrain park was pretty sorry and DNC doesn't work hard enough to advertise Badger Pass to the public. I'd like to see Badger Pass regain some of its former glory.

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January 21, 2009

Superintendent
Attn: Badger Pass Ski Lodge Rehabilitation
PO Box 577
Yosemite, CA 95389

☒ Action

☐ FYI

Assigned:

Mark Butcher

Due Date:

Dear Superintendent:

This letter is sent in response to the notification that we received regarding public scoping for the Rehabilitation of the Badger Pass Ski Lodge Environmental Assessment. Our Center offers the following comments that may help mitigate environmental impacts caused by the project.

Our Center assumes that the ski area is currently utilizing an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS). As part of this lodge renovation project, we ask that Park staff consider renovating the ski area's OWTS in order to bring the system up to the highest efficiency to fully protect biological resources. The large number of visitors concentrated in this area above the Merced River and the expected additional visitors that would be attracted by these renovations may cumulatively contribute to the eventual failing of the present septic system. This may result in contamination of local waterways (surface and groundwater) that feed into the Merced River. We recommend that Park staff consider installation of a technologically advanced supplemental system that will most effectively remove nitrogen, pathogens, bacteria, and other contaminants from the wastewater before entering the soil. The California State Water Board is currently working to finalize new regulations for onsite wastewater treatment systems on private lands in the State in accordance with AB 885. Due to the information being accumulated and distributed to the public about OWTS, it seems timely for Park staff to take this opportunity to renovate its wastewater system at Badger Pass, utilizing the suggested advanced criteria and regulations proposed in these new state regulations.

Accordingly, our Center asks that the EA include pertinent information regarding the current status of the ski area's OWTS and that the EA appropriately consider a reasonable range of feasible alternatives for the upgrade or renovation of the OWTS with the installation of a technologically advanced supplemental treatment system.

A second suggested scoping issue for the EA ties to climate change mitigation. Global climate change has been identified as a significant environmental threat in the state of California and is predicted to decrease Sierra Nevada snow pack, increase wildfire, and increase the intensity and duration of drought periods. The ski area is clearly

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dependent on abundant snowfall and cold winter temperatures, both of which are predicted to diminish as climate change takes place. Thus, the Park and the ski area facility have a strong interest in reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHG's) to attempt to reduce the severity of further effects of human-induced climate change. While the renovations are aimed at preserving a historic building, the overall effects of renovating other buildings will likely attract additional recreational visitors, who will burn fossil fuels to travel to the ski resort. Additionally, the ski lodge and other associated buildings will create GHG's due to construction/renovation work, heating, water conveyance, etc. We ask that Park staff incorporate feasible, appropriate mitigation measures to help offset these new additive GHG's. This might include installing solar panels to provide clean, renewable energy to heat and power the buildings, creating a more efficient and effective (or perhaps mandatory) shuttle system, building to high, energy efficient standards, and buying carbon offsets.

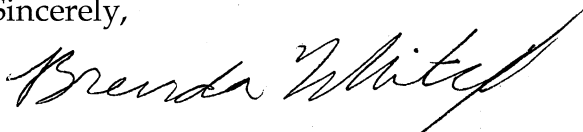
Our Center asks that the EA consider a reasonable range of feasible alternatives that includes the analysis of greenhouse gas emissions produced by this project and the ski area, as well as feasible ways to mitigate for these GHG emissions.

Our third suggested scoping issue ties to lighting. Nighttime lighting, especially in such a pristine, wild environment, can have significant negative effects on the abundant nocturnal wildlife of Yosemite National Park. Nighttime lighting can also reduce the enjoyment for visitors hoping to stargaze during their Yosemite wilderness experience. As part of this project, we ask Park staff to analyze current sources of nighttime lighting at the facility that contribute to light pollution, and consider ways to reduce this light pollution—for example using hooded lights on buildings, snowmobiles, and snow-grooming vehicles as well as reducing road and pathway lighting to a minimum during non-visitor hours.

We ask that the EA consider a reasonable range of feasible alternatives that analyze potential mitigation for the biological impacts created by nighttime light pollution at the ski area.

Thank you for considering our comments, and please keep us informed of further opportunities to review proposed actions or to comment on this project.

Sincerely,



Brenda Whited, Staff Biologist

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Name: [REDACTED]
Address: _____

Date of Comment: 28 JAN 2009

Comments

Things I'd like to see: Nordic Ski Shop w/ the same rustic architecture as the original Badger.

More emphasis on Nordic skiing rather than the "bastard child" left out in the parking lot.

Bathrooms that flush properly.

If Nordic Center is away from main building give it bathrooms.

Things I don't want to see:

elimination of nordic center

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things I don't want to see (cont.):
More \$ spent on downhill lifts

But I would think that better parking
would be good & marketing more to
families would be good. It's one of the
best things about Badger - family
friendly, both nordic & alpine skiing.
Have the lodge reflect that. There are
never enough tables inside in inclement
weather. Some improvement to indoor
layout to maximize space.

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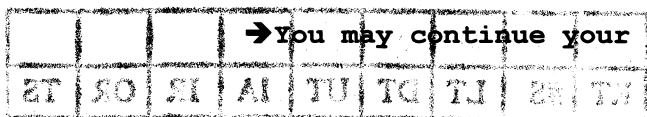
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→ You may continue your comments on any clean sheet of paper ←



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Name: [REDACTED] Date of Comment: 6-26-09
Address: [REDACTED] Oakhurst CA 93644

Comments

I would like to see the RedFox chair pulled out and put to use over on Beaver. The tower bases are there (we used to have a T BAR all the way to the top of Beaver). It doesn't make any sense to have 2 chairs going to the same place and it would help utilize the Beaver Run more ~~efficiently~~ proficiently. The area is already patrolled by ski patrol so it's not like it's a new area.

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Name: [REDACTED] Date of Comment: 1-26-09
Address: [REDACTED] OAKHURST CA 93644

Comments

Please please please do something about the mold in the lodge! I am fine all summer, then ski season starts and I use a locker in the Ski School locker room. My eyes start burning, my head gets congested, you can smell the mold in the walls downstairs. As soon as I am out of the locker room, it starts going away. It's BAD!

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Name: [REDACTED] Date of Comment: 1/30/09
Address: [REDACTED] 5B CA 93105

Comments

My family has been coming to Badger Pass for over 15 years. Our daughter has grown up skiing on the run of Badger. The low key, family orientated character of the lodge is important to us. We are supportive of the Rehabilitation Project but hope the restoration will maintain the lodge's rustic simplicity and not try and mimic other ski resorts which have become large and impersonal. It would be nice to include some interpretive displays of Badger's history and perhaps some artifacts from its earlier days.

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Name: [REDACTED] Date of Comment: 1/16/09
Address: [REDACTED] WILLITS, CA 95490

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PLEASE RETAIN THE PHOTOGRAPHS
HANGING ON THE WALLS, THE SKIS
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Name: [REDACTED] Date of Comment: 1-20-09
Address: [REDACTED] Yosemite CA 95389

Comments

I have worked at Badger Pass and it sure needs a lot of work. I would like to see the area used year 'round. It could be used as a wilderness/hiking center in the summer. Shuttle buses could run from Badger Lodge to Glacier Point and the road could be closed to private vehicles. Hikers and bicycles could use the road. The lodge could sell maps, food, hiking gear and house the Mountainseeing School.

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Name: _____
Address: _____

Date of Comment: 1/24/09

San Luis Obispo CA 93406

Comments

As a skier with a family of five, the amenities we find most important are ① roomier restrooms - just a bit more space would make the restrooms much more accessible to all!! ② sufficient table/picnic area indoors - outdoors is wonderful, too, but the times the families really need respite are the blustery days. ③ overnight lockers are a life-saver for families shlepping kids and gear. (Daytime cubbies help, too!) These are the spaces that make a huge difference in the feel of the lodge, and can make the day feel like vacation rather than drudgery.

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Furthermore, I want to thank you all for prioritizing the value of the historical character of Badger Pass and Yosemite. Our Park is priceless.

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Mailing Address

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brisbane, Ca 94005
USA

Please keep the outdoor eating tables and make it larger. We loved bringing or buying our lunch, sitting outside while some went to ski. It was great and on a sunny day wonderful. Such memories and more to come with Badger Pass. Our family learned to ski there and appreciate the beauty around us.

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I vote wholeheartedly for this project. Please put me on the mailing list for updates on this project.

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