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Name: [REDACTED] Date of Comment: 2/10/09
Address: 16111 Vista, CA 92084
[REDACTED]

Comments

Have espresso drinks - I like the salads you have. Try to finish project by next winter - start in Spring & finish in Fall. It would be nice to have the buildings look like from Sertiger (and supplies games like scrabble, scrabble, J&M Chess, etc)

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Name: [REDACTED] Date of Comment: 2-4-09

Address: [REDACTED] Yosemite, CA 95389

Comments

The fireplace should be put back in it's original place with the metal plates above it which are now at the Mountain Room Bar at Yosemite Lodge. The roof needs much better drainage to avoid ice on the decks.

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Name: [REDACTED] Date of Comment: 02/06/09

Address: [REDACTED] San Diego, CA

Comments

- Maintain historic character & educational programs regarding lodge & park.
- Ranger led snowshoeing is great, maybe expand or have other guides
- More frequent shuttles from valley (earlier & later) to match with guided programs

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Name: [REDACTED] Date of Comment: 2-6-09
Address: [REDACTED] Sugar Pine CA 93644

Comments

I would like to see the old Fire Place
Back in the Lodge and keep a mountain lodge
But MAKE IT Modern Working For Food, Rentals,
Gift Shop etc and People Friendly.

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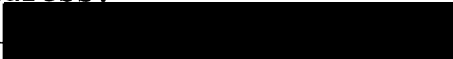


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Name:  Date of Comment: 20-21-01-2009
Address:  FAM7 HILDBERHAUSEN

Comments

*Ich habe sehr gut gesellafte hier, dachte
ich wäre dem Schnee in Deutschland entplafte
Als ich in California ankam, ging ich in Pasadena
vor 25 Grad minus in. Hatte hier 35° plus
Es war hier wie in Selway Wald -*



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[REDACTED]
Date of comment – January 20-21-2009

Address: [REDACTED]
(City) Hildritzhause, (Germany)

“ I had a very good experience here, although I thought the snow in Germany (better?).
As I arrived in California it was 25 degrees, here it was 35 degree plus. It was as warm
here as in the Black Forest.

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Name: [REDACTED] Date of Comment: 2-10-09
Address: [REDACTED] MARIPOSA, CA 95338

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Comments

I HAVE BEEN WORKING AT BADGER PASS FOR ABOUT 15 YEARS.
MOST OF THAT TIME I'VE WORKED FOR THE SKI PATROL.

PRESENTLY, THE MEDICAL STATION IS LOCATED IN THE A-FRAME
JUST WEST OF THE LODGE. THE ALS PROVIDER SHARES THAT
BUILDING WITH NPS. THIS IS A GOOD SITUATION FOR NPS
AND DNC NOT ONLY DO PARK SERVICE EMPLOYEES
FREQUENTLY HELP WITH INJURED SKIERS AND SNOWBOARDERS,
BUT IT ALSO ALLOWS NPS TO BRING PATIENTS TO THE
A-FRAME FOR AN EVALUATION BY THE DMC NURSE. IT
SEEMS LIKE A GOOD SITUATION FOR THE PATIENT, WHO GETS
IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, FOR THE PARK SERVICE EMPLOYEE, WHO
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CAN WORK ON THEIR MEDICAL SKILLS, AND FOR THE SKI
PATROLLERS, WHO ARE OFTEN SHORT HANDED FOR PATIENT CARRIES.

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IF THIS SITUATION WERE TO CHANGE THERE ARE SOME ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED

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MEDICAL FACILITY: THE FACILITY MUST CONTAIN AT LEAST 7 BEDS AND A SEATING AREA FOR PATIENTS

- : THERE MUST BE ENOUGH STORAGE AREA FOR SUPPLIES AS WELL AS A LOCKING CABINET FOR DRUGS
- : PATROLMEN SHOULD HAVE AN AREA TO CHANGE AND STORE THEIR EQUIPMENT. PRESENTLY, THE PATROL LOCKERS ARE IN A SEPERATE BUILDING AND THIS DELAYS PATIENT CARE.
- : THE SLOPE SHOULD BE VISABLE FROM THIS FACILITY
- : THE FACILITY MUST HAVE RUNNING H₂O AND A BATHROOM
- : IT NEEDS TO BE VISABLE TO THE GUESTS

ACCESS TO MEDICAL HELP: WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO SKI THE PATIENT TO THE FACILITY. IT CANNOT BE UPHILL FROM THE SLOPES

- : THE AMBULANCE MUST HAVE ACCESS, PREFERABLY COVERED, WHERE PARKING TRAFFIC DOESN'T INTERFERE.
- : IN ORDER TO TRANSFER A PATIENT TO THE AMBULANCE, THE FACILITY MUST BE AT THE SAME LEVEL OR HAVE AN APPROPRIATELY ANGLED RAMP. (THE ONE BEHIND THE A-FRAME IS VERY DANGEROUS)

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



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To Yose_Planning@nps.gov

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I work for the park as you know but wanted to get my two cents in. The bathrooms need to be redesigned. In addition to the lack of accessibility for wheelchairs, the main bathroom in the lodge is awkwardly laid out. The lack of cleanliness is often notable but that is an operational matter. Unfortunately the bathroom experience is often so negative that in all of the experiences my friends and I have on a given day at Badger, the restroom is one of the most "memorable."

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Name: [REDACTED] Date of Comment: 2/09/09
Address: [REDACTED] C.A. 93710

Comments

Loving the new Snow cat. I think it is better than Deer valley! Better than Sierra Summit! Badger needs new bathrooms. We love skiing at Badger pass. I am the 3rd generation of skiing at Badger. You also need a new lodge!

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Name: [REDACTED] Date of Comment: 2/7/09
Address: [REDACTED]

El Portal, CA 95318

Comments

Badger Pass has been a "tradition" for our family. Generations of [REDACTED] have skied here + enjoyed winter rec on Glaci Pt Rd.

Please repair + maintain the Lodge + other support facilities - Keep Badger a strong Yosemite tradition.

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Name: _____ Date of Comment: _____

Address: _____

SF, CA 94116

Comments

We love badger. My father + Great Grandfather have roots in Yosemite's history + tradition. Our children + grandchildren have been part of Yose Winter Club tradition + activities.

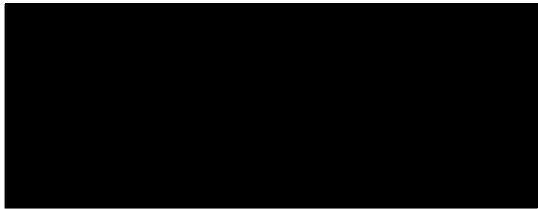
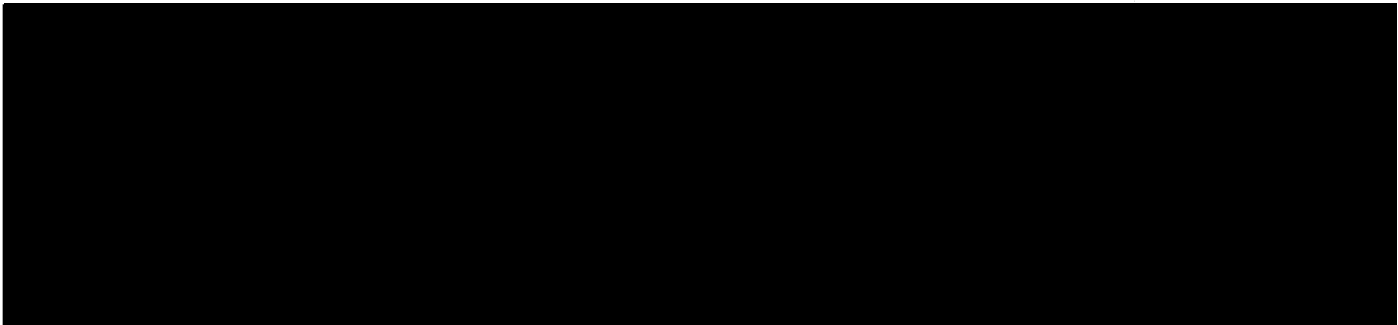
Love skiing here at Badger and other areas in Yosemite backcountry: Ostrander Snow Flat, Snow Creek — (Keep Badger

+ other lodges open so we can enjoy winter resources + recreate + enjoy trad-

itions in Yosemite

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[Redacted Name]
 02/12/2009 10:03 PM

To Calvin_Liu@nps.gov

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Subject Badger Pass Ski Lodge Rehabilitation Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Liu, I was fortunate to be XC skiing at Badger Pass last Friday when you discussed your plan options and showed slides .

You asked me to submit my comments, and here they are. I have been skiing at Badger Pass since 1972, and I only missed a year in 1997 when you had the floods. I bring a bus full of Sierra Club skiers each February, and it is the longest running ski outing we have.

I think you should do everything possible to preserve the charm and historic value of the lodge. As I see it, you have several choices.

1) Make repairs and keep the lodge in its current design . I'm sure that is the most economical choice, and should last until our nation is more prosperous than it is now.

I am not offended by the temporary rental buildings . They are rustic enough to blend in with the lodge. I would prefer that they could be included in the main lodge, but not if it means destroying the lovely lines of the lodge . My only

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complaint is the lack of a bathroom in the nordic shop .

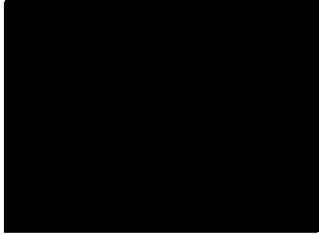
2) If you feel compelled to make permanent structures for the rental buildings, make a near copies of the original lodge, or a mirror image that complements the historic design. Then we would have a little village of swiss chalets, or what ever style architecture the lodge is. I think it is a good idea to keep the XC and snowshoe rentals separate from the alpine rentals . The XC shop is much quieter. and should stay that way.

Were there other buildings at Monroe Meadows, or at the actual Badger Pass long ago? A reconstruction of one or more of those buildings might serve as a rental shop, and illustrate the early history of skiing there .

3) If the repairs of the original lodge are more expensive than reconstruction, then make a copy of the original design, only larger . The charm of the original lodge is due to it's roof line, the breezeway, the snowflake room and how the building looks from the slopes. The view from the roadway has become cluttered, and has lost much of its charm. The same roof line and European feel could be made larger without loosing its historic charm .

4) Please don't make a new building that overwhelms and hides the original lodge. The newer day lodge at Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood is an abomination, and should be torn down.

Mike Fry
Chair,
Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Section,
Sierra Club
San Diego Chapter.
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Superintendent
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ATTN: Badger Pass Ski Lodge Rehabilitation
P.O. Box 577
Yosemite, CA 95389

FAX 209 379-1294

Dear Sir:

I wish to submit Scoping Comments for the Badger Pass Ski Lodge Rehabilitation Project. I am so glad that this project is being undertaken because of its historical significance but also because Badger Pass is an important family oriented ski resort.

My family has enjoyed skiing at Badger Pass for the past 50 years. I also had direct involvement as the Project Engineer for remodeling done at Badger in 1956.

1. Improve the food service in the Lodge. Years ago, a small cafeteria provided prompt food service.
2. Maintain and expand the indoor and outdoor deck eating and relaxing areas which are key to a family resort.
3. Improve the on-site septic disposal system or export sewage to El Portal for treatment. The existing utility right-of-way for the underground electric power line could be used for the sewer transmission line.
4. Replace the temporary structure used for ski equipment rental and fitting. Incorporate cross-country skiing rental activities. A separate new structure designed to compliment the Lodge building is needed. The existing site East of the Lodge is best suited for that function. Drainage, retaining walls and fill were placed there in 1956.
5. Repair the large drainage culvert in front of the Lodge and block infiltration into the existing locker room.
6. Replace the entire first floor front deck with a concrete deck supported by a steel post and beam structure similar to the existing second floor deck.
7. Improve the locker rooms below the first floor deck by replacing the floor slabs and maintaining a uniform ceiling height.



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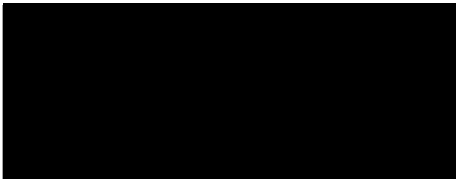
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8. The breezeway steel structure was constructed in 1956 and is historical in its own right. It should be retained as well as the retail building with locker rooms below.
9. Rehabilitation construction should take place in the off-season so that the ski resort can continue to operate each winter. Temporarily relocate summer usage so that an adequate construction season is available to prosecute the rehabilitation project.
10. Incorporate some additional employee housing in the new structure. This would benefit both the winter and off-season operations.
11. Maintain the existing parking and circulation areas without infringement of new buildings.
12. Retain the day-care area for tots.
13. Improve the restrooms, quantity and quality.
14. Improve the interior stairways, tread widths and handrails for greater safety.
15. In making roof repairs, maintain the interior open beam appearance of the structure where possible.

I thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments on this important project.

Sincerely,



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Subject Badger Pass Rehabilitation comments

Tehipite Chapter Yosemite Committee
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c/o:

George Whitmore

P.O. Box 5572

Fresno, CA 93755

geowhit1954@comcast.net

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Superintendent
Yosemite National Park
ATTN: Badger Pass Ski Lodge Rehabilitation
P.O. Box 577
Yosemite, CA 95389

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If the e-mail attempt fails, this will be faxed to 209/379-1294.

Sir:

The following comments are submitted on behalf of the Tehipite Chapter of the Sierra Club. The Tehipite Chapter encompasses all of Yosemite National Park. Thank you for this opportunity to make suggestions which hopefully will be of use to you in your efforts to protect the visitor experience and the natural resources of Yosemite National Park.

These are scoping comments for the Badger Pass Ski Lodge Rehabilitation Environmental Assessment process.

(1) We believe that the foundational approach to this project should be to recognize that, were the Badger Pass area to be pristine, it is highly improbable that a winter sports development such as presently exists would be allowed. Given the history of the site/structure/usage of the area, it may or may not be realistic to remove the facilities and restore the area to natural conditions.

(2) If it should be decided that a winter sports function should be retained at Badger Pass, presumably this would be justified almost exclusively on the basis of history and tradition. In

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that case, the focus should be on restoration of the historical integrity of the facilities and usage. This would also suggest that a cap on usage levels must be established.

(3) Expansion of development into previously non-impacted areas would not be consistent with current NPS mandates.

Some of the wording used in the announcement of this project could be interpreted to suggest that previously undeveloped portions of the area might be devoted to accommodating increased use and non-traditional uses. Conversations with your staff suggest that this might not have been the intent, but the wording does raise the issue and the matter needs to be clarified. If such an intent existed, it would be in conflict with the criteria we are suggesting in the preceding three paragraphs.

(Here is the wording which we find troubling: "The rehabilitation would protect areas of primary historical significance, while allowing flexibility to accommodate the needs associated with current and future Ski Area use in non-character-defining areas.")

With the above criteria in mind, we are suggesting the following specific ideas/issues.

A set of alternatives should be created and fully analyzed in the EA. We believe that, under NEPA and its Guidelines, it is required that alternatives be reasonable; if an alternative is reasonable, then it obviously warrants full analysis. While additional alternatives could come to mind, we recommend the following as a minimum:

- (1) No Action,
- (2) Minimal Action, meaning fixing deteriorating infrastructure with no upgrade in capacity or function,
- (3) Reverting to Exclusively Traditional Uses, with the focus on upgrading and preservation of historic buildings,
- (4) Complete Demolition of Facilities with Full Site Restoration.

The integrity of the original lodge has been degraded by the addition of multiple new structures over a long period of time, resulting in a tacky and run-down appearance. If the lodge is to be retained, consideration should be given to consolidating the various functions into a single integrated structure. The appearance should respect the history and traditions. Elimination of temporary structures should be considered, and any additions should have the appearance of being part of an original design.

If the lodge is to be retained, incorporation of the original structure and additions into a coherent whole, with consideration of the historic design, along with the removal of temporary structures, would enhance the visitor's experience

The decorative panels which now adorn the Mountain Room lounge fireplace are a significant historical feature, and they should perhaps be restored to their original location in the lodge at Badger. It should not be too difficult to make replicas for the Mountain Room lounge, but the

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originals are a part of the history of Badger.

And please clarify that "flexibility" to accommodate future needs does not mean that the concept of carrying capacity is being abandoned.

In all of the above, the matter of social equity should be taken into account. For example, thought should be given to the reasoning behind the prohibition of the use of privately owned tubes and sleds from certain areas where rented equipment is permitted. Why should the appropriateness of the use be dependent on whether or not the equipment has been rented from the concessionaire? Badger has always been known as a family-oriented facility, and requiring that equipment be rented from the concessionaire is not consistent with that.

One of the functions of a scoping process is to determine the scope of the project. We have found that it has not been unusual for perfectly valid suggestions to be declared to be "beyond the scope of the project". Such a declaration sometimes indicates that the scope of the project had been pre-determined, resulting in the rejection of ideas which a reasonable person would perceive to be worthy of consideration. We urge that "beyond the scope of the project" be used with more discretion than has sometimes been the case.

Please send all future Yosemite planning documents to the Chair of the Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter Yosemite Committee. George Whitmore's address is above.

Thank you for seeking public input on the Badger Pass Ski Lodge Rehabilitation Environmental Assessment process. We hope you find our comments to be useful.

George Whitmore, Chair
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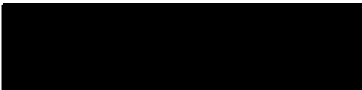
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Dear Yosemite N.P.,

Re: Badger Pass Ski Lodge Rehab

We would like to see the Badger Pass Ski Lodge rehabilitated to its more historic exterior and interior views. Infrastructure upgrades (water & sewer) are welcome to the extent that they do not cut down, alter, or degrade the surrounding landscape of the Badger Pass area. No lodging or other non-ski facilities should be built at Badger. The old interior included the ski panels now housed in the bar at Yosemite Lodge. These panels should be returned to Badger Pass, where they surrounded a fire place, and have replicas made for the bar at Yosemite Lodge. The Yosemite Ski Assn "skis" now upstairs used to be downstairs. Clean up all the tacky out-buildings now at Badger - ski shops, rental shops, cooking facilities, and incorporate them into a unified, historic looking structure.



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I am taking a few moments to write my comments regarding the Badger Pass Rehabilitation Project. I feel the the historic architecture themes should be maintained while replacing the ugly modular buildings currently used as the rental shop and the nordic rental shop. Please do not even consider developing any overnight lodging facilities at Badger Pass.

It is unclear to me whether or not the AFrame is being considered as part of this project, but given the integral part it plays in the Badger Pass operation, I feel it should be included. As a NPS employee since 1994, I have worked in a variety of work environments, and at no time have I observed an operation that holds true to the idea of interoperability the way the Badger Pass A Frame does. NPS Rangers, DNC ski patrol, and LMH nurses work together as a group, offering mutual assistance to work together as a group. I am aware of one or two NPS individuals who are actively working to separate this operation, when in fact doing so would strip it of it's major source of strength. At the end of last season, we had a meeting with all involved parties and the overwhelming majority, both NPS and DNC, were in favor of us continuing to work together. The interoperability displayed at the Badger Pass A Frame should be used as an example for other areas of Yosemite to follow, not as something to be torn apart b/c some are intimidated by the idea of actually having NPS working closely with DNC employees. Yes, the AFrame could used a little more space, but I feel it is essential that whatever happens to that facility should include space for the nurse, NPS, and ski patrol to continue working together. If these functions are separated, the strength that these relationships give to the operation will slowly erode over time to the point where we are back to how that operation was 5-10 years ago where animosity ruled over mutual aid. That would be a very sad thing. Thanks for your consideration.



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