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Name: [REDACTED]

Date of Comment: 2-13-09

Address: [REDACTED] WARDNA, CA 95389 [REDACTED]

Comments

Badger Pass ski lodge is a ski area lodge, so the best way to improve the lodge is to improve the ski area. A lift that stops at the top of Red Fox will expand the hill without changing anything. Don't eliminate the Red Fox lift, just shorten it. This is the single best thing that can be done to improve Badger Pass. Quicker access to the race course (Wildcat). Quicker access to the Nastar run (Chipmunk). *Quick access to the top of Red Fox will in effect add three more runs like the Badger run, and another bruin like run for beginners down the bottom of the Eagle run.* Guests need to ski more first then come in and enjoy the new lodge!

I am sure the lodge is going to be beautiful, with nice places to eat and relax where you can see the hill. But don't forget moving around the lodge, and arriving. It would be helpful for pack mule parents to have places to set skis, and benches to set kids and bags out where cars and busses are dropping off and picking up. Make it easy for guests burdened with all their gear to get in and around, easy to walk with ski boots on, no bottle necks. Good traffic flow is never noticed until you don't have it. Flow and ease of movement make all the difference on how you remember a place. Oh yea and don't forget the boot dryers. Thanks!!

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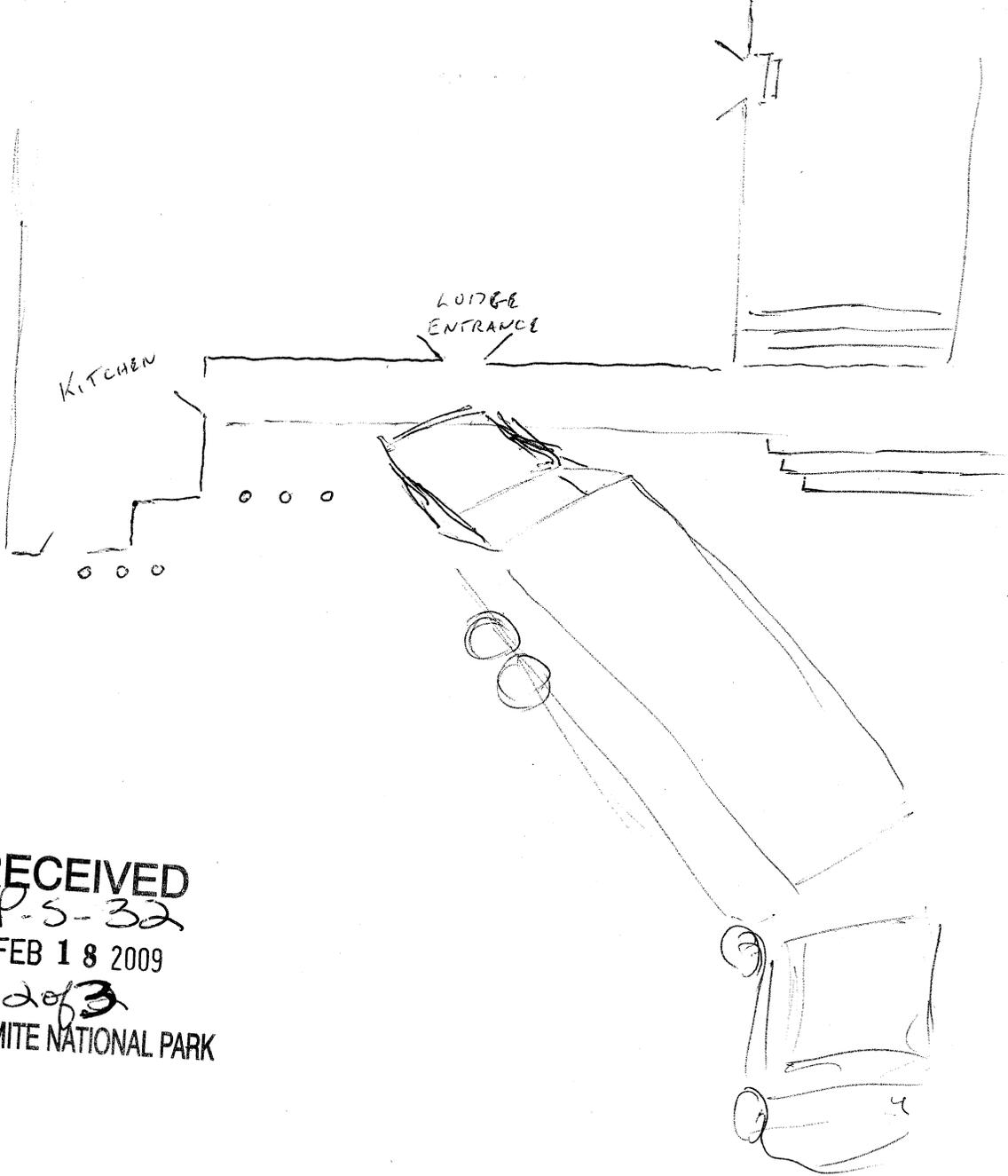
① WE NEED TO HAVE A LOADING DOCK OR A FLAT LEVEL AREA AT THE KITCHEN DOOR SO THE TRUCK CAN BACK IN AND UNLOAD AND NOT BLOCK THE TRAFFIC FLOW IN FRONT OF THE LODGE AND NOT CREATE A SAFETY HAZZARD FOR PEOPLE GOING IN OR OUT THE FRONT DOOR.

② WE NEED BETTER DRAINAGE IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING TO PREVENT THE BUILD-UP OF ICE AND THE PUDDLES AND SLUSH PEOPLE HAVE TO WALK THROUGH GETTING IN & OUT OF THE LODGE AND TO FROM THE BUSES.

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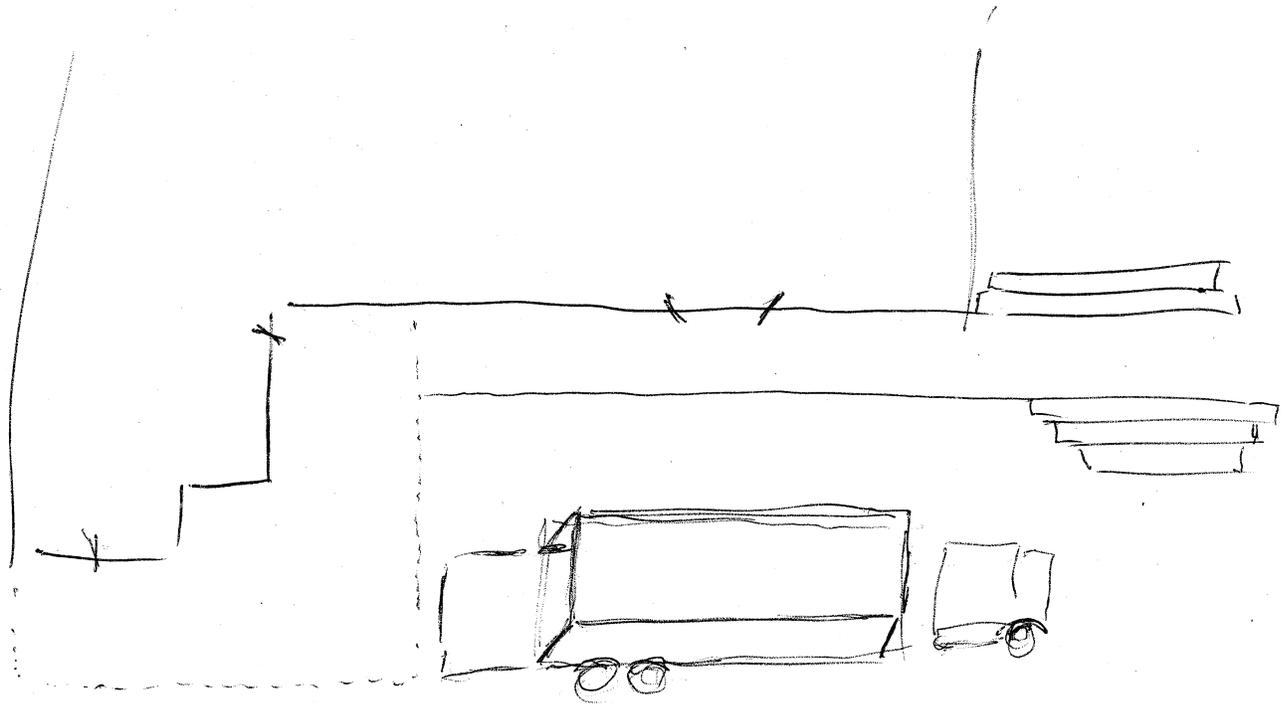
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CURRENT SITUATION

TRUCK PULLS IN, JACK-KNIFES INTO POSITION TO UNLOAD ON FLAT SURFACE WALKWAY AT FRONT DOOR, BLOCKS ENTIRE ROADWAY. CREATES HAZZARD RAISING AND LOWERING LIFT GATE WHERE PEOPLE WALK THRU.



SOLUTION

NEW LOADING PAD TO SERVICE BOTH KITCHEN DOORS
TRUCK BACKS STRAIGHT IN ALLOWS TRAFFIC TO PASS
PEOPLE CAN EASILY GET AROUND TRUCK TO FRONT DOOR.

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Name: [Redacted] Date of Comment: 2-11-09
Address: [Redacted] Three Rivers, CA 93271

Comments

We have been coming to Yosemite and Badger Pass for many years. Our children learned to ski there. Our daughter and her husband met when they were ski instructors at Badger. As you can imagine, we value Badger Lodge very much.

The maintenance and improvements that you have planned seem appropriate. We don't like to see the condition of the lodge continue to deteriorate. However, we hope that you will never consider closing Badger

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Pass. We hope that other families may continue to enjoy the area.

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Name: [Redacted] Date of Comment: 2/12/09
Address: [Redacted] Livermore CA 94550

Comments

As a user of the Badger Pass Ski Area, I agree that renovation must be completed at the Lodge. Most important is to maintain the original character & feel of the Lodge, while replacing any temporary buildings.

Of course updates must be aligned with current codes. The removal of the tacky furniture & replacement with new but historic looking furniture would do wonders to enhance the overall feel of the Lodge.

Thank You!

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Address: _____

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RETAIN HISTORICAL PICTURES & FIXTURES
RETAIN WINTER CLUB ROOM HISTORICAL ITEMS
STRIP WHITE PAINT FROM ALL
NATURAL WOOD SURFACES &
OIL OR VARNISH SURFACES

RE-INSTALL FIREPLACES & RESTORE CAST
BRONZE PANELS FROM MOUNTAIN ROOM
LOUNGE. ESTABLISH ORIGINAL ORDER &
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Name: [Redacted] Date of Comment: 2-15-09
Address: [Redacted] PACIFIC GROVE CA 93950

Comments

A Full service Bar would be most appreciated!

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Name: [Redacted]

Address: [Redacted]

Date of Comment: Feb 15/09

Brown town.

Comments

More jumps + better longer terrain Park.

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Name: [REDACTED] Date of Comment: 2/15/09
Address: [REDACTED] Pacific Grove CA, 93950

Comments

I believe better bathrooms would satisfy most skiers + snowboarders. 😊 And a full service bar would be great; especially for those adults!

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Name: [REDACTED] Date of Comment: 2/14/09
Address: [REDACTED] Glendale CA 91208

Comments

Please, please, PLEASE do everything possible to maintain the look of the lodge. It just wouldn't feel the same if it's too modern or "spriffled up" We love its retro charm !!!

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Name: [Redacted]

Date of Comment: 2-13-09

Address: [Redacted] Yosemite, CA 95389 [Redacted]

Comments

There is strong need for better housing at Badger Pass for groomers and night cleaners. It could be a separate building if ~~needed~~ needed.

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Palo Alto, CA

Comments

- Try to have the restrooms and dining areas on the same level
- Rehab is way overdue!

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Name: [Redacted] Date of Comment: 2/13/09
Address: [Redacted] Agoura CA 91301

Comments

I think the renovation are much needed. I hope the funding is there.

The bathrooms need renovating and please add a fireplace!

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Name: [REDACTED] **(ANNUAL VISITOR) 2X IN WINTER 2 WKS IN SUMMER**
Address: [REDACTED] **LA CA 90066** Date of Comment: **FEB 13, 09**

Comments

- KEEP/RESTORE ORIGINAL CHARACTER/FEEL OF BUILDING
- DONT EXPAND SIZE/CAPACITY OF SKI LOT/LDGE KEEP IT SMALL SCALE
- RESTORE FIREPLACE TO OLD YOSEMITE ROOM/WINTER CLUB
- ADD OUTDOOR FIRE PITS (EG STONE) IN CHARACTER W BUILDING
- KEEP/REPLACE OLD PHOTOS, SKIS, SNOWSHOES ETC
- KEEP VARIETY IN FOOD VENDORS
EG PIZZA/SANDWICHES UPSTAIRS FULL MENU DOWNSTAIRS
- KEEP SPECIAL WEEKDAY AND SENIOR RATES

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To the Superintendent of Yosemite National Park,

In light of the current public scoping for rehabilitation of the facilities at Badger Pass Ski Area, the Yosemite Winter Club would like to share our comments and our vested interest in any plans of Badger Pass moving forward. Our history predates Badger Pass, and since its existence, we have hosted several events there annually. Ultimately, Badger Pass is the home of our organization.

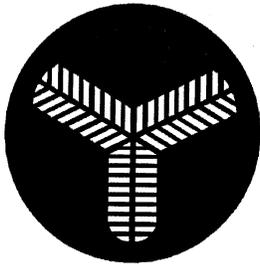
The YWC would appreciate the opportunity to participate in core team discussions as the project moves forward. As such, we respectfully request that a YWC board member be appointed to the committee, ensuring an official voice in all future meetings during the environmental assessment and planning process.

Hoping that any structural changes are consistent with the character of 1930's ski chalet appearance, we understand that this particular historical structure may have gone beyond the pale of rehabilitation. We would like to have the following list of comments considered for any plan for the rehabilitation or reconstruction of Badger Pass:

- The Yosemite Winter Club race team has been practicing and racing at Badger Pass since the 1930's. Please phase in rehabilitation work to the off-season to prevent a winter shut down of Badger Pass. Alpine skiers, cross-country skiers, snow-shoers, and day-use visitors would be negatively impacted if Badger Pass closed in the winter.
- Perform necessary structural repairs to the decks and roofs immediately. This will preserve the historic structure in anticipation of funding and approval for the larger rehabilitation project.
- The Snowflake Room and Winter Club Room should be retained. In particular, we are interested in preserving and expanding the Winter Club room as a way of telling the story of the Yosemite Winter Club's history through the display of historical events, trophies and current events.
- Interpretative exhibits on the history of the area and winter sports in Yosemite should be prominently displayed.
- Single pane windows should be replaced with double pane windows that allow visitors to watch the skiers on the hill – the current windows fog up from the excess moisture that seeps into the lodge, obstructing the view.
- Rehabilitate or reconstruct the historic fireplace and the sitting area with historic ski panels on the wall (currently many are in the Mountain room bar) to provide a comfortable sitting area for visitors who may not be skiing.
- Retain ski lockers for the ski team and coaches. Rehabilitate all locker rooms to prevent water intrusion and improve cleanliness.

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- An overall increase in the size of interior space to accommodate the current usage by Park visitors. Increased size would also better accommodate special events like the USSA Silver Ski race.
- Bathrooms and bathroom stalls that are standard sized; a complete rehabilitation of the bathrooms and sewer system may be necessary to remove the constant consistent odor that permeates from the existing facilities.
- Remove the temporary structures and replace with ski chalet style buildings that can serve the visitors adequately i.e. without waiting outside in lines for ski rental equipment because they cannot fit inside to rent their gear.
- Move the Activities Desk to the existing retail space and incorporate the retail operations into the new ski rental shop. This will create space in the historic structure and re-route congested areas to improve the visitor experience.
- Increase outside patios and/or decks to allow for picnicking, warming stations and/or an outdoor BBQ area.
- All improvements and changes should be thought of as benefiting people year-round not just in the winter.

While we hope the rehabilitation is in the style of 1930's historic ski chalet style, we would like the resort to incorporate modern amenities that are attractive for visitors. Badger Pass is a ski resort in a National Park, but in order to remain viable business opportunity, needs to be able to compete with other nearby resorts. This project should result in a comfortable, safe lodge that attracts winter enthusiasts from all over California.

Sincerely

Barb Armon, President Yosemite Winter Club



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