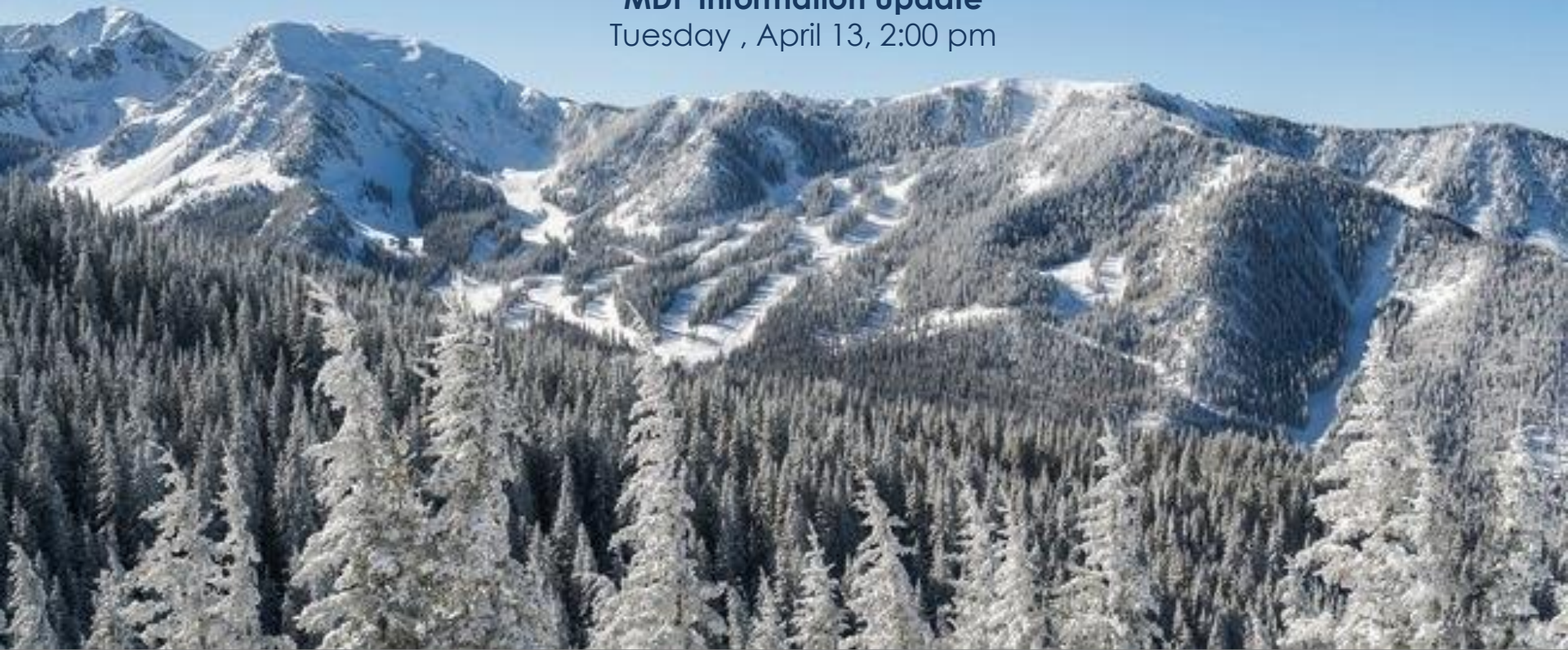


2021 Master Development Plan TAOS SKI VALLEY

Village of Taos Ski Valley – Special Council Meeting
MDP Information Update
Tuesday , April 13, 2:00 pm



TAOS



What we are doing.

VISION

Iconic & Independent Mountain
Better Not Bigger
Confluence of Cultures
BCorp Ethos



Why we are here.

PURPOSE

Enjoy. Protect. Give.

How we approach our business.

VALUES

Positive, Can-do Attitude
Care for Our People
Care for Our Business
Care for Our Environment





MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

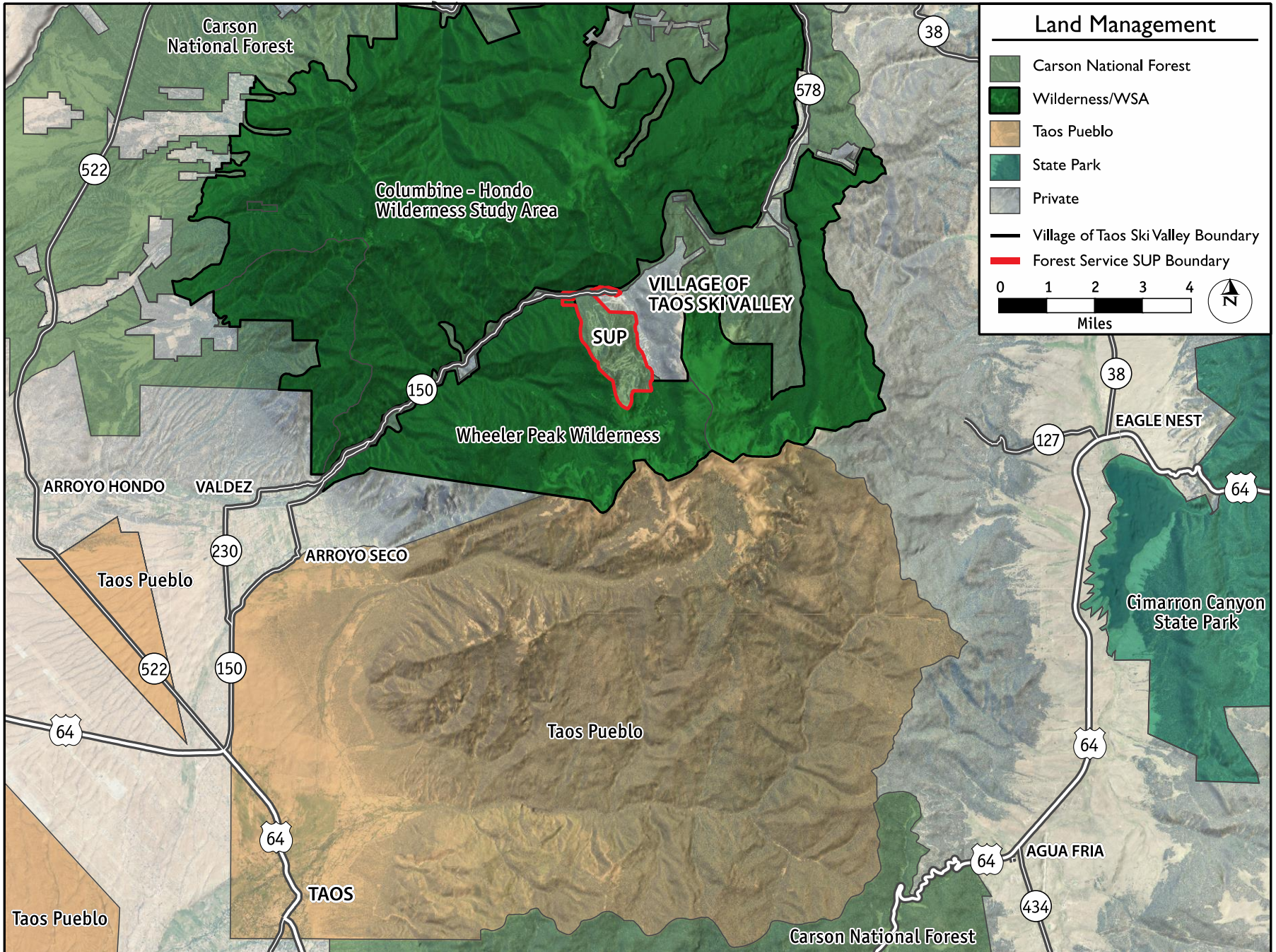
PURPOSE

The Master Development Plan is the guiding document for future development. As part of a mountain resort's Special Use Permit with the National Forest Service (NFS) the resort is required to prepare a Master Development Plan (MDP). The MDP identifies the existing and desired conditions for the resort and the proposed improvements on NFS lands within the permit boundary.

The MDP ensures a balance of facilities and a wide variety of amenities affording an exceptional recreational experience in a manner which is sustainable to the business, operations, and the surrounding environment.

The 2021 MDP replaces the 2010 MDP and is intended to be the guiding document for Taos Ski Valley over the next ten years.

Forest Service acceptance of this document as a planning tool for the ski area does not imply authorization to proceed with implementation of any of the projects proposed, as each project will require site specific environmental analysis and approval per the NEPA process before implementation. The MDP is intended to be a dynamic document, which may be amended periodically to reflect innovations in facilities and recreation.



MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROCESS

U.S. FOREST SERVICE SKI AREA PLANNING + NEPA REVIEW PROCESS

PLANNING PROCESS



- Master Development Plan
- Stakeholder Input
- Issue Resolution
- Forest Plan Consistency
- Approvals Strategy
- Planning Concepts
- USFS Involvement
- Ski Area Opportunities/Deficiencies

FOREST SERVICE ACCEPTANCE*



PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION



- Implementation
- Monitoring
- MDP Revision/Amendment

NEPA PROCESS



- Master Development Plan
- Project Purpose & Need
- Scoping
- Alternatives
- Analysis
- Decision
- MDP "Approval"

2010 MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017 AMENDMENT & CE WORK

Completed

1. Kachina Peak Lift, Lift 1
2. Gazex
3. Mountain Bike Trails sections
4. First Via Ferrata routes
5. Wild West, Ernie's, North American glading
6. Guest Drop Off
7. Rerouted Williams Lake Trail
8. Private Lands projects

Ongoing

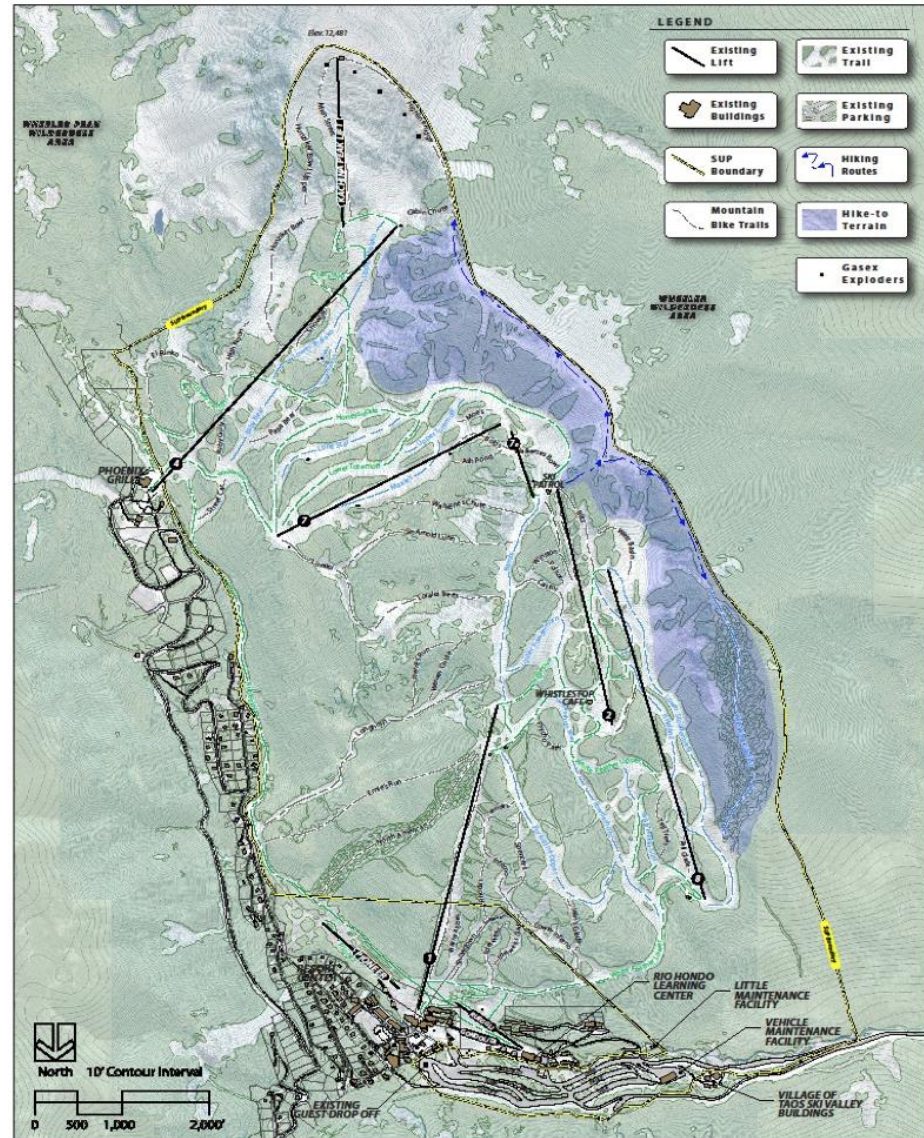
1. Mountain Bike Trail Buildout
2. Via Ferrata Buildout
3. Wild West and Minnesota's glading

Rollover to 2021 MDP

1. Lift 4 Replacement
2. Lift 7 Replacement
3. Nordic Skiing/Snowshoeing Area
4. Resort Arrival Improvements

Not Proceeding from 2010 MDP

1. Ridge Lift





MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

STAKEHOLDER INPUT & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Public Forum in Fall 2019. Over 80 attendees and several hundred comments. Stakeholders provided recommended improvements through roundtable discussions.
- Regular meetings with Taos Pueblo Tribal Leadership.
- Regular meetings with resort Staff.
- Weekly meetings with Village Mayor and Administrator.
- Regular informal discussions between Ski Area management and locals, passholders, and business owners.
- Next up - public engagement meetings with The Village of Taos Ski Valley, Taos Pueblo, and virtual public forum prior to submitting the MDP for approval.



MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Through public engagement and input, the Ski Area has identified the following opportunities for improvement via the MDP:

- **Year round access** – connecting the Main Base Area and Kachina Basin
- **Lifts** - improvements to aging lift infrastructure
- **Upgraded / expanded guest amenities** - on-mountain dining, bathrooms, warming huts
- **Expansion of year round offerings** and summer activities
- **Upgraded terrain network** – glading, grading, snowmaking, and snow management/avalanche mitigation
- **Guest arrival upgrades and** parking lot improvements
- **Sustainability initiatives** - use of solar, wind, fire mitigation, utility upgrades



MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

SUMMARY OF UPGRADE PLAN

Lifts

- New Base-to-Base Gondola
- Replacing Lifts 2, 4, 7, 7A, 8, and Pioneers

Terrain

- Trail improvements on existing terrain
- Expanding in-bounds terrain via glading and forest health work
- Snowmaking and snow management upgrades
- Mid-mtn water tank / pump house for fire suppression + snowmaking efficiency

Guest and Staff Amenities

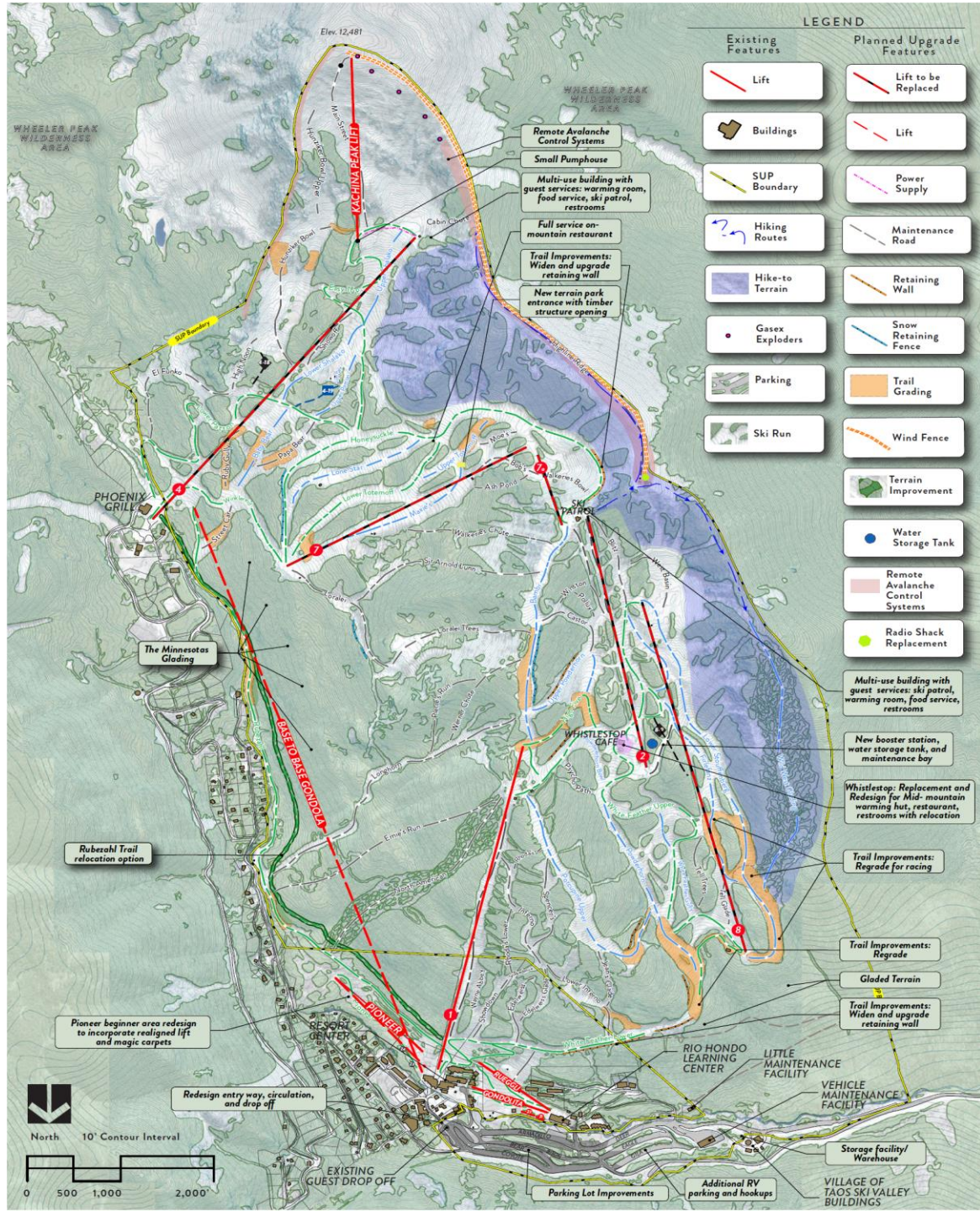
- On-mtn dining near Top of Lift 7 and replacement/relocation of Whistlestop
- Multi-use buildings at Top of Lifts 2 and 4 – patrol, bathrooms, warming hut
- New resort arrival plan
- Storage facility and warehouse

Summer and Year Round Activities

- Additional hiking, biking, Via Ferrata routes
- Pioneer Ropes Course

2021 MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

MDP UPGRADE PLAN



2012 MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

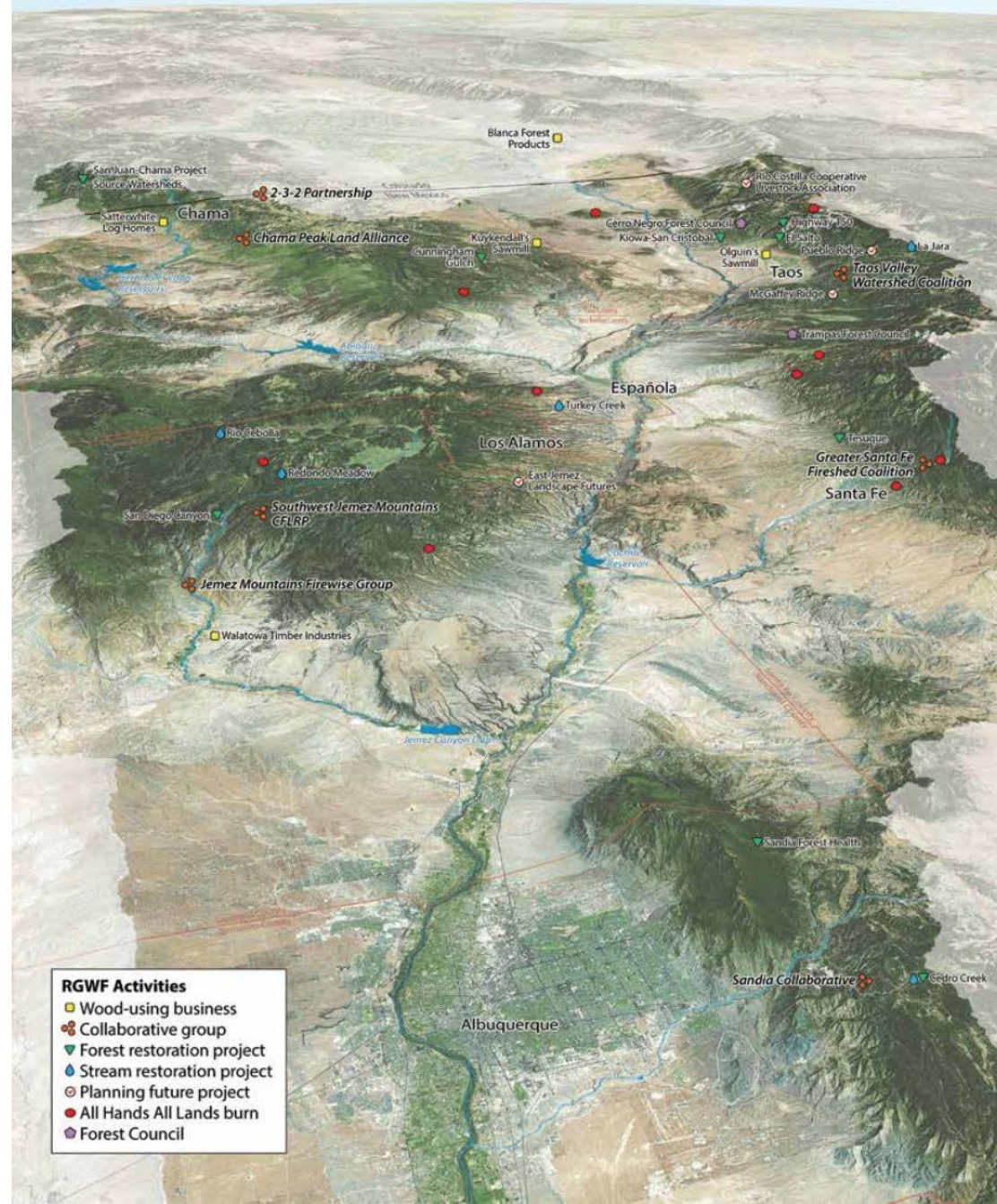
RESORT ARRIVAL UPGRADE PLAN



SUMMER 2021 PROJECT Forest Health

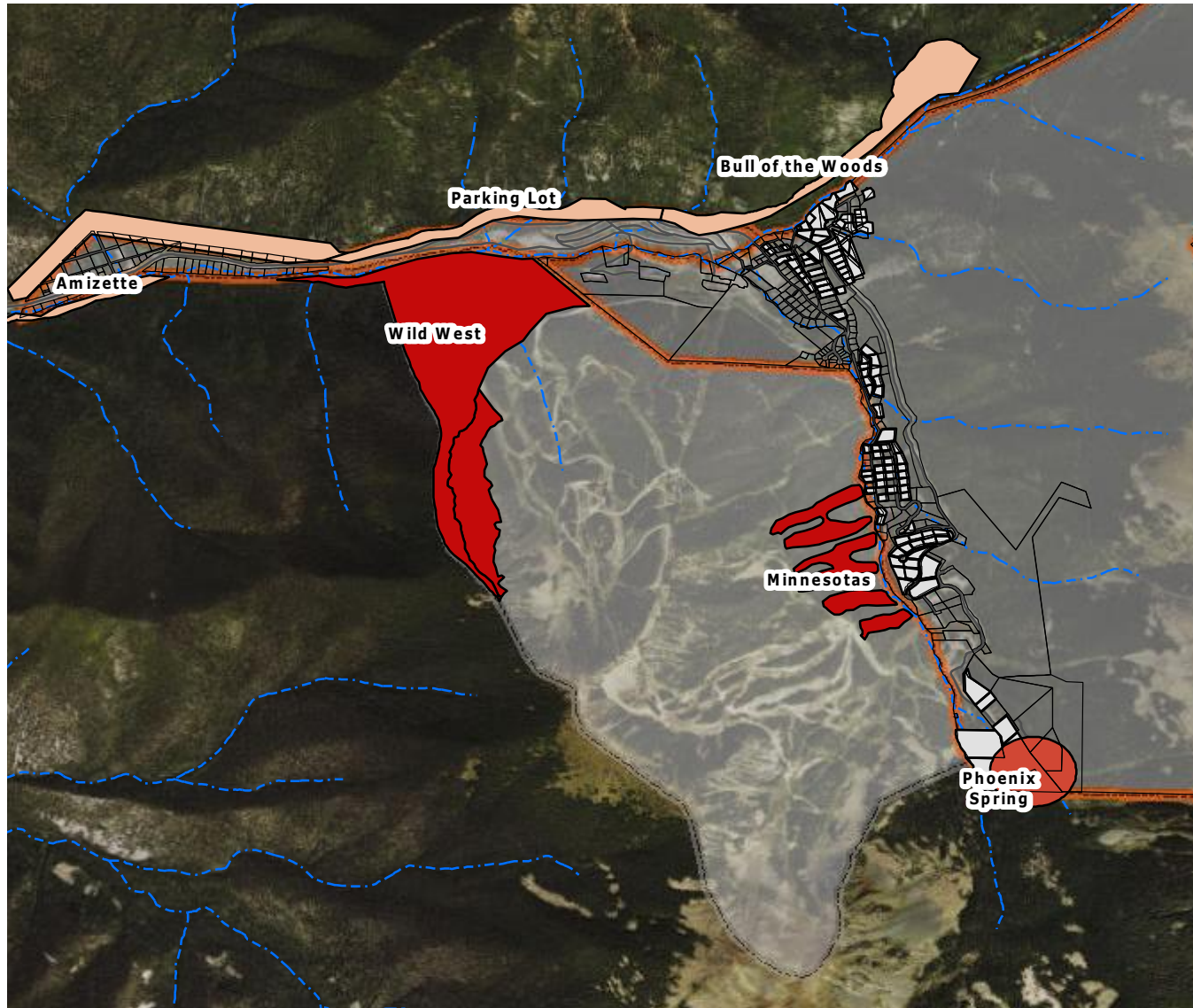


RIO GRANDE WATER FUND PROJECTS



SUMMER 2021 PROJECT

HWY 150 Forest Health Project



MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

NEXT STEPS

1. Please forward comments to: john.kelly@skitaos.com
2. April meeting with Taos Pueblo
3. Early May – Virtual Public Meeting
4. Consolidate all input from public – prepare plan for submittal
5. Submit plan to USFS for “acceptance”
6. Enter NEPA process (National Environmental Policy Act)
7. Secure MDP approval