



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
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Re: Info Update

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The Aspen Ski Company's application to the US Department of Agriculture to replace the Big Burn chair reads, in part, as follows: a proposal from Aspen Skiing Company(ASC) to replace their existing Big Bum chairlift. This project is proposed within the Snowmass Special Use Permit area (SUP) and is consistent with the accepted 2015 Snowmass Mountain Master Development Plan. Ski Co proposes to replace the Big Burn high-speed detachable quad chairlift with a new highspeed detachable six- person chairlift. The design capacity of the new chairlift would equal that of the existing chairlift (2,200 people per hour). The new chairlift would be installed in the same alignment as the existing chairlift; however, the bottom terminal would be moved approximately 250 feet uphill from the current location. The proposed chairlift would be approximately 7,400 feet long and new lift carriers would be installed, potentially with retractable bubble covers to provide additional passenger comfort for the relatively exposed, high-elevation alignment. The Forest Service is now taking comments on the proposal.

TID BITS:

- CMC is hosting an upcoming Leadership Exchange Tour to the Steamboat Springs CMC campus to learn about how the community and the college have developed great partnerships. CMC will be sending formal invitation to the Town Council, but asked that if you are interested to save the date for Thursday, November 7th
- We had a pretty noteworthy gas leak in the Village on Tuesday requiring that we evacuate about 170 folks from their lodging. As you would expect, Public Safety Personnel led the coordination effort ensuring a safe remedy to the problem. It took Black Hills energy about 4 hours to get the leak fixed.
- We are using the State Forestry Office to undertake a comprehensive tree inventory for town-owned property. The trees will be mapped, and their health status will be evaluated and logged. This information will be useful for the potential future creation of a more comprehensive tree management plan.
- It is a tight job market. We are currently recruiting and interviewing for a number of different positions throughout a number of departments. If you know any good, smart, fun people looking for an opportunity, let us know.
- We are working with the Fire Authority to develop new code language that will improve our wildfire mitigation efforts. Provisions in the draft code are expected to include requirements for improving "clear zones" and hardening structures.

- We are working to more closely monitor some of the flows coming through area storm drains.
- We were able to fire up the boilers for Carriage Way this week. We still have work to complete, but the fundamentals of the project are getting close to done.
- We have two of our snow plows fully outfitted and ready for winter. The rest of the fleet is getting ready.
- The work on the Vidal Gulch storm drain will begin next week. The pipe below the break will be removed. Rather than installing new pipe, the storm water will continue downhill in an open ditch. It should be more scenic this way and still control the storm water flow. This work should be completed in early November.
- We continue to meet with different stakeholders to discuss the proposed Mall Transit Station.
- Utility work at Coffey Place will begin next week. This will necessitate the street closure go into effect. The street is expected to be closed through the winter.
- The new hydro turbine (below the Viceroy) is under construction. It is estimated to be installed in the Spring of 2020. Prior to its installation, an IGA with SW&SD will need to be entered into.
- Holy Cross is still preparing a revised Franchise Agreement for the town to consider. We are working on ways so that it may help us meet our 2020 carbon reduction Goal.
- Below is a summary of some of the good news from our employee survey. The Council saw this info on Monday, but a one-pager is always helpful:



CC: Department Directors