



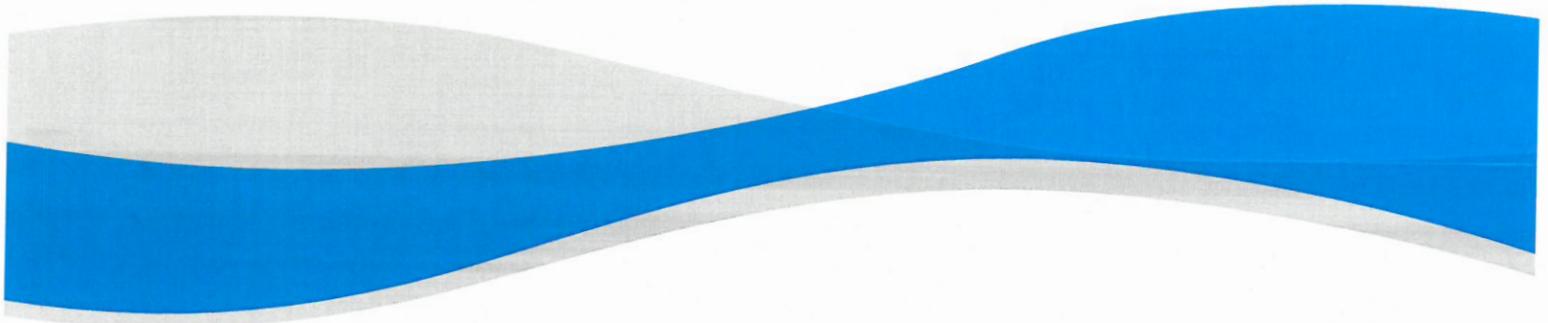
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V. PREVIOUSLY-APPROVED PROJECTS, NOT YET IMPLEMENTED

The projects detailed in this section have been previously approved, but have not yet been implemented. Implementation of these projects is either ongoing or will occur as capital for on-mountain improvements becomes available. Prior to project implementation, the Forest Service will review project consistency with 2002 Forest Plan standards and guidelines and determine if additional analysis is warranted due to changed environmental and social conditions, and/or new planning and regulatory guidance. Previously-approved, not yet implemented projects are also discussed in Chapter VI. Applicable approvals are contained in the following documents:

- 2011 – Aspen Skiing Company Forest Health Projects EA, DN/FONSI
- 2015 – Aspen Mountain Shadow Mountain (Lift 1A) Realignment and Replacement Project Categorical Exclusion (CE), Decision Memo (DM)

It is not anticipated that additional site-specific analysis would be required to implement either of these projects; however, overlaps between planned projects in this MDP and previously approved projects would likely be incorporated into future NEPA analysis.

A. LIFT 1A (SHADOW MOUNTAIN) REALIGNMENT AND REPLACEMENT

As part of the 2015 Lift 1A Realignment and Replacement Project CE, DM (2015 DM), the Forest Service approved the replacement and realignment of the existing fixed-grip double Lift 1A that was installed in 1972 to be constructed as a chairlift, gondola, or a combination chairlift and gondola, commonly referred to as a "telemix," pending final design. This project would improve the reliability of Aspen Mountain's Lift 1A in order to meet guest standards and enhance the recreation experience. The approval realigned the lift to the west, with the bottom terminal in the vicinity of the existing bottom terminal and the top terminal located approximately 200 feet southwest of the existing top terminal, at a site adjacent to Ruthie's Restaurant. The new Lift 1A is approved at approximately 3,600 feet in length, with a vertical rise of approximately 1,390 feet, and a capacity of 1,200 people per hour.



B. FOREST HEALTH PROJECTS

The 2011 Aspen Skiing Company Forest Health Projects, EA, DN/FONSI (2011 DN/FONSI) analyzed a variety of vegetation treatments to be implemented on NFS lands within the SUP boundaries of the four ASC-owned ski resorts, including Aspen Mountain, over a ten-year period. The proposed treatment map for Aspen Mountain is included as Appendix 1.

It is understood that there will be overlap between the planned projects included in this MDP and the treatments proposed in the 2011 DN/FONSI. Specifically, the proposed treatments may conflict with, or enhance, the planned activities in the Pandora area discussed in Chapter VI. Any overlap between planned projects and forest health treatments will be addressed during future site-specific NEPA analysis.

Table V-1. Previously-Approved Projects, Not Yet Implemented

Project	Date Approved	Authorized, Not Yet Implemented	Approval Reference
Lifts			
Lift 1A Realignment and Replacement	12/18/2015	Realignment and replacement of existing Lift 1A; less than 1 acre of disturbance of NFS lands.	2015 CE, DM
Forest Health Projects			
ASC Forest Health Projects	12/6/2011	Ongoing	2011 EA, DN/FONSI