

Appendix B

Preliminary Alternatives

**Mount. Spokane State Park Master Facilities Plan
Preliminary Alternatives – February 2008**

Master Plan Component	Preliminary Proposed Action	No Action Alternative	Facilities Renovation Alternative	Optimized Recreational Alternative
Conceptual Approach	Seek an optimum balance between natural and cultural resource protection and recreational enjoyment of the park.	Carry out only basic maintenance and replacement in-kind of existing uses and facilities.	Modernize and respond to evolving recreational trends, but do not expand recreation into areas not currently developed.	Expand recreation and associated support facilities to optimize visitor recreation experiences.
a. Alpine Skiing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Add lift-service and improved terrain to the PASEA to meet market demand and realize snow retention benefits of north-facing terrain. 2) Create snow making capability (Water collection, storage and distribution). 3) Realign and add runs and lifts in existing area to maximize capacity, terrain distribution, safety, and efficiency. 4) Improve and expand infrastructure systems to meet demand. 5) Build larger replacement for Lodge #2 and add Guest Services facility. Improve visitor services, including rental area, child care facilities, food services and overnight accommodations. 6) Increase Comfortable Carrying Capacity (CCC) to 3,540 skiers. 7) Soils remediation and vegetation management. See "Description of Action" in <i>Determination of Significance</i> for more detail.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Alpine skiing would continue to occur and operate within the existing footprint of the developed ski area. 2.) The ski area would continue to operate 2 lodges and 5 chairlifts to access 1,250 acres of skiable terrain. 3) CCC would remain at 2,540 skiers. 4) The PASEA would continue to be used for back country skiing, with no lifts or vegetation management. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The PASEA would continue to be used exclusively for back country skiing, with no lifts. Back country snow-cat and/or snowmobile shuttles along existing snowmobile trail corridor could be offered. 2) Create snow making capability (Water collection, storage and distribution). 3) Same front side improvements as the Preliminary Preferred Proposed Action. 4) Comfortable Carrying Capacity remains 2,540. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Same improvements as the Preliminary Proposed Alternatives, plus: 2) Base facilities, including parking and ticket office for Chair 4 entrance. 3) Comfortable Carrying Capacity increased to 3,540 skiers.
b. New Park Entrance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) New park trailhead opened up at Day-Mt. Spokane Road with 20 car parking lot 2) New Ranger Residence, well and septic 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) No new park entrance. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) No new park entrance. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Same as Preliminary Proposed Action, plus: 2) New Park Entrance is created off of Blanchard Creek Road with parking lot, ranger

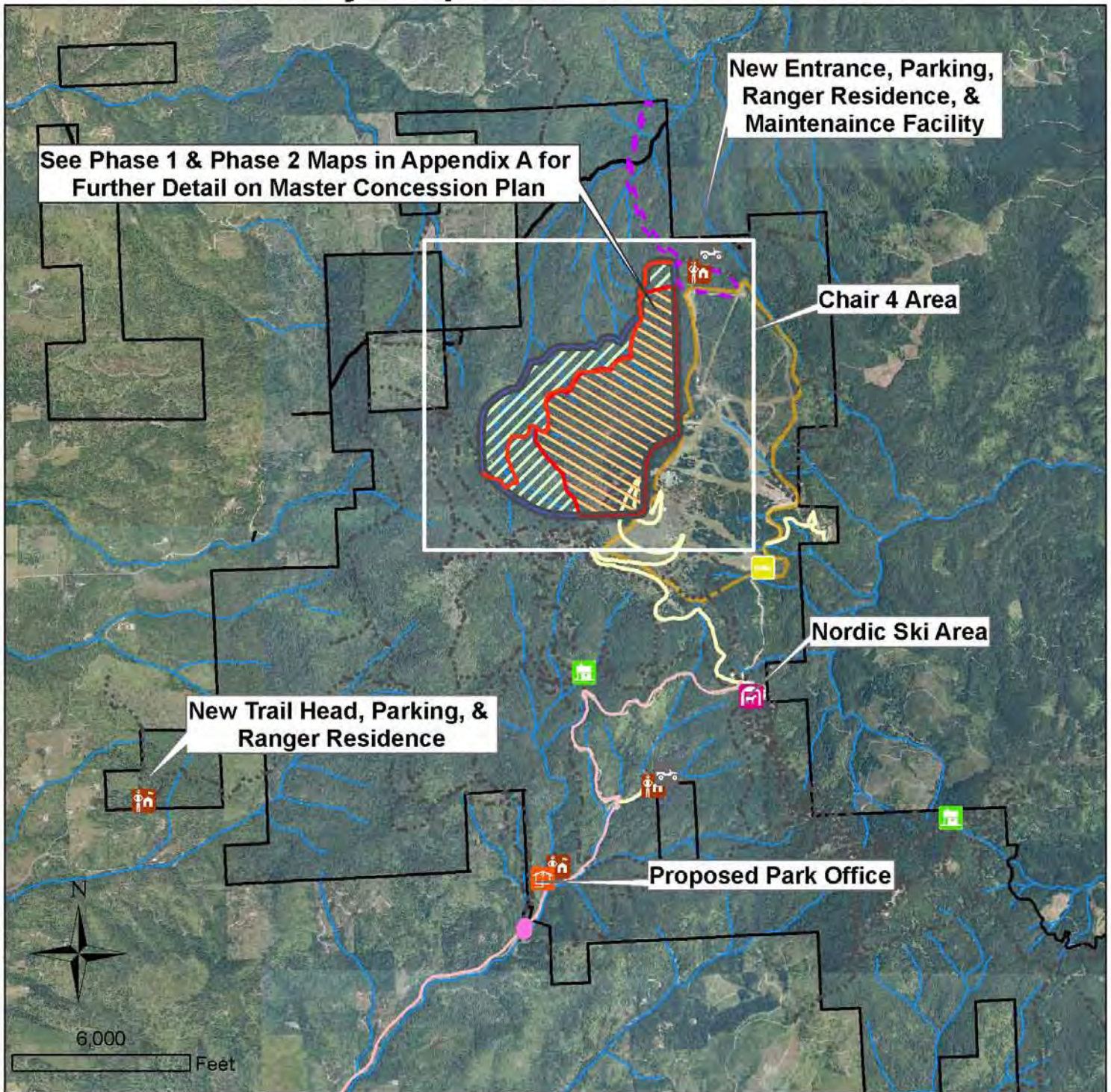
	system. 3) New Vault Toilet.			residence, maintenance shed, well, septic system, warming hut, vault toilets. Provide new snowmobile area in the winter and multi-use trails access in the summer. 3) New Park Entrance is created south of Blanchard Road with parking lot, ranger 's residence, maintenance shed, well, septic system. Provides access to alpine ski area adjacent to Chair 4 in Winter and summer trail system.
c. Snowmobiling	1) Reconnect Brickel Creek Trail System. 2) Relocate snowmobile access trail bypassing Linder's Ridge Road that provides access into existing and future IEP snowmobile groomed routes.	No change in existing snowmobile facilities.	Snowmobile parallel trail at Linder's Ridge is only change.	1) New Park Entries and parking areas at Blanchard Creek and Blanchard Road parking area. 2) New warming hut and vault toilet at Blanchard Creek. 3) New play area at Forest Capital Partners inholding (acquire). 4) Withdraw access from area immediately adjacent to Nordic area (no staging area at Linder's Ridge) to avoid conflict with Nordic and alpine. 5) Groom In-Park Loop: KC Loop Road north and east to Saddle Junction with spur to CCC and new lodge area, south to Smith Gap, south on 115 with spur to Bear Creek Lodge, and north on 155 and KC Loop Road back to Connector Road and Blanchard Creek Road. 6) Continue Blanchard Ridge Loops and add other loops north and east of the park, with the intention that the park and adjacent lands provide for long-term, family-style experiences that retain at least the same length of existing groomed routes, and provide routes into Idaho's larger system of snowmobile access points.
d. Nordic Skiing	1) Additional routes, though parallel to	No change in existing	1) Realignment of some trails to optimize varied	1) Diversity of uses in area between groomed

	<p>snowmobile in stretches, with connections to existing trails.</p> <p>2) Fish Creek loop added.</p> <p>3) Ski Patrol aid station expansion including rentals, lessons.</p> <p>4) Expand into IEP area to north and east with new groomed trails, while retaining separation from snowmobile routes.</p>	<p>Nordic Ski opportunities or facilities.</p>	<p>experiences for human-powered skiing; no significant increases in length.</p> <p>2) Ski Patrol Aid Station.</p>	<p>and non-groomed skiing, snowshoeing, and mushing.</p> <p>2) Construct an arena for events.</p> <p>3) Concessionaire builds “Winter Recreation Entry Station and Nordic Guest Services Center,” including rentals, lessons.</p> <p>4) Ski patrol aid station constructed.</p> <p>5) Evening skiing routes (lighted).</p> <p>6) Increase trail network from 25 miles to 40 miles.</p> <p>7) Create additional parking areas (4x current carrying capacity).</p> <p>8) Expand existing lodge facilities.</p> <p>9) Create additional storage areas for grooming equipment.</p>
e. Snowshoeing	<p>1) Build new single track, multi-use trail to Quartz Mt.</p> <p>2) New winter route from Bald Knob to the summit.</p>	<p>No change in existing Snowshoeing opportunities.</p>	<p>Retain existing snowshoe routes.</p>	<p>1) Separate routes, including establishment of a route to summit.</p> <p>2) Concession operated facilities/rentals.</p>
f. Operational	<p>Concession operation of Nordic/Snowmobile area is put out to bid or Parks funds portion through Winter Recreation Funding? (Could be either combined operation with existing concessionaire or separate concession).</p>	<p>No change.</p>	<p>No change.</p>	<p>1) Concession operates both alpine and Nordic – new entry station.</p> <p>2) Concession operates plowing.</p> <p>3) Parks/Winter Recreation program continues to manage snowmobile facilities and uses.</p> <p>4) County plows Blanchard Creek Road.</p>
g. Summer Trails	<p>1) Develop, design, and manage trails consistent with the Advisory Committee recommendations unless otherwise stated.</p> <p>2) Advisory Committee recommendations minus summer mt. bike in the PASEA.</p> <p>3) Maintain existing trail network.</p>	<p>No change in existing Summer Trail system and recreational opportunities.</p>	<p>1) Develop, design, and manage trails consistent with the Advisory Committee recommendations and changes in land classification unless otherwise stated.</p> <p>2) No new summer trails in the PASEA. Mountain biking prohibited in PASEA except along Chair 4 Road due to classification as Natural Forest Area.</p> <p>3) See Advisory Committee recommendations.</p>	<p>Same as Preliminary Proposed Action.</p>

h. Accommodations	<p>1) 6 Horse camp/primitive campsites at Linder's Ridge parking area.</p> <p>2) Group Camp at CCC camp.</p> <p>3) Construct new "grand" lodge to fit historic structure with 12 rental units and/or hostel accommodations.</p> <p>4) Construct two cabins: one at Junction 5 and the other at Lower Kit Carson Loop.</p> <p>5) Establish three backcountry campsites near NOVA hut and Lookout.</p>	No change in existing accommodations.	Turn Bald Knob into group camp (group preferred, individual permitted) – renovate comfort station adding showers.	Same as Preliminary Proposed Action, except: to turn Bald Knob into 6 rustic cabin cluster.
i. Administrative	<p>1) Remove maintenance facilities and rehabilitate stream channel, but construct a small park office either in a part of the existing administrative area, or Camp Fosseen, or as part of a cooperative agreement with Bear Creek Lodge.</p> <p>2) Relocation maintenance area to Camp Fosseen and retain residence.</p>	No change in existing Administrative Facilities aside from standard maintenance and upkeep.	1) Renovate and reconfigure existing administrative facilities, relocating the stream away from the existing structures.	<p>1) Park entry residence becomes the office and other maintenance functions transfer to concessionaire. (Long-term boundary change to exclude acquisition of Bear Creek Lodge.)</p> <p>2) 2 New park entrance; area park ranger residences and shops.</p>
j. Utilities	Water, sanitary, stormwater, electrical (three phase power) would need to be provided as appropriate for all facilities.	Water, sanitary, stormwater, electrical (three phase power) would need to be provided as appropriate for all facilities.	Water, sanitary, stormwater, electrical (three phase power) would need to be provided as appropriate for all facilities.	Water, sanitary, stormwater, electrical (three phase power) would need to be provided as appropriate for all facilities.
k. Parking	<p>1) Nordic – 175 (350 with attendants and site expansion).</p> <p>2) Snowmobile – 45, including leveling out parking area.</p> <p>3) Alpine – 1500 with attendants (expand existing parking lot by cutting into hillside and placing fill on existing alpine slopes).</p> <p>4) Bald Knob – 50.</p>	No change in existing parking area footprints.	<p>1) Nordic – capacity is 150 without attendants, 300 with.</p> <p>2) Snowmobile -30.</p> <p>3) Alpine – 1500 with attendants (expand existing parking lot by cutting into hillside and placing fill on existing alpine slopes.)</p> <p>4) Bald Knob – 50.</p>	<p>1) Nordic/Alpine Overflow - 700</p> <p>2) Alpine East – 1200 with attendants</p> <p>3) New Park Entrance – 50 snowmobile rig capacity</p>
l. Land	1) Natural Forest Area downhill from	1) PASEA will remain	1) Natural Forest Area for all of the PASEA, with	1) Recreation class at new park entrances.

<p>Classification /Long-Term Park Boundary</p>	<p>Chair 4 Road in PASEA. 2) Recreation uphill from Chair 4 road in PASEA. 3) Chair 4 Road will be classified as a Recreation Corridor to accommodate existing uses. 4) Seek agreement with Inland Empire Paper to retain land east of park in long term forestry uses.</p>	<p>Unclassified, existing uses of area and trail corridors shall continue 2) Delete Bear Creek Lodge from Long-Term Boundary.</p>	<p>the exception of (a) a Recreation Corridor to accommodate existing uses and (b) enhanced forest health management activities for fuel loading reduction. 2) Delete Bear Creek Lodge from Long-Term Boundary.</p>	<p>2) Acquire all of Forest Capital Partners inholding and make all Resource Recreation for snowmobile play area. 3) Resource Recreation at Day Mt. Spokane Road. 4) Natural Forest Area for PASEA downhill from Chair 4 Rd. 5) Recreation for PASEA uphill from Chair 4 Road 6) Chair 4 Road will be classified as a Recreation Corridor to accommodate existing uses. 7) Delete Bear Creek Lodge from Long Term Boundary.</p>
<p>m. Geographic Scope of Concession</p>	<p>No change in existing geographic scope of Concession Agreement other than constraints inherent to land reclassification.</p>	<p>No change in existing geographic scope of Concession Agreement other than constraints inherent to land reclassification.</p>	<p>No change in existing geographic scope of Concession Agreement other than constraints inherent to land reclassification.</p>	<p>1) Include Nordic. 2) Include Bald Knob cabins. 3) Scope changed due to constraints inherent to land reclassification.</p>

Mount Spokane State Park Conceptual Master Facilities Plan: Preliminary Proposed Action Alternative

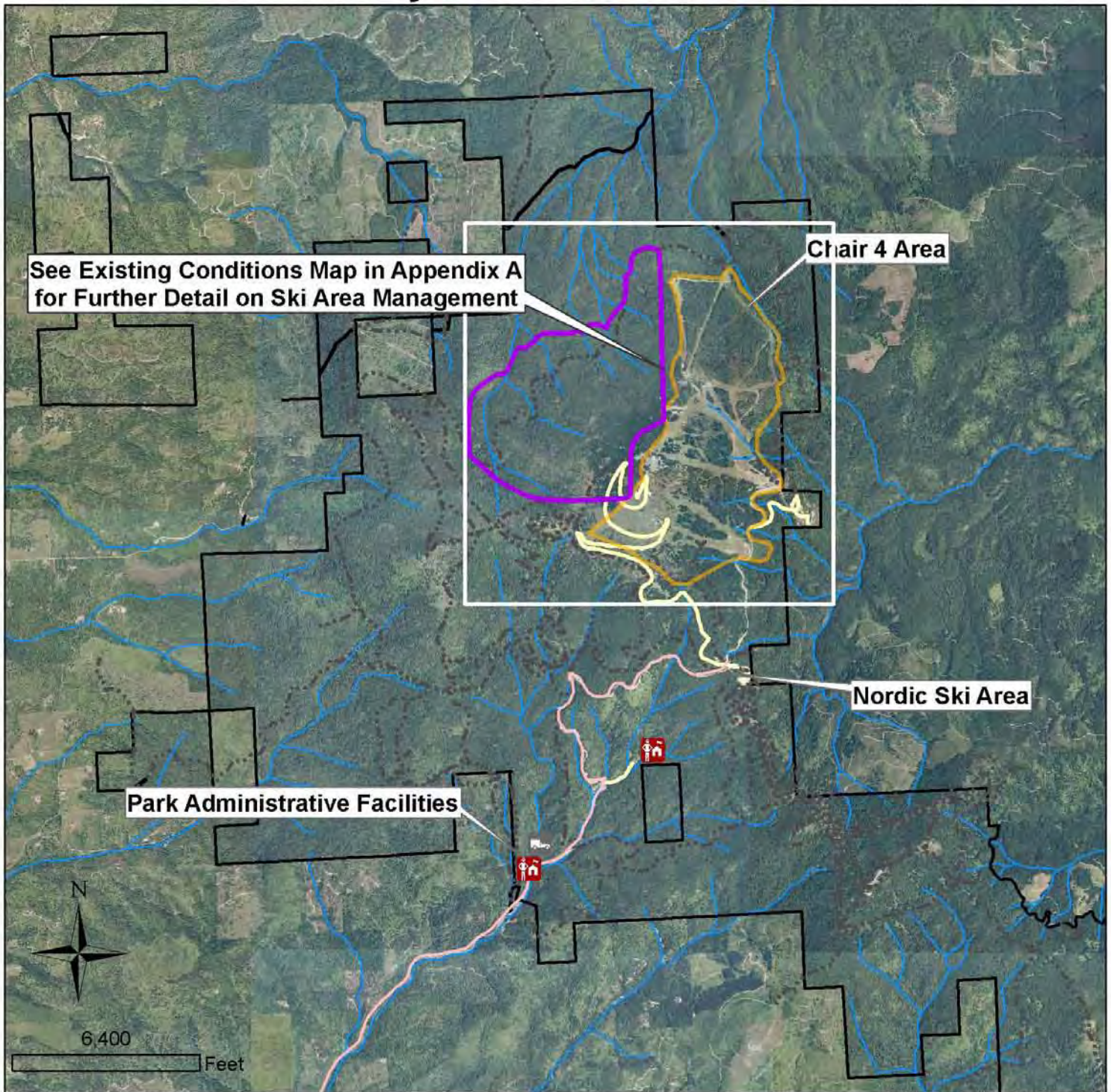


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




	Park Office		Proposed Blanchard Road Entrance		Existing State Roads
	Maintenance Facility Relocation		Proposed Recreation Corridor		Park Roads (existing)
	Existing & Proposed Ranger Residence		PASEA Boundary		Trails
	Grand Lodge		Long-term Boundary (LTB) Adjustment		Existing Ski Area Developed Footprint
	Backcountry Campsites		Area to be Classified-Recreation Classification		Mount Spokane Park Boundary
	Cabins		Area to be Classified-NFA Classification		Rivers/Streams
	Equestrian Campground				

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Mount Spokane State Park Conceptual Master Facilities Plan: Preliminary No Action Alternative

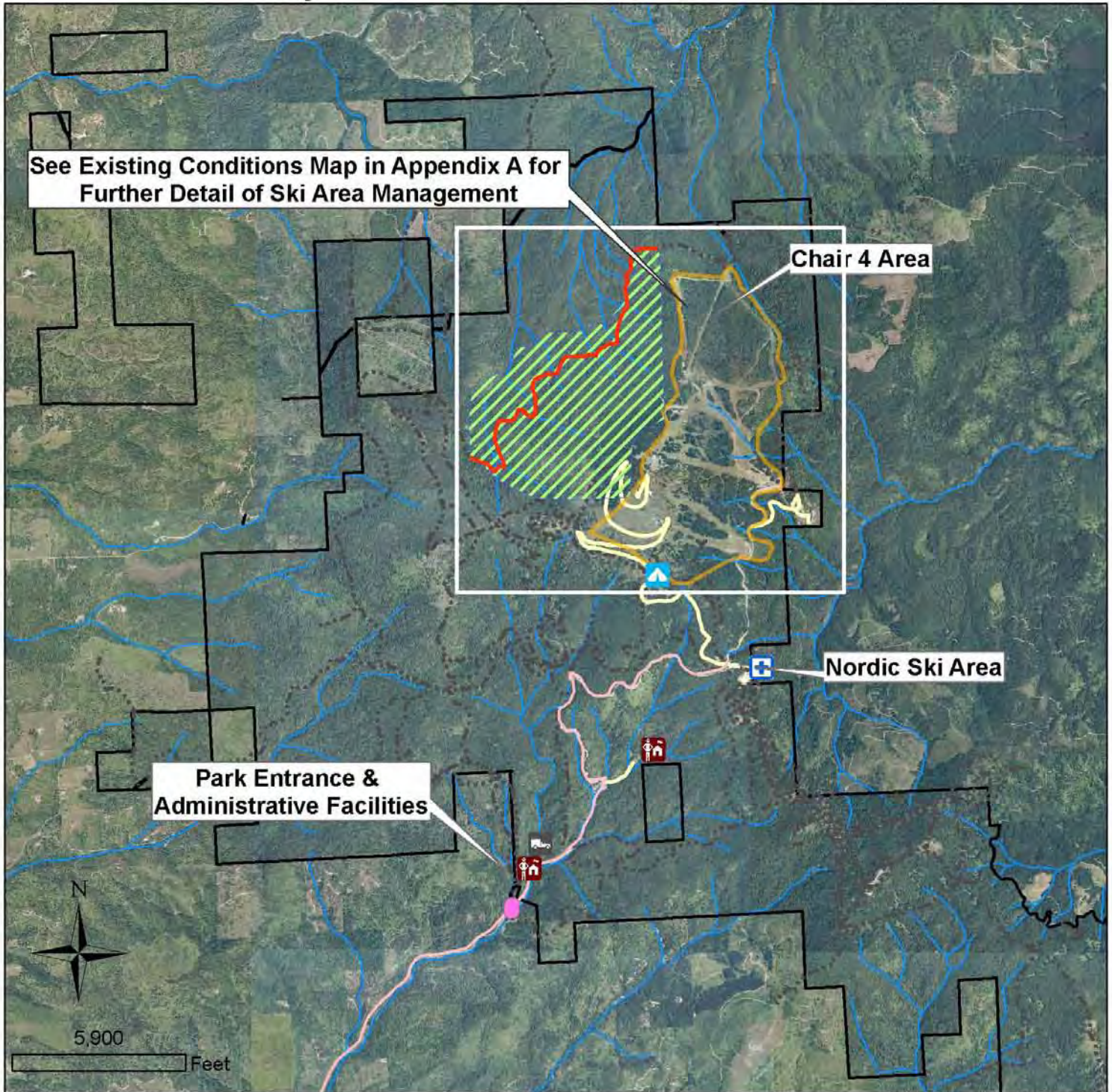


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|  | Existing Ranger Residence |  | Existing State Roads |
|  | Existing Maintenance Facility |  | Park Roads (existing) |
|  | PASEA Boundary/ Area to Remain Unclassified (existing uses to continue) |  | Trails |
|  | Existing Ski Area Developed Footprint |  | Mount Spokane Park Boundary |
| | |  | Rivers/Streams |

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Mount Spokane State Park Conceptual Master Facilities Plan: Preliminary Facilities Renovation Alternative

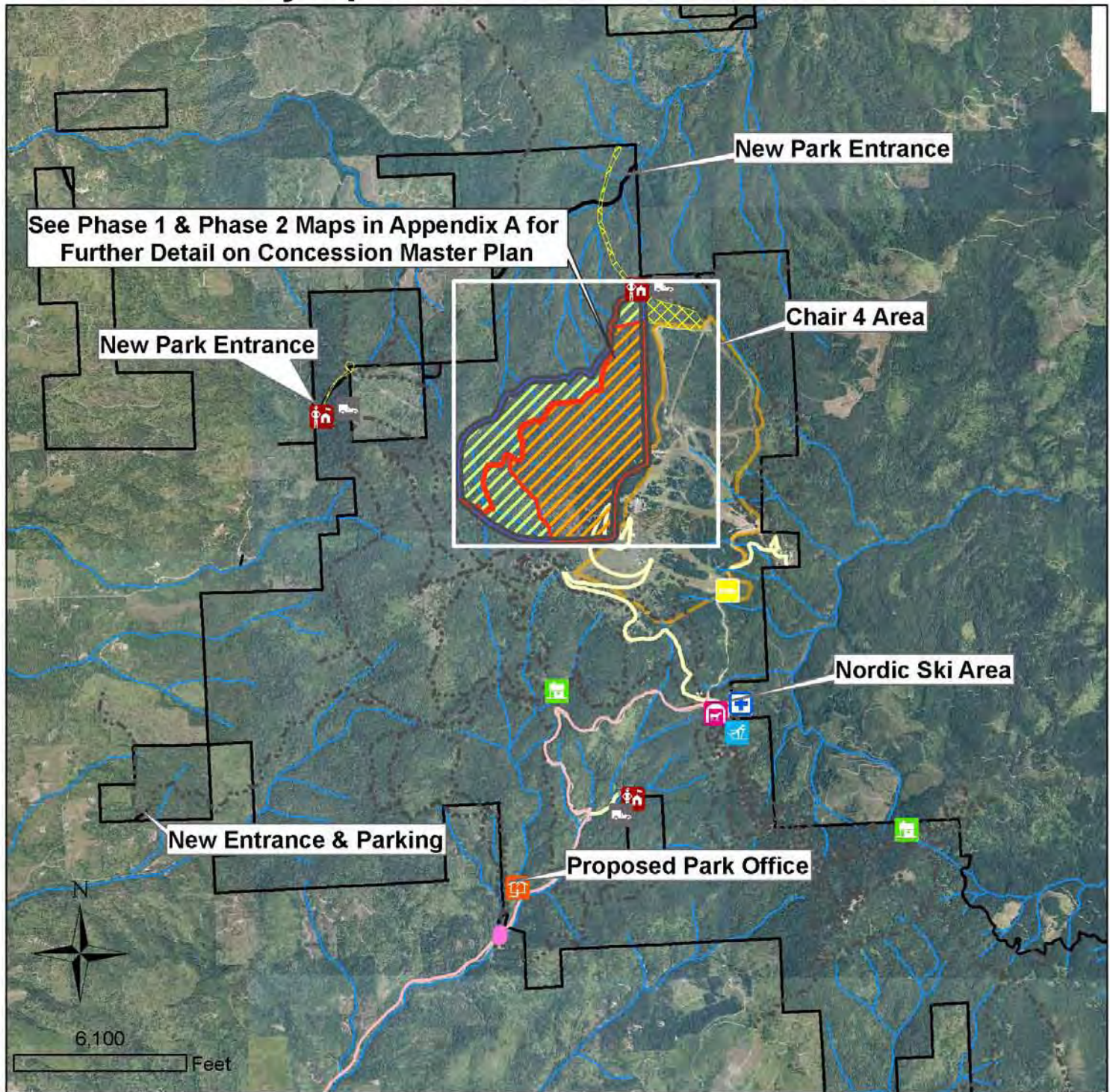


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| | Existing Maintenance Facility | | Proposed Recreation Corridor | | Existing Ski Area Developed Footprint |
| | Existing Ranger Residence | | Long-term Boundary (LTB) Adjustment | | Existing State Roads |
| | Group Camp Facilities (Bald Knob Renovation) | | Area to be Classified as Natural Forest Area | | Park Roads (existing) |
| | Nordic Ski Patrol Station | | Trails | | Mount Spokane Park Boundary |
| | | | Rivers/Streams | | |

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Mount Spokane State Park Conceptual Master Facilities Plan: Preliminary Optimized Recreational Alternative



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| Relocated/ Proposed Maintenance Facility | Backcountry Campsites | PASEA Boundary | Existing State Roads |
| Park Office | Cabins | Proposed Recreation Corridor | Park Roads (existing) |
| Existing & Proposed Ranger Residence | Nordic Center (Arenas, Concession, etc) | Long-term Boundary (LTB) Adjustment | New Park Entrance & Parking |
| Grand Lodge | Equestrian Campground | Area to be Classified Recreation | Trails |
| | Nordic Ski Patrol Station | Area to be Classified NFA under optimized and proposed | Mount Spokane Park Boundary |
| | | | Rivers/Streams |
| | | | Existing Ski Area Developed Footprint |

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