

Board approves Dyer Mountain Resort EIR, map, developer agreement

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The Lassen County Board of Supervisors approved the Dyer Mountain Four Season Resort environmental impact report, development agreement and tentative parcel map at its meeting today, Tuesday, Sept. 25.

Board approval paves the way for the developer to finalize actual subdivision maps for the 7,000-acre resort adjacent to Westwood's Walker Lake, also known as Mountain Meadows Reservoir. DMA plans to build, or agree to have other developers build, three golf courses, ski runs, more than 4,000 houses and condos and commercial and retail projects.

The tentative parcel map for the Dyer Mountain Resort divides 7,000 acres into 13 parcels ranging in size from 40 to 1,118 acres. It does not refer to specific projects.

Developers of the individual parcels will have to do EIRs and hold public hearings on each proposal to build the resort's golf courses, ski runs, houses and condos and commercial and retail projects.

The planning commission will review development plans, tentative subdivision maps and improvement plans over the 25-30 year buildout envisioned in the development concept plan.

The development agreement, a contract between the county and DMA, ensures the developer will meet county building standards and take the steps necessary to mitigate environmental impacts.

Three groups have hired attorneys to sue DMA because of the EIR: Sierra Watch, Mountain, Meadows Conservancy and the Honey Lake Maidu. A representative of the Sierra Club also challenged the EIR at today's meeting, citing its failure to adequately mitigate biological, cultural, traffic and air quality impacts of the resort, among others.