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# Gallatin National Forest News Release



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## **BRIDGER BOWL SKI AREA DECISION AFFIRMED**

Regional Forester Gail Kimbell recently affirmed Forest Supervisor Becki Heath's decision on the Master Development Plan for the Bridger Bowl Ski Area, located approximately 15 miles northeast of Bozeman, MT. Several individuals appealed the decision in March.

"I am pleased that our decision was affirmed. We have worked hard on this project for almost a decade, and there's lots of community support for it," stated Supervisor Heath.

Heath's decision in January 2005 included the following key elements:

- Approving the 2002 Bridger Bowl Master Development Plan as proposed by Bridger Bowl, Inc.
- Approving lifts, trails, service roads, and utilities that will increase the Comfortable Carrying Capacity (CCC) of the ski area to 6,000 skiers.
- The Bridger Bowl Special Use Permit (SUP) boundary will be expanded to the north by 274 acres to include the Bradley Meadows area above the south fork of Brackett Creek.
- The SUP boundary will also be expanded to the south into the Slushman drainage area for an additional increase of 337 acres.

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