



SKIING / BASE AREA BACKGROUND

In addition to the County sponsored planning efforts and plan amendments at Bridger Bowl, the ski area has historically participated in planning efforts to guide the development of the mountain.



In 2005, Bridger Bowl received EIS approval for their long awaited expansion plan. Bridger Bowl's expansion will include approximately 337 acres to the south in the Slushman area and 274 acres to the north in Bradley Meadows. Six new lifts are included in the expansion and capacity for the area will be increased from 3,200 skiers to 6,100 per day.

**Bridger Bowl Ski Area Expansion Plan*

In 2005, Bridger Bowl opened the new Saddle Peak Lodge which vastly improved day skier services including a cafeteria, daycare, ticket sales and provided much needed administrative offices and day skier lockers. This new lodge compliments the new Ski Patrol/Eagle Mount/BSF building, Deer Park Chalet built in the early 1990's and the remodeled Jim Bridger Lodge. The only other facilities at the base is the seasonally

operated Roundhouse ski rental shop and sandwich shop located in the modest building just northeast of the Jim Bridger Lodge. The St. Bernard restaurant, which served the base area for many years, burned down in 1986 and has not been replaced. The Crosscut Ranch located on the subject property featured a restaurant, a cross country ski program and limited overnight accommodations in the 1980s and early 1990s but is no longer in operation.



**Deer Park Chalet at Bridger Bowl*

Nordic skiing is currently provided by nearby Bohart Ranch Cross Country Ski Center and is operated by Jean MacInnes and Chris Myers. This facility has operated since 1988 and has grown in popularity for both winter and summer activities each year.

The Bridger Bowl Base Area has had a past history of fragmented private ownership, division in the community over density and lack of continuity of purpose between the varied parcel owners and Bridger Bowl Ski Area. This historic division of interest has not allowed for the goals and objectives of the County authored



**Nordic Skiers at Bohart Ranch
(www.bohartranchxc.com)*

Bridger Bowl Base Area Plan to be achieved. In the last several years this situation has been dramatically enhanced in the following ways:

1. The majority of the base area properties are under single ownership by Bridger Canyon Partners, LLC.
2. There has been a sustained dialogue between Bridger Canyon Partners and Bridger Bowl to achieve a mutually beneficial relationship between the Ski Area and Bridger Mountain Village.
3. Bohart Ranch and BCP have worked together to expand Nordic and summer trail systems throughout the base area.
4. There has been a sustained and in depth planning, design, and infrastructure engineering effort for the Base Area properties by BCP. This includes the availability of water for the project and a state of the art sanitary treatment facility.

Timing is the key ingredient to this exceptional mountain location. This project has been contemplated and planned for many years; the execution of this hard work and planning is the next logical step. With Bridger Bowl's solid operating history, expansion approval and excellent market conditions for recreational properties, timing will help this project achieve a successful outcome.



**Former Forsythe Ranch Lodge*



**Bridger Canyon Partners planned resurrection of the former Forsythe Ranch*