



# Public Notice

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US Army Corps  
of Engineers

Sacramento District  
1325 J Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-2922

In reply, please refer to the Public Notice Number

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

**SUBJECT:** Application for a Department of the Army permit under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act to fill 1.0 acre of jurisdictional wetlands to build The Alta Inn on Patsey Marley Hill, as shown in the attached drawings.

**APPLICANT:** Duane and Jodi Shrontz  
P.O. Box 8102  
Alta, UT 84092

**LOCATION:** The project is located in Section 4, Township 3 South, Range 3 East, Salt Lake County, Utah. The project site is located near Grizzly Gulch to the north, Alta Ski Lift Company to the South and is bordered by the U.S. Forest Service Road to Albion Basin and a gravel road to the southeast.

**PURPOSE:** To provide lodging and dining accommodations for people recreating in the Alta Area.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The owner is proposing to build a guest inn that includes a dining area, guest rooms, covered parking garage, and driveway access to the facility. The proposed project would impact jurisdictional wetlands. The project would utilize as much upland area as possible to minimize wetland impacts. There would be an estimated 1.0 acre of impacts associated with the construction of the inn. The Proposed development would be built into the existing hillside. Earth work would consist of cutting and placing of suitable engineered fill material to support the proposed facility.

**AREA DESCRIPTION:** The area is adjacent to ski runs in the winter season. The wetlands are a mosaic of high quality diverse wetlands that include willow carrs, wet meadows, spring time seeps and spruce and fir.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The applicants have identified three possible mitigation locations and will mitigate in the area of impact (see exhibit 10). The applicants have provided a matrix for the preferred alternative. The Corps will be evaluating the project based on the 404 b(1) guidelines. The plans of the preferred alternative are reflecting an environmentally sensitive, low profile design with a mountain alpine concept.

The latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places and its monthly supplements have been reviewed and there are no places either listed or recommended as eligible which would be affected.

This activity would not affect any threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat. The District Engineer has made this determination based on information provided by the applicant and on the Corps' preliminary investigation.

Certification for this project, according to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act has been requested from the Utah Division of Water Quality. The Utah Division of Water Quality intends to issue certification, provided that the proposed work will not violate applicable water quality standards. Projects are usually certified where the project may create diffuse sources (nonpoint sources) of wastes which will occur only during the actual construction activity, and where best management practices will be employed to minimize pollution effects. Written comments on water quality certification should be submitted to Mr. William O. Moellmer, Ph.D., Utah Division of Water Quality, 228 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114, on or before March 9, 2001.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on or before **March 9, 2001**. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

If additional information is required, please contact Mr. Jay Hersey, Stantec Consulting, (801) 261-0090, or Mr. James Thomas, at 1403 South 600 West, Suite A, Bountiful, Utah 84010, telephone (801) 295-8380, email [jthomas@spk.usace.army.mil](mailto:jthomas@spk.usace.army.mil).

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Enclosures: Drawings