

Forest Preserve Detailed Project Work Plan

Fiscal Year 2024-2025
Project# CO-WP-332

<u>Region</u>	<u>Project Title</u>
3	Summit Beginner Area

<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Town(s)</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Management Unit</u>
Modification of Existing Facility	Highmount	Ulster	Belleayre Mountain Intensive Use Area

Description of Desired Condition(s) for Project:

As mentioned in the 2023 Belleayre UMP Amendment, there is limited existing terrain for beginner skiers. The need for additional space is necessary for the new skiers and their instructors. We require more space for first-time skiers to accommodate the growing interest in winter sports. The current beginner area size and slope are not sufficient to accommodate novice skiers. The top of the Catskill Thunder Gondola is an underutilized area that offers an excellent environment for beginners to ski. The new beginner area will be approximately 112 feet wide and 285 feet long with about 8 percent slope. This new space will aid beginners in improving their skiing abilities and prepare them for more advanced terrain throughout Belleayre Mountain. This project was approved in the 2023 Amendment to the 2015 UMP for Belleayre Mountain on page 19, management action #9.

Description of Project Specifications:

This project will require tree clearing and regrading. Attached to this application are the following documents from the 2023 UMPA – Figure 9 (highlighted portion showing project area), tree count and tree count location map.

Description of Measures Taken to Avoid, Mitigate and Minimize Impacts to Natural Resources:

Please see tree count attached. The removal of trees and grading is required for the new beginner area. The project will adhere to the best management practices under NYS erosion and sediment control guidelines via a designed erosion and sediment control plan that will be incorporated into a SWPPP. The SWPPP will be reviewed and approved by the WIG. This project will not have any impact on wetlands, waterbodies or rare, threatened, or endangered species.

Analysis of Project Location and Design Alternatives:

The summit beginner area has been designed to improve the overall skiing experience and ensure the safety of novice skiers. This proposed action will provide a more even and enjoyable terrain for beginners. The project was developed as part of the 2023 Amendment to the 2015 Unit Management Plan for Belleayre Mountain Ski Center.

Description of Use of Motorized Equipment and/or Motor Vehicles, if any:

To construct the summit beginner area effectively, we will utilize the following motorized equipment: chain saws, excavators, bulldozers, skidders, UTVs.

Description of Applicable Standards for Accessibility by People with Disabilities:

Belleayre Mountain provides many opportunities for adaptive winter recreation at the mountain. Instructors are trained in adaptive winter recreation practices.

Other Relevant Considerations:

The projects described within this work plan to support skiing at Belleayre Mountain are supported by Article XIV section 1 which provides that " Nothing herein contained shall prevent the state from ... constructing and maintaining not more than twenty-five miles of ski trails thirty to two hundred feet wide, together with appurtenances thereto, provided that no more than two miles of such trails shall be in excess of one hundred and twenty feet wide, on the slopes of Belleayre

Mountain in Ulster and Delaware counties ..."

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Approvals:

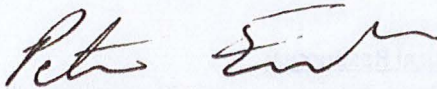
Comments:



Regional Program
Manager Date: 3/21/2024



Regional Director
Date: 5/28/2024



Division Director
Date: 5/8/24.

REGULATORY CLEARANCE CHECKLIST – STATE LANDS and CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROJECTS

PROGRAM	PERMIT	REQUIRED		SECURED BY	COMMENTS
		YES	NO	(NAME)	
Air Resources	Restricted Burning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Mineral Resources	Mining	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Materials Management	Solid Waste Mgt. Fac.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Water	Dam Safety Review	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Const. in Flood Hazard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Public Water Supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	SPDES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Spills Management	Petro. Bulk Storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Lands and Forests	Unit Management Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Tree Cutting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Protected Native Plants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Historic Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Fish and Wildlife	Freshwater Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Wild Scenic & Rec. River	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Compliance Services	Other Protection of Waters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	EAF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Negative Declaration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Env. Impact Statement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Water Quality Cert.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
DEC (other)	CP-17	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Commissioner (aircraft,motorized equipment)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Flight Request	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Contract Clearance Sh.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	DOB Exemption	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Other Agencies	APA MOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	APA Wetlands Permit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Corps. of Engineers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Building Permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Local Permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Easements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Highway Enter DOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Wastewater Disposal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		



Image 8: Proposed Area for Gondola Cabin Maintenance Building

9. Construction of an Additional Beginner Area with Conveyer Lift

Existing Conditions

The existing terrain for first time skiers and riders at Belleayre is limited to the Discovery Base area. Additional space is needed for beginners and instruction of beginners as more people are becoming interested in winter sports. The summit area at the top of the Catskill Thunder Gondola has beginner terrain that is currently underutilized.

Proposed Management Action

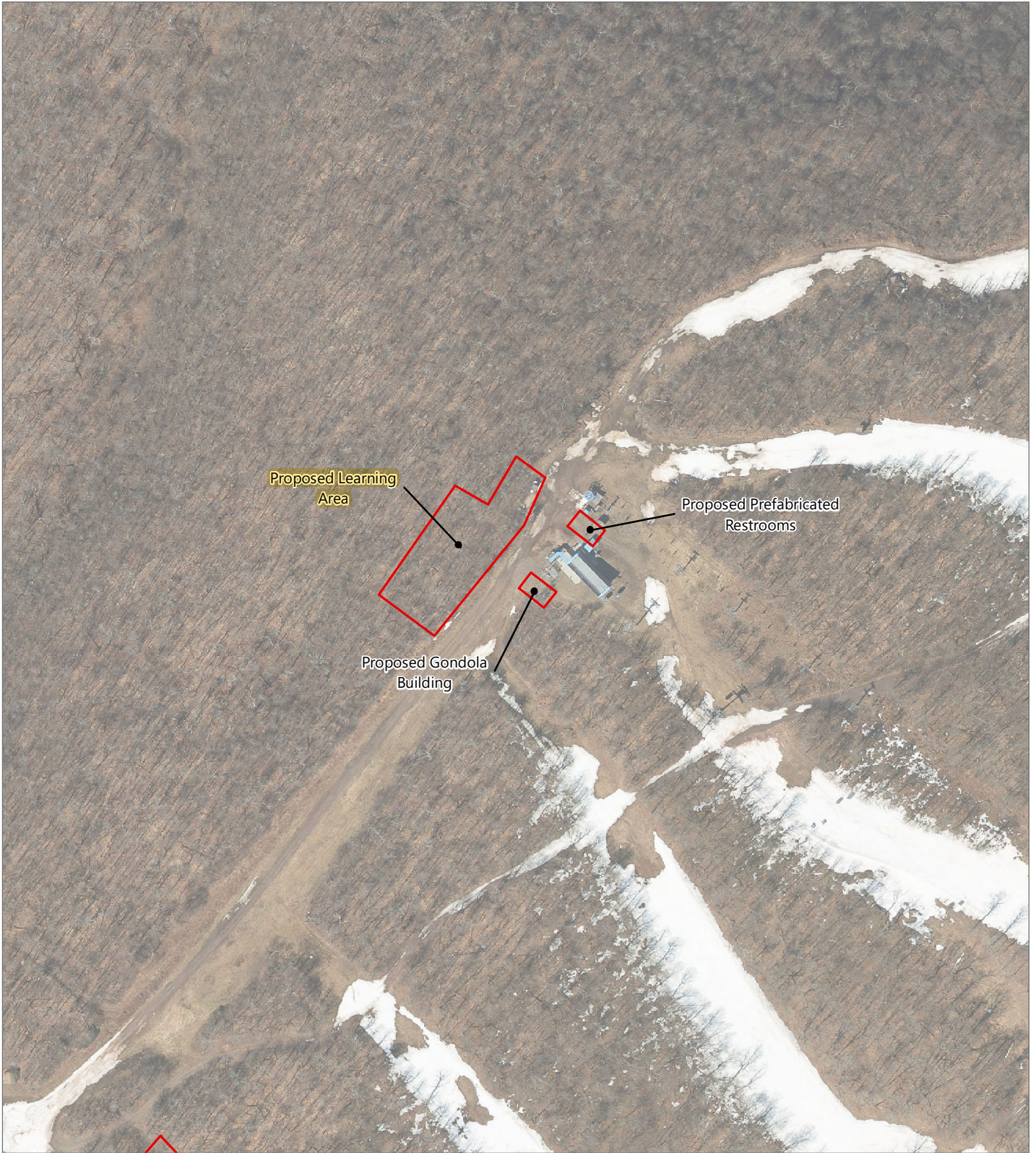
The proposed action is to add a new beginner learning area with a conveyer lift just off the existing gondola (Figure 9). This area is intended to help skiers improve their abilities beyond the terrain of the Discovery Learning center and prepare them for more advanced terrain throughout Belleayre. The trail will be approximately 112 feet wide and 285 feet long with a slope of approximately 8 percent.

10. Relocation of Previously Approved Snowmaking Reservoir

Existing Conditions

Belleayre needs additional snowmaking water storage. Current snowmaking production is limited by water storage capacity. A 35-million-gallon snowmaking reservoir was approved in the original 2015 UMP but has not yet been constructed. The 2015 UMP included a proposed

Figure 9. Beginner Area with Conveyor Lift



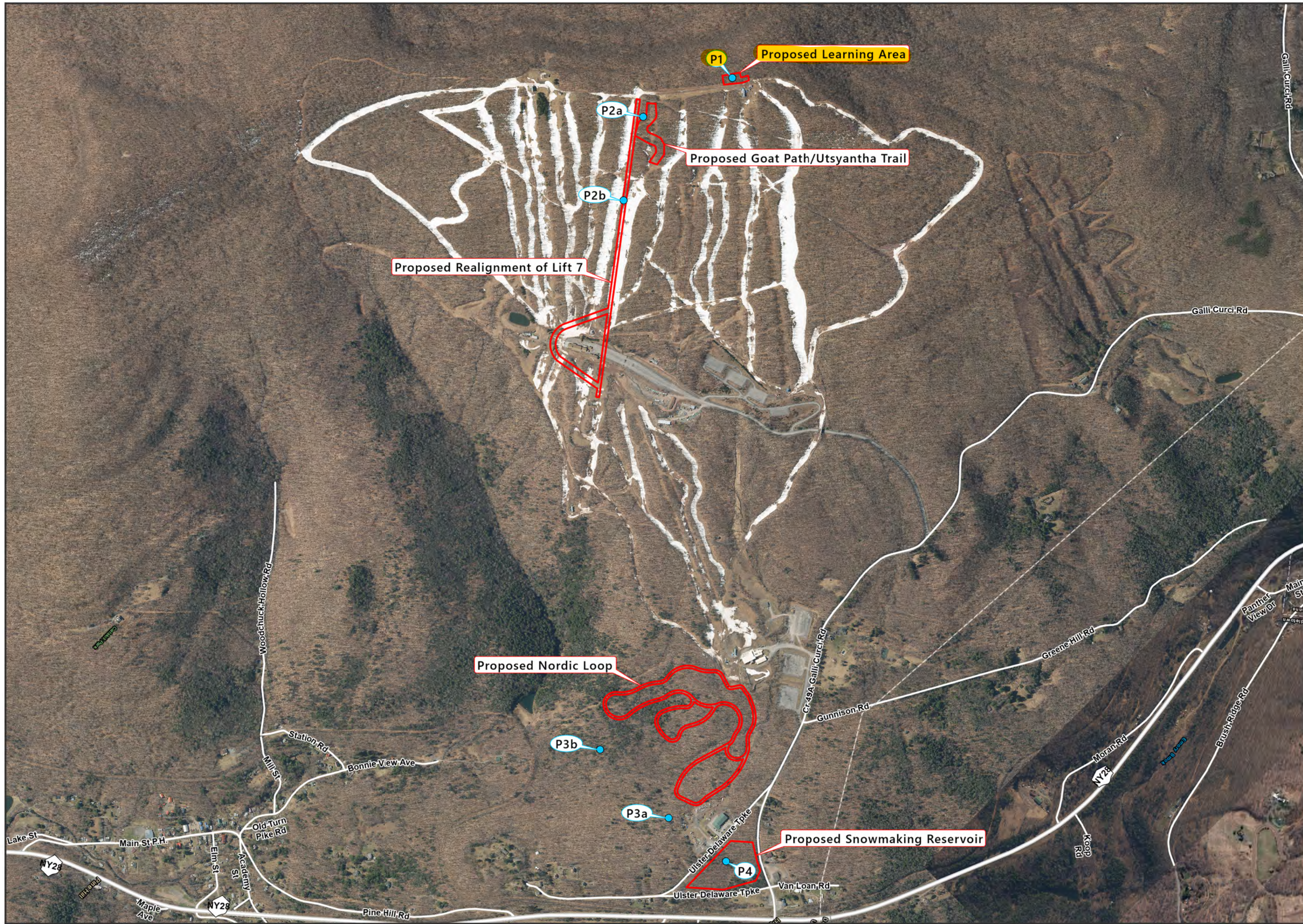
Belleayre Ski Mountain

Town of Shandaken, Ulster County, New York

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 Project Site

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Feet



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**2021 Unit Management Plan
 Amendment**
 Belleayre Mountain
 Title
**Proposed Management Actions
 and Tree Count Locations**

Project: 2015018-08
 Date: 03/07/2023

Figure:
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1 inch = 1,000 feet
 0 500 1,000
 Feet

