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2. ABSTRACT

Employee housing has become a struggling issue with the U.S. ski industry due to the fluctuation of climate, location and the industry known to have one of the highest carbon footprint. Today, many ski resorts are resorting ways to reduce their carbon footprint by using more environmental friendly equipments and incorporating all-seasons activities. As ski resorts starts to incorporate more activities into their resorts; the architecture and experience has been re-elevated as well.

This thesis project explores the limit of architecture and experience of putting employees and tourism experiences together. The two programs were developed and the similar program was joined together. These "moments" of similarity was design to have a place for the two programs to share one space. This is where architecture starts to push the boundary of comfort. Throughout iterations, the two experiences could not be equal all the time due to the level of expectation and privacy. Overall, the project exploration may have been pushed even further, but was a good experience.



3. MANIFESTO

People have always enjoyed nature's landscape and environment, but the affect on nature has taken its toll due to growth and development of ski resorts and other activities involving natural landscape. It has altered the environment in a negative way from climate change; endanger local vegetation and animals and so forth. Architecture should be used to provide a change to people interaction with nature in a more sustainable and economic way. Mountain huts, complexes or refuge can help introduce a new and more sustainable way for people to interact with nature. These locations usually indicate the need of employee housing during the busy seasons. With the use of architecture, employee housing and hotel complexes could be combined to maximize usage and architectural experiences.



4. INTRODUCTION

HISTORY

The origin of skiing came from the Ural Mountains, Europe and Asia, about more than 8,000 years ago. In its early time, it was a form of hunting and transportation. It eventually got adopted into a sport in the 1800s and is now a quite famous sport many enjoy. Historically, rural areas and vacation homes in the mountains are utilized only in the summer. During the winter, these areas are closed off and left unoccupied until spring/summer. These areas' roads will be covered with snow and inaccessible for people to travel to. The ski industry first appeared in 1930s to 1950s, during the Great Depression. The sport of Nordic (cross-country) was brought over by Scandinavian immigrants. People began to turn their summer homes and rural town into ski resorts. Initially, during the postwar, ski industries main target is for middle class, but the upper wealthier men found this winter sport of interest.

On the east coast, the White Mountain in New Hampshire was the main hot spot for winter sports. The Peckett on Sugar Hill turned their farmland into an inn. The business did not go as well at first because many local did not know how to ski down the slope. Katharine Peckett, the daughter, persuades



her parents to invest in professional skiers to teach their guest. The family first hired two German skiers and later an Austrian master of the Arlberg crouch technique to teach their guest. This is one of the first movements of incorporating schooling to the business.

During the same time, the Manufacturers Trust Company president Harvey D. Gibson also invested in a ski resort. His focused was how to help his local town economy of North Conway. Gibson resort focuses more on the education part of skiing. His business target was teaching young local boys how to ski at a fairly low price. The resort was a success and in 1939, Gibson hired Hannes Schneider, most famous ski instructor in the world at the time, to teach at North Conway.

On the west coast, the most populated area for winter sporting is the Rocky Mountain area (Yosemite, CA and Yellowstone, MT areas).

Condominiums for ski resorts first appeared 1967. It was a way of bringing luxury living to ski resorts. This allows people to purchase or rent these condos that are near their favorite ski resorts and nature. This helped eliminate lodges and provide a more private and home-like space for people.

In 1970s, America became more environmental conscious and wanted to create ski resort that are more environmental friendly. Historical preservation and land conservation regulation became stricter to enforce that ski resort would not expand larger than it needs to be and to protect the environment. Vernacular design and incorporating landscape and architecture became key factor when designing ski resorts.

ECONOMICS

Ski industries that mainly focuses on snow season is struggling to make ends. Due to global warming and large consumption of energy to operate ski resorts, people stop building them. According to Dave Belin, director of consulting services for RRC Associates (research & business resort consultant) about 54 to 48 percent of revenue generates from lift tickets and passes. About 15 percent comes from ski schools dining and lodging. While rental shops and retail stores only makes up 5 percent of the revenue. Business that depends heavily on season passes/tickets may get a hit during no snow or dry period. Due to this affect, many large ski industries are incorporating summer activities or programs into their resort to have the business function yearlong.

ENVIRONMENTIAL IMPACT

Ski industries have one of the largest carbon footprints due to the site location, construction and global warming. When a ski resort is being built, it is usually in a natural landscape and in order to create the ski runs, the landscape would be clear and grade. This distributes the natural landscape of the site and may affect the vegetation and animals in the area. No only does construction disturb the natural landscape, but ski industries also introduce the land with chemicals to stabilize snow. For the long run of running these ski resorts, it depends a large amount of energy and water (if the resort depends heavily on artificial snow).

SKI INDUSTRY

Ski Industry first appeared in the 1930s National Park Service structures, including Stowe, Vermont, and Timberline Lodge. During the postwar ski resort like Vermont's Mont Snow and Colorado's Vail and Snowmass main target were middle class men. The sports actually attracted wealthy men or upper class/educated men because they were the ones interest in the wildness and winter activity. It first started off in the summer mountain vacation that was unoccupied

during the winter season. Historically these rural towns will shut down during the winter and reopened in the warmer seasons, Economies stagnated and was unstable. Winter sports offered a way for these areas to stay open for business

Today, there are small and large ski resorts, but due to climate changes and the amount of money that is needed to run a ski resort, people tend to go to the larger resorts. In the US, there are a total of 7 corporations that dominate the ski industries and they are; Vail Resorts, Powdr Corp, Boyne Resorts, Intrawest, Aspen Skiing Company, Peak Resorts and CNL Lifestyle Properties.

EMPLOYEE HOUSING

Ski industries struggles with providing their employees with housing due to the fluctuation of the seasons activities and the work term (full-time, part-time, seasonal, etc.). Some seasons may accumulate less income than others due to climate changes. Many ski resorts has policies to cover and provide housing for limited full-time employees only. Therefore other employees will need to resort in finding their own housing when employed. Many times, employees cannot afford tourism rates and have resulted to rooming with other employees to lower their cost of living.

5. ARCHITECTURAL INTENTIONS

SUSTAINABILITY

Skiing is a popular and active sport, and many people travel to enjoy it. By traveling to these destinations, alone it has already impact earth. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, for each gallon of gas, it creates 19.64 pounds of carbon dioxide. Image the impact a ski resort consumes while it uses water to make snow, chairlifts and ski lodges. During construction, ski runs are clear and the topsoil is removed. There are two techniques that are used surface clearing and surface grading. These techniques remove the natural vegetation, topsoil and large boulders/rocks. Ski industry is also facing the problem of global warming and due to it; many rely on snow machine to create artificial snow that is needed for the season. It affects natural landscape and ecosystems. For example ski runs construction impacts soil by introducing the environment with chemicals (artificial snow hardeners) and physical properties that can cause to local plants and animals.

The benefit of ski resorts is it brings in tourism (economic diversification, services and infrastructure) to the area. Restoration is another way to improve the environment. By restoring damage topsoil can help restore ecosystem. There are three steps; store and

WHAT IS SUSTAINABLE SKI RESORT?



reuse original topsoil; apply seed mixtures adapted to site conditions; and manage restoration site curing summers. In order to reduce the environmental impact of ski construction and management, regulations are put to effect to ensure best professional practices.

National Ski Area Association is a sustainable slopes program that the ski industry adopted in 2000. The NSAA provides ski areas consists of a framework for sustainability and enhances environmental performance. The program contains 21 Environmental Principles that encourage ski area operators to make sustainable use of natural resources.

Many ski resorts has resort to sustainable energy to minimize their environmental impact. Such alternatives are solar panels, wind turbines or hydro turbines as energy source. Improvement to waste management and composting program has also been used. Forest management effort is another alternative to improve wildlife habitats.

SUSTAINABLE SKI RESORTS & THEIR SOLUTIONS

Zermatt, Switzerland

Zermtt is a car free ski resort with electric buses, major efforts to re-naturalize and does sustainable construction as well as low CO2 waste disposal systems.

Park City Mountain Resort

Park City Resort was named the most sustainable ski resort in 2013. The resort offsets 100% of its energy using wind credits but also invests heavily into renewable and green technologies. They even have an environmental kiosk at the top of the mountain educating visitors on their practices.

Squaw Valley

Squaw Valley resort works to minimize its CO2 emissions and reduced 111 tons last year (over 1700 tons through lighting and energy efficiency upgrades alone). The resort has installed electric car charging stations and also operates a shuttle between the resorts

Aspen

Aspen Ski Resort has been publishing sustainability reports since 1999. They have maintained ISO 14001



certification for ten years and ensure all new buildings are LEED gold. They support local farmers and education initiatives and their Family Fund donates close to \$100,000 annually to support day-care facilities, schools and healthcare access.

Mount Cain

The resort is a small community ski resort with the community at the center of the plan. It is community owned and provides employment for islanders and is a nice example of community governance.

Whistler Blackcomb

A ski resort with a mission to be zero waste, zero carbon and zero net emission. They implemented a Fitzsimmons Renewable Energy Project in 2010 and have a mountain remediation project called operation Green up that has invested more than \$1.5 million to protect and conserve natural areas. They produce a CSR report and have detailed sustainability efforts posted on their website. This organization has been named one of Canada's greenest employers of the year. They have undertaken a number of sustainability initiatives including tracking their energy as well as providing funds for ecosystem improvement.

HEALTH

Being healthy is a key factor to longevity. According to World Health Organization, about 2.8 million people each year die from overweight or obese. People appear to become less active per year, therefore skiing allow one to be active during the winter season and may benefit one's health. Skiing helps benefit the physical and mental health of a person.

For physical health; it helps improve a person's cardiovascular system; improve balance, flexibility; and strengthen muscles, bones, and joints. When skiing major muscle are used and a person's heart rate is working hard. Skiing is a workout of it's own and can help strengthen the heart and burn fat.

Mental health benefits of skiing can help improve one's mood. Skiing helps decrease stress and depression. Mayo Clinic stated that moderate to vigorous physical activities results where the brain released endorphins, adrenaline, serotonin and dopamine to relax the body's muscle and make one feels good. Interaction with nature is an important factor to a person's wellbeing. By having an abundant exposure to nature, it helps increase psychological benefits by making one feel pleasure, relaxed and connected to nature.

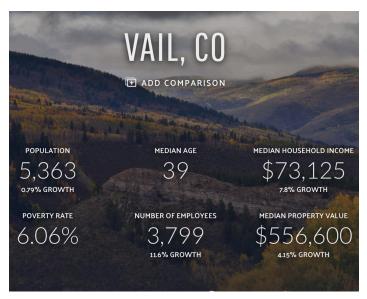


COMMUNITY

Skiing can be for anyone who is willing to learn. The first ski school in the US is Lake Placid Club in Lake Placid, New York, They also hired the first instructor, a Norwegian skier name Henrik Jacobsen to teach people how to ski and enjoy the sport. Today, almost every ski resorts provide ski lessons to kids during the season. With these ski schools, it helps create a sense of community within the resort. Kids now have another place for them to interact with others outside of the normal educational setting.

6. CLIENT: VAIL RESORT, INC. HISTORY

In the mid 1800s, settlers converted the Bore Creek Valley to agricultural land. During World War II, the United States Army created a training center south of the valley known as Camp Hale. The 10th Mountain Division men trained alpine combat and fought in the Northern Italy Mountains. When they returned back to the states, many expand the ski industry. Pete Seibert and Earl Eaton first climbed Vail Mountain in the winter of 1957 and feel in love with the mountain. Vail Mountain is property of the United States Forest Service. Also along the valley, there were local farmers. At the time, the requirement for purchasing a permit from the USFS to intervene the mountain was \$1 million. Seibert and Vail invested in condos units and eventually were able to purchase the permit. The construction for Bell gondola, ski resort, was completed and opened to the public on December 15, 1962. Bob Parker, Vail manager at the time introduced the resort to grooming the trails for better ride. By the 1960s, Bell Gondola became a popular destination for ski enthusiastic and Vail began expanding and developing. On January 1997, Vail Associates purchased Keystone and Breckenridge and expanded the ski area and resort.



GOALS TO BECOMING NET ZERO

Today Vail Resort and other ski industry all face the decline in snowfall due to global warming and how ski resorts itself have largely impact the environment. As snowfall decreased, the number of visitors also decreases; but skiers and snowboarders were still buying seasonal pass this 2017-18 season. Sales revenue was actually up by 1.6% from last year. Even though this may be just luck, ski resorts needs figure out how to solve the issue without making an impact on it's environment.

On July 25, 2017, Vail Resort, Inc. announced their interest in pursing to become more sustainable. The company calls this movement the Epic Promise for a Zero Footprint, which they will produce zero net emission and zero waste to landfill by 2030. Vail Resorts was inspired by Whistler Blackcomb's environmental commitment that vowed to have net zero as well. Vail Resort's solution to zero net emission is to reduce company's electricity and natural gas usage by 15%. They already reduced 19% using more sustainable management. For example, Vail invested \$25 million on energy-saving projects and low-energy snowmaking equipment, green building design, construction and grooming practices. Vail also in-

vest in programs that gives back to the environment such as tree planting to offset the use of other energy (gasoline, diesel). Vail Resort also encourage visitors with information on how to reduce their carbon footprint. For the zero waste landfill projects, Vail has improved recycling and compositing program. They also work with local vendors and resort to increase option for reuse and diversion.

VAIL VALLEY EMPLOYEE HOUSING CRISS

As Vail Resort continues to be more sustainable, another issue Vail Resort is facing is employee housing. According to Early County Housing Department, there is a shortage of 2,760 housing. A median household income has increased by 6% since 2007 with an annual income of \$80,6000. There has also been a 20% increase in home prices as well. Because of the demand for housing developer are demolishing old and abandoned buildings to new complex. Some of the properties that are in the process of development for the future are Solar Vail, Marriott Residence Inn, Mountain View Residences, East Vail, Indeed, Avon-Former Fire Station, Eagle-Hockett Guch, Broadway Station, Eagle Landing, Wall Street, Soleihomes, Red Mountain Ranch, Haymedow Pud, Gypsum-Spring Creek Village, Red Table Appartments, Siena Lake, and Mountain Gateway at Buckhorn Valley.



7. PROGRAM

CONDOMINIUM

The condominium complex consists of a lobby for tourist/visitors and residences. The lobby is a space tourist and locals' residences of the area can interact and enjoy each other's company. A parking area will be provided for the residences, which will be separated, from visitors. This will prevent any disturbances between both parties. Within the complex, there is a small restaurant/bar area in the social space. This can help generate revenue for the complex as well as provide work for local residences during off seasons. A small retail store will provide essential needs for traveling tourists and local. An office for the administration and managers will help provide workers the essential to run a complex. The complex will contain a number of units just for guest to rent out and a number of units for locals.

EMPLOYEE HOUSING

The employee housing consists of a lobby, office, mail area, community shared space and laundry room. Each unit consists of 2 bedrooms with 4 beds. It's set up as dorms to create a multi-use of the units when they are not used as employee housing. The complex can be use to house summer school/camp



activities; therefore the space is always occupied yearlong. The employee housing does have a balcony to allow views and their own private outdoor space. Employee housing does have parking spaces in the main parking garage.

HOTEL

The hotel consists of 3 ballrooms, 2 main kitchens; one for catering the ballroom and the other is for the restaurants on the main floor. On the second level, there are a section of rooms, ranging from 1-3 bedrooms suites. There is also an indoor/outdoor swimming pool and lap pool. Besides the swimming pool, there is also a bar lounge for parents and adults to enjoy with their view and experience. In the 3rd to 4th floor, there are rooms with private outdoor balconies. On each floor there is a lounge for people to hang out or just take in the view and experience. The main parking garage is underground and serves for 3 groups.

Condos

#	Program	# of Space	Total Square Footage	Size of Rooms	Gross Square Footage
1	Rooms	300			
	Studio	100	300	20x15	30,000
	1 Bedroom	100	500	20x25	50,000
	2 Bedroom	50	800	20x40	40,000
	3 Bedroom	50	1000	20x50	50,000
2	Common Area				
	Entrance	1	120	8x15	120
	Storage	1	80	8x10	80
	Mail	1	100	10x10	100
3	Multi-purpose room				
	Vending Area	1	50	5x10	50
	Public bathroom	2	800	20x20, 20x20	1,600
4	Administrative Area				
	Conference room	1	180	12x15	180
	Storage	1	500		500
	Office	2	200	10x10,10x10	400
	Private bathroom	2	25	5x10	50
5	Community Area				
	Picnic area	1	300		300
	Swimming area	1	500		500
	Basketball court	1	500		500
6	Parking				
	Space	325	144	8x18	46,800
7	Mechnical Room				
	System	1	1000	50x20	1,000
				Total Gross Square Footage	221,180
				60% Efficency	13,270.80
				Total Net Square Footage	234,451

Hotel

			Hotel		
#	Program	# of Space	Total Square Footage	Size of Rooms	Gross Square Footage
1	Rooms	100			
	1 Bedroom	60	300	20x15	18,000
	2 Bedroom	40	500	20x25	20,000
2	Common Area				
	Entrance	1	120	8x15	120
	Laundry	1	100	10x10	100
	Storage	1	80	8x10	80
3	Multi-purpose room				
	Vending Area	1	50	5x10	50
	Public bathroom	2	800	20x20, 20x20	1,600
4	Administrative Area				
	Conference room	1	180	12x15	180
	Storage	1	500		500
	Office	2	200	10x10,10x10	400
	Private bathroom	2	25	5x10	50
5	Community Area				
	Workout facility	1	800	35x15	800
	Swimming area	1	1200	60x20	1,200
	Retail Area	2	1200	30x40	2,400
6	Parking				
	Space	125	144	8x18	18,000
7	Mechnical Room				
	System	1	1000	50x20	1,000
				Total Gross Square Footage	64,480

Total Gross Square Footage 64,480 60% Efficency 3,868.80 Total Net Square Footage 68,349

Employee Housing

Program	# of Space	Total Square Footage	Size of Rooms	Gross Square Footage
Rooms	50			
Dorm	50	200	20x10	10,000
Common Area				
Entrance	1	120	8x15	120
Laundry	1	100	10x10	100
Storage	1	80	8x10	80
Mail				
Multi-purpose room				
Vending Area	1	50	5x10	50
Public bathroom	2	800	20x20, 20x20	1,600
Administrative Area				
Conference room	1	180	12x15	180
Storage	1	500		500
Office	2	200	10x10,10x10	400
Private bathroom	2	25	5x10	50
Community Area				
Picnic area	1	300		300
Parking				
Space	100	144	8x18	14,400
Mechnical Room				
System	1	1000	50x20	1,000
			Total Gross Square Footage	28,780
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8. SITE ANAYLSIS

SITES

All the lot are located across from Vail Resort. This are contain more of the local residences and service buildings. The lot size is large and the proposal project will not take the whole site.

Site A:

Address: 3700 North Frontage Road West

Size Lot: 1.2 arces

Land Value: \$1,699,850.00(Will need to be purchase

from Town)

Border the highway and local residences. The land has a trail and is part of the protected and reserved

forest.

Site B:

Address: 1783 N. Frontage Road West

Size Lot: 1.932 arces

Land Value: \$7,350,000.00 (Vail's land) Border the highway and local residences.







Site C:

Address: 75 S Frontage Road West

Size Lot: 17.226 arces

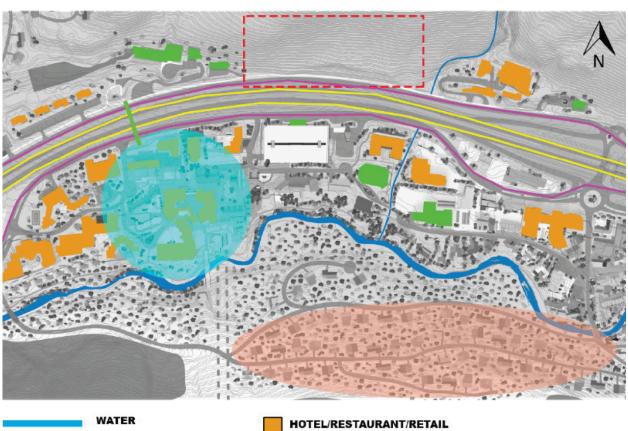
Land Value: \$60,290 (Will need to be purchase from

Town)

Borders the highway and Red Sandstone Elementary School and Vail Gymnastics Center. On the east, it borders Middle Creek Village, an apartment com-

plex.





PUBLIC PLACES

VACATION HOMES

VAIL RESORT CAMPUS

ROADS

HIGHWAY

SMALL ROADS

SITE LOCATION

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

























9. ZONING & BULDING CODES

BUILDING CODES

Vail Colorado has adopted:2018 International Building Code (IBC); 2018 International Residential Code (IRD); 2018 International Fire Code (IFC); 2018 International Plumbing Code (IPC); 2018 International Mechanical Code (IMC); 2018 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC); 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC); 2017 National Electrical Code (NEC); 2010 ADA Standards; Fair Housing Act Design Manual.

Zone: Natural Area Preservation (NAP)

Land Use: Open space

Hazard Level: Medium Severity Rock fall

Occupant Load Factor:

Parking garages - 200 gross
Residential - 200 gross
Kitchen/commercial - 200 gross
Exercise rooms - 50 gross
Assembly w/o fixed seats - 15 net

Classification:

Assembly Group A-2 (Banquet hall, Restaurants,

Bars)

Assembly Group A-4 (Swimming pools) Residential Group R-1 (Hotel – short-term)

Ground Snow Load	Speed (mph)	Topographic Effects	Seismic Design Category	Weathering	Frost Line	Termite	Winter Design Temp	Ice Barrier Underlayment Required	Air Freezing Index
142	115	В	В	Severe	48	Slight/Mod.	-5	Yes	2500

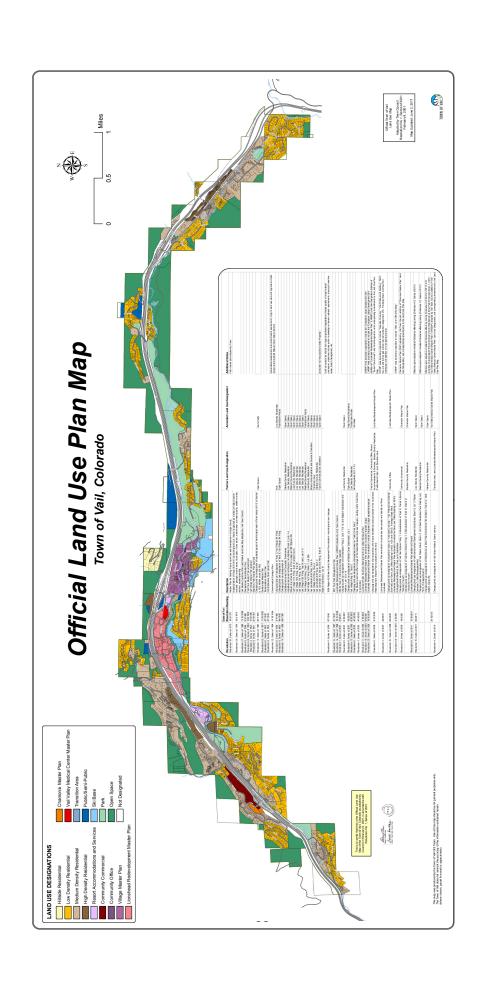
TABLE 601 FIRE-RESISTANCE RATING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING ELEMENTS (HOURS)

BUILDING ELEMENT	TYPE I		TYPE II		TYPE III		TYPE IV	TYPE V	
	Α	В	Α	В	Α	В	нт	Α	В
Primary structural frame ^f (see Section 202)		2 ^a	1	0	1	0	НТ	1	0
Bearing walls									
Exterior ^{e, f}	3	2	1	0	2	2	2	1	0
Interior	3 ^a	2 ^a	1	0	1	0	1/HT	1	0
Nonbearing walls and partitions Exterior	See Table 602								
Nonbearing walls and partitions Interior ^d	0	0	0	0	0	0	See Section 602.4.6	0	0
Floor construction and associated secondary members (see Section 202)	2	2	1	0	1	0	НТ	1	0
Roof construction and associated secondary members (see Section 202)		1 ^{b,c}	1 ^{b,c}	0c	1 ^{b,c}	0	НТ	1 ^{b,c}	0

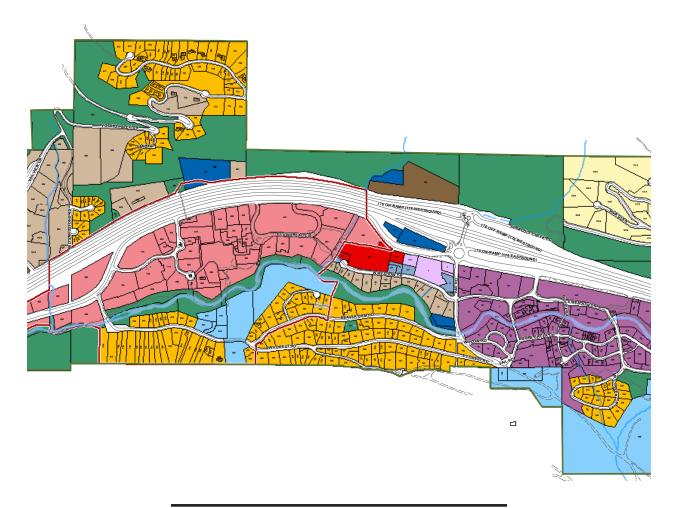
Residential Group R-2 (Apartment) Storage Group S-2 (Parking garage – enclosed)

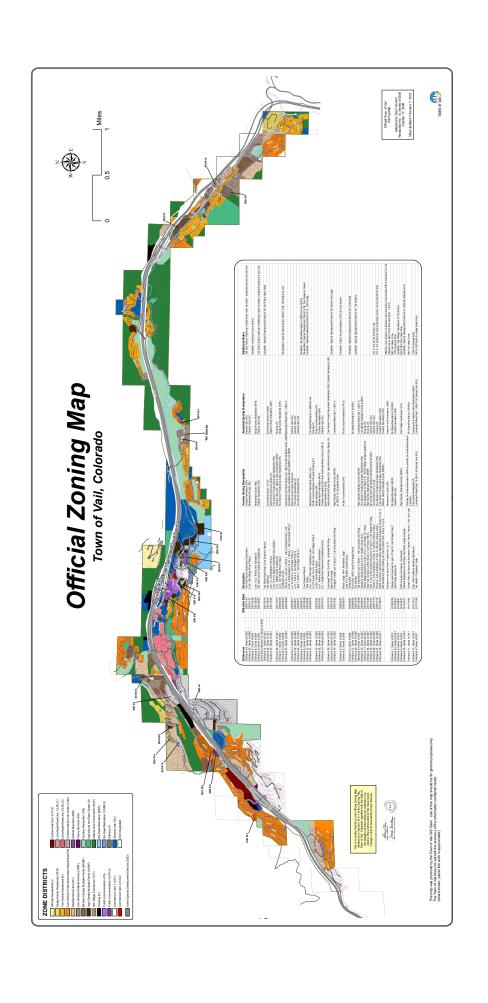
Means of Egress:

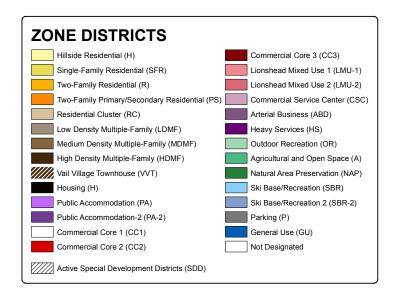
2 means of egress for each building (Path shall not exceed 75 feet)

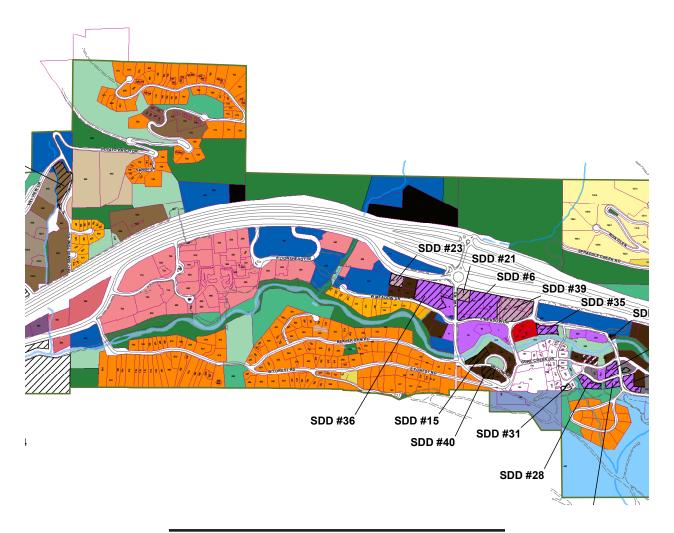


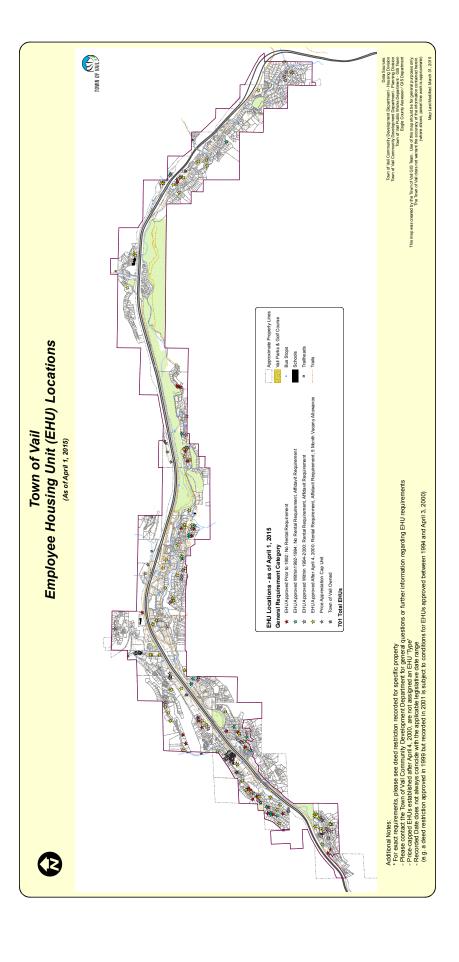
LAND USE DESIGNATIONS					
Hillside Residential	Chamonix Master Plan				
Low Density Residential	Vail Valley Medical Center Master Plan				
Medium Density Residential	Transition Area				
High Density Residential	Public/Semi-Public				
Resort Accommodations and Services	Ski Base				
Community Commercial	Park				
Community Office	Open Space				
Village Master Plan	Not Designated				
Lionshead Redevelopment Master Plan					

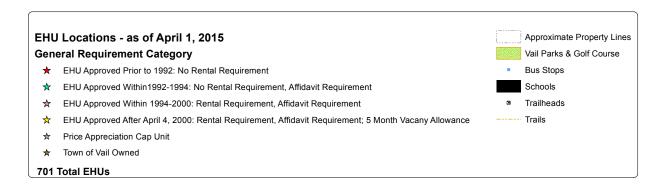


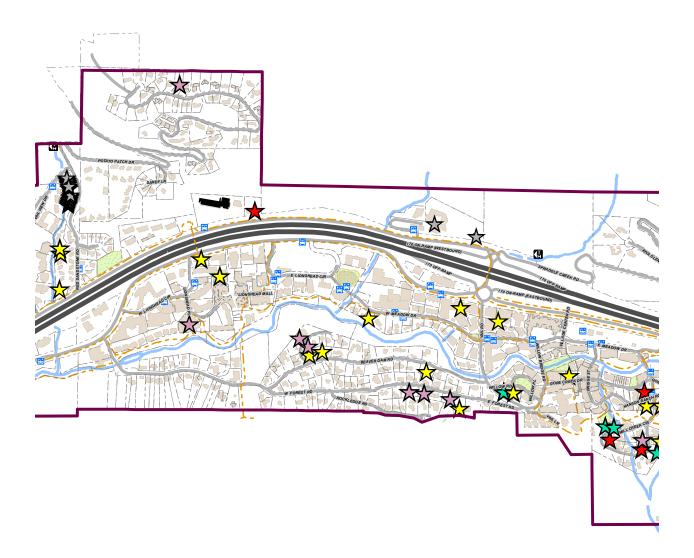


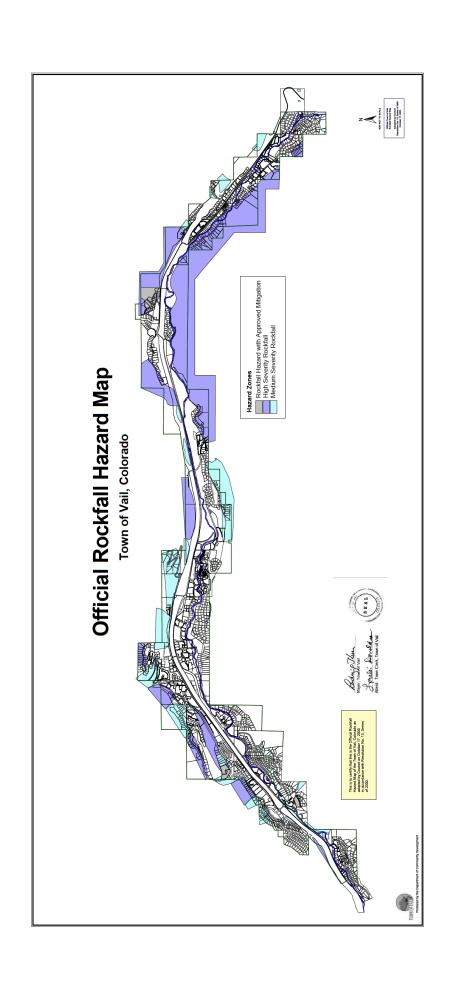




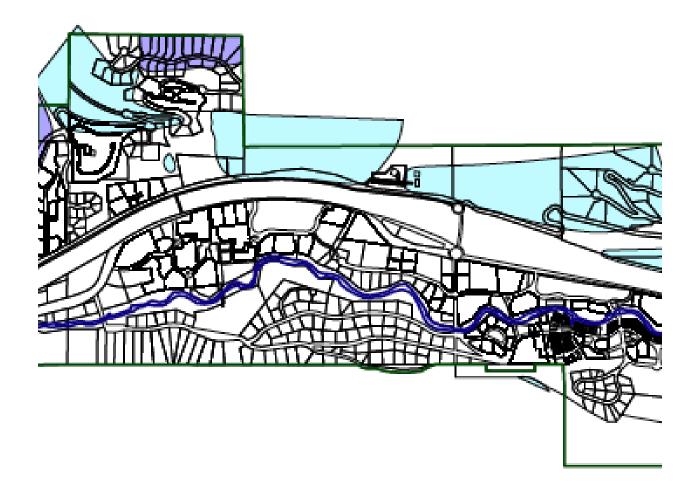


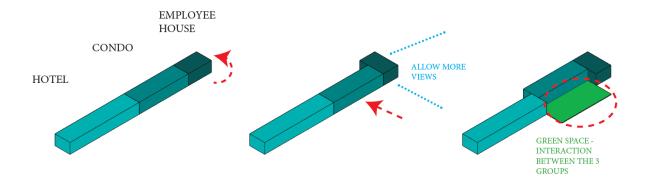






Hazard Zones Rockfall Hazard with Approved Mitigation High Severity Rockfall Medium Severity Rockfall



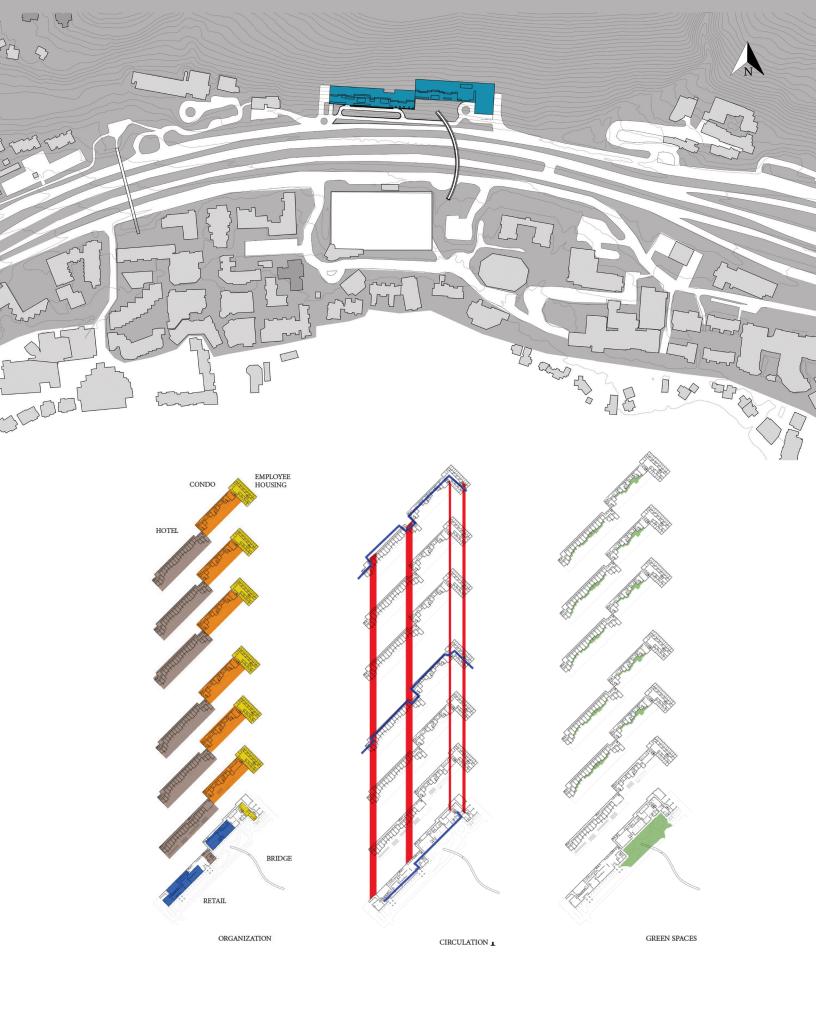


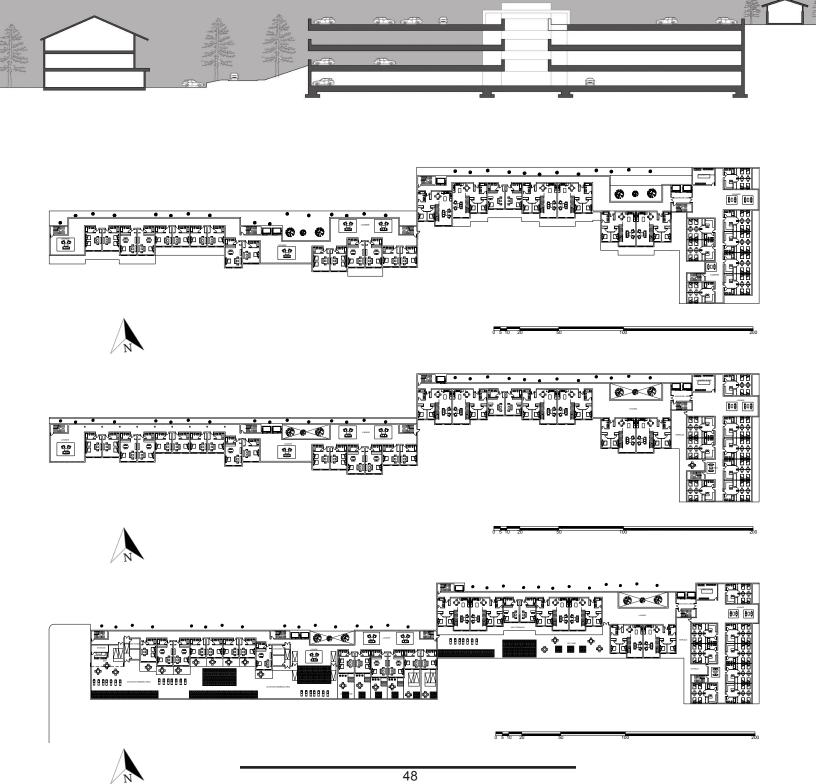
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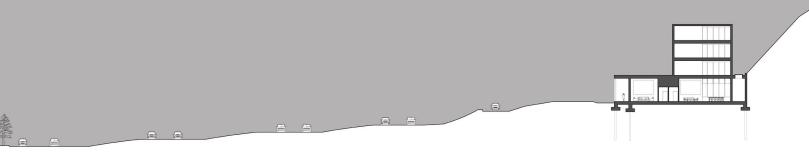
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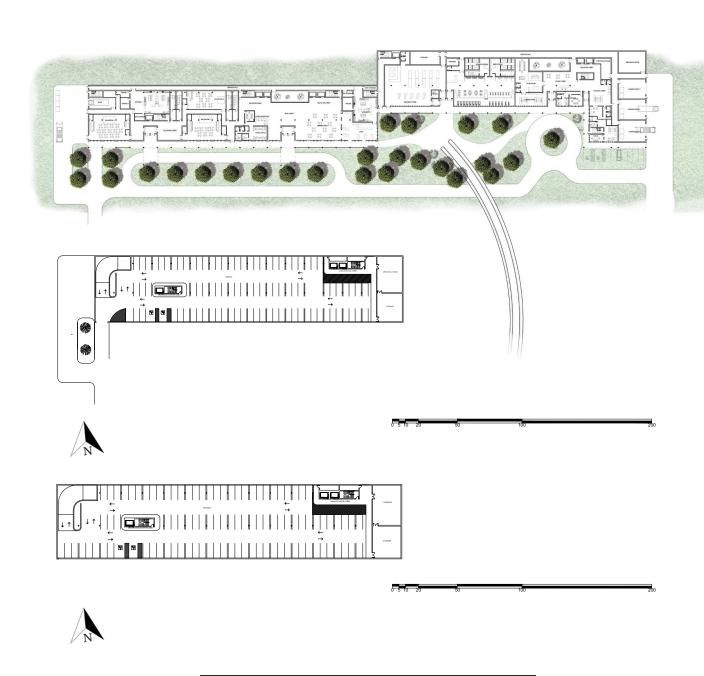
The concept of the project is to bring 3 types of people sharing one experience. The 3 types are tourism, employee and residents. All of them are there to experience the slopes and nature. The site is located on a steep slope and it was necessary to maximize the slope to give the people the experience of heights and nature.

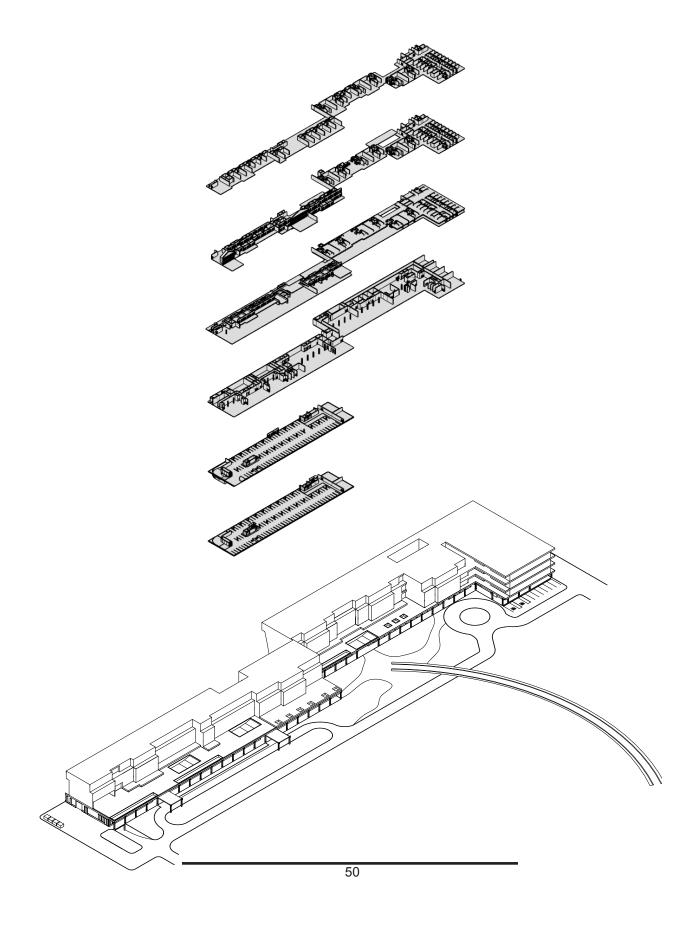
The 3 types was broken up into 3 masses and placed on the site. The first move be to keep the 3 separated and then slowly intergrade them in places such as swimming pool area, shopping areas and green space. The concept was to weave the 3 together and still allow each group to have their own privacy during their stay. The reason was that not all spaces could be intergraded together. These pockets of interaction are either by physical contact, view or sound. On the main level, everyone physically can see and touch each other, but once each group breaks into their own section, they are once again interacted by view or sound. As one group climbs up into their private rooms, they are given the view of the slopes and mountains.

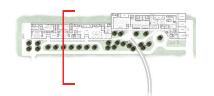


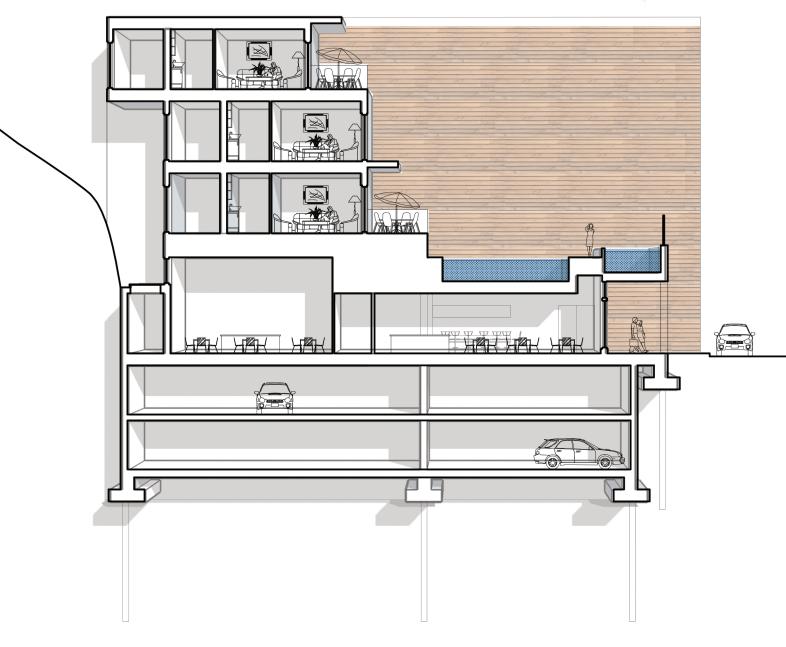














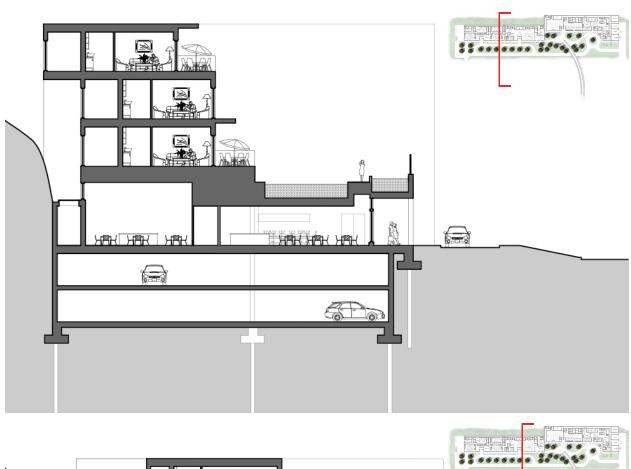


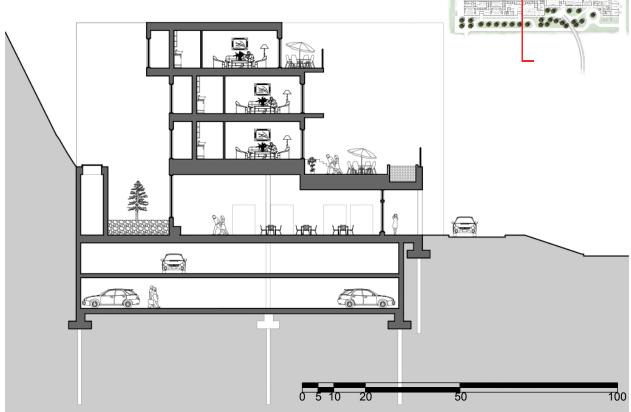
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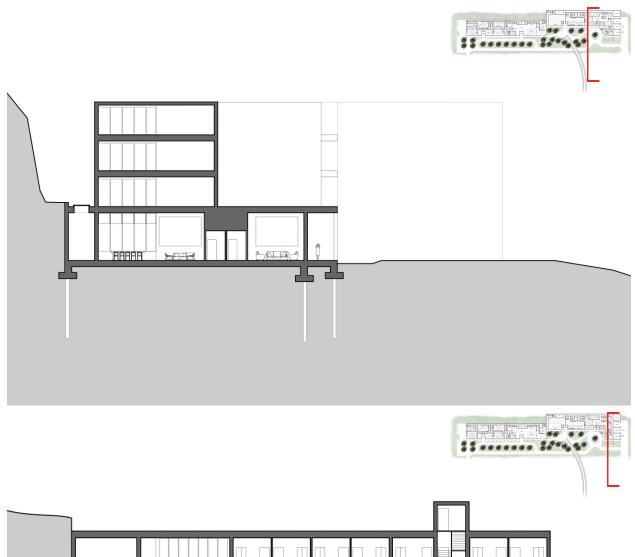
The final project resolution achieved pockets of moments where the 3 groups are allow to interaction with one another. The architecture gave each group a sense of community and privacy a person needs. The project was mostly focused on the types of interactions and how each group can interact through different senses. Due to the major focus on that part, the architecture lack its connection to its site and landscape. Stacked and stagger architecture was studied and applied to earlier experiments and exploration, but the due to the steep slow and code regulations, the typology couldn't fully be used because of the amount of space it would occupied. Overall, the final project could continue to explore more on the architecture typology and material.

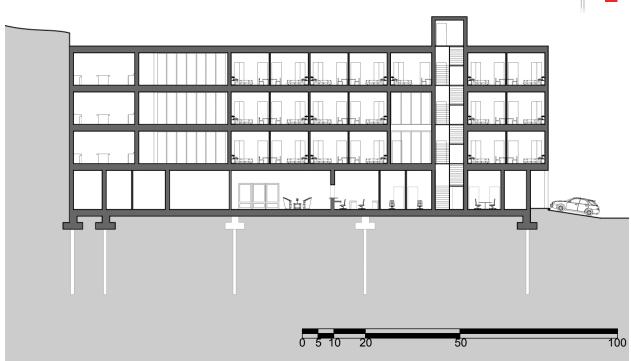


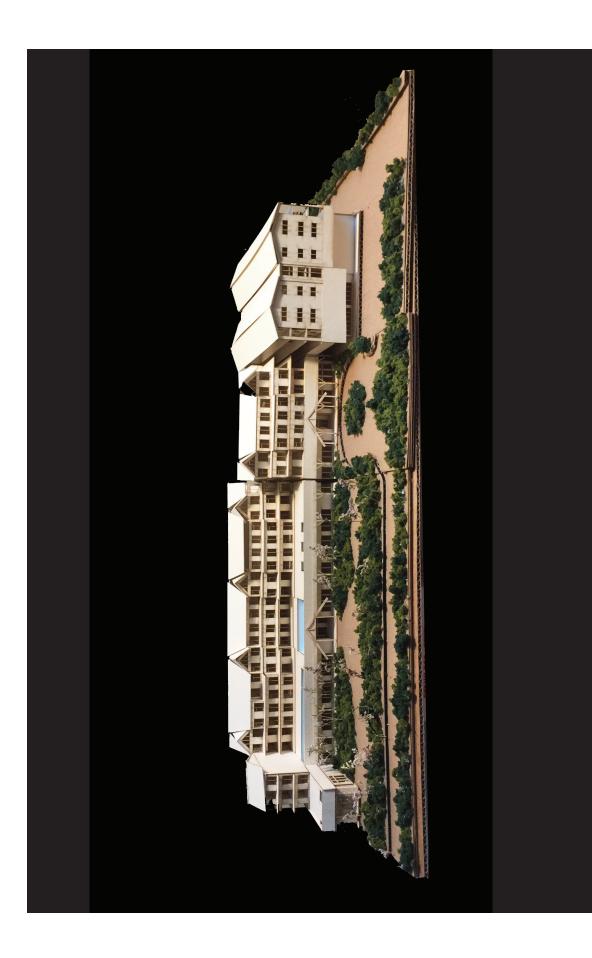












SECTION MODEL - OVERALL





















HOTEL ELEVATION - MATERIAL FINISHES



12. PRECEDENTS ANALYSIS

INCA LODGE

PORTILLO, CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA

Owner: Michael Purcel

Elevation: 9,450 ft above sea level

Highest Lift: 10,860 ft Lowest Lift: 8,360 ft

Portillo is one the oldest ski area in South America. The area was used for transporting mail between Chile and Argentina in 1889. Chilean government hired14 Norwegian skiers to conducted the operation. Unfortunately it did not go as successful as the government plan and a railroad was built and completed in 1910. During the construction, the engineers in charge would take the railroad to the top of the mountain of Caracoles and ski down to the Juncal crossing (Portillo ski resort). The Transandean Railway became Chile's first ski lift, a tow lift, similar to the today's Poma lift.

Skiing began to pop up in Chile and many Europeans and Americans skiing enthusiasts would travel to the Andes to ski. Due to the popular sports, the development of Hotel Portillo was established. Grand Hotel Portillo started to developed in the early 1940s by Hoteles de Cordillera S.A, A stock company, but due to World War II the project was held off and completed by 1949 by the Corporation for Development



of the Chilean government. The hotel consists of 125 rooms, a ski school, 2 single chairlifts and one surface lift.

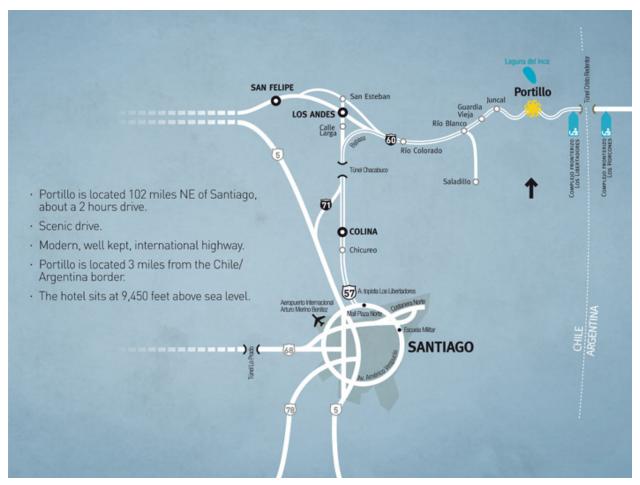
In the mid-1950s, the government struggled running Portillo ski area and was unable to make a profit. By 1961, Portillo was sold to two North Americans, Bob Purcell and Dick Aldrich. Both individuals enjoyed long travels and worked in Latin America. Purcell and Aldrich hired Olympic gold medalist Othmar Schneider as Director of Skiing and the U.S. firm Needham and Grohmann to campaign Portillo. Many US group skiers showed up to Portillo and were obvious that the new management on June 15, 1961 was a success. When the Alpine World Ski Championships for 1966 announced that it would be held in Portillo, the facilities prepared and installed new systems. Unfortunately a typhoon hit Portillo and destroyed most of new equipment, killed 5 skiers on August 15, 1965. Portillo reacted quick and rebuilt the damaged equipment for the event.

Today Portillo has hosted man great national ski team who comes and train for the world events. The Purcell continued to take care of Portillo. The area still has its same charm 60 years ago. Unfortunately the railroad no longer operates and the main form of transportation is by road.



RESORT HEIGHT 2972m











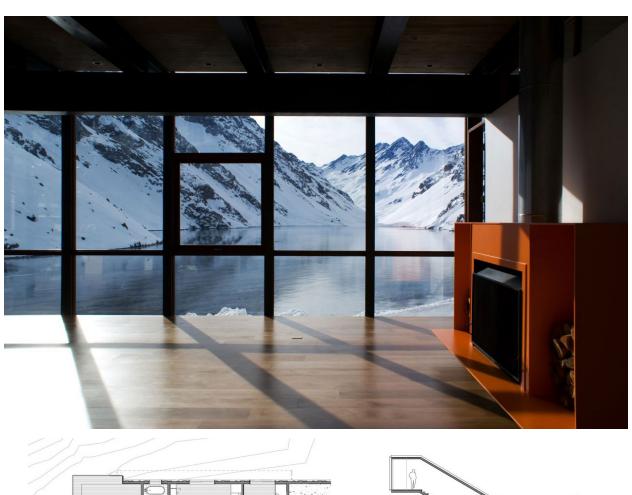
CHALET C7 PORTILLO, CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA

Architect: DRRA (Del Rio Arquitectos Asociados)

Collaborators: Heloise Gailing

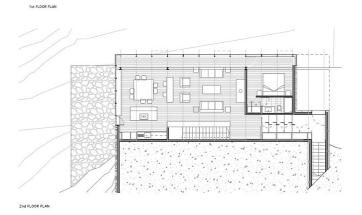
Project Year: 2008

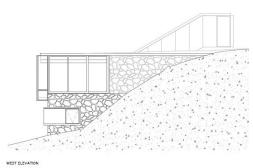
The chalet overlooks the Inca Lagoon. The building is made up of stone enclosure to withstand the weather and snow level during the winter. The façade that faces the lagoon is light steel with glass. The building is built with all one common area that contains the dinning table, living room, kitchen, and terrace.













THE BALSAMS COLEBROOK, NEW HAMSPHIRE, USA

Owner: Les Otten (A Developer)

Architect: Donald J. Ross (Dix Hotel), Chase R.

Witcher (Hamsphire House)

Elevation: 1,887 ft above sea level

Highest Lift: 3,483 ft

In 1805, Colonel Timothy Dix Jr. settled on Dixville in New Hampshire of more than 29,000 acres. He later died in the Revolution battle in 1812 and Colonel Dix's attorney, Daniel Webster, his business partner, ended up with managing the land. The first structure on the site was a pub or restaurant constructed in 1860s and named "House of Entertainment". After a fire destroyed the original building, lodging services was added to the new construction in 1874. The Dix Hotel consists of 25 rooms. The hotel was not occupied until 1866 when George Parsons became owner. After Parson's death in 1890s, his wife sold the property to Henry S. Hale. Hale hired Donald J. Ross in 1912 to design the clubhouse and golf course. He also created multiple lakes (Lakes Gloriette, Abenaki, and Coashakee) and a canal, which was used to power the resort. Hale renamed the property to The Balsams.

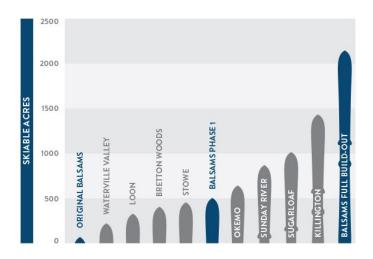


From 1916 to 1918, Architect Chase R. Witcher, a native Lisbon or New Hampshire designed the 400 room grand resort. It was the first steel-frame, reinforced tile and concrete masonry structure was constructed in New Hampshire. The Balsams continued to be tossed from people to people with no real improvement until Neil Tilotson purchased it. Tilotson turned an adjacent barn into a small factory that manufactures balloons and surgical gloves. He also created an alpine ski area, hiking trails for cross-country and extended Balsams into the winter seasons in 1965 when skiing became popular. He passed away in 2001 and today developer Les Otten manages the hotel.









THE BALSAMS NEW ADDITION - THE SPA COLEBROOK, NEW HAMSPHIRE, USA

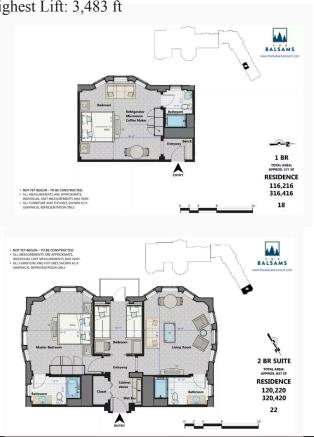
Owner: Les Otten (A Developer)

Architect: Donald J. Ross (Dix Hotel), Chase R.

Witcher (Hamsphire House)

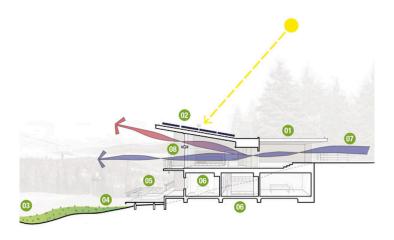
Elevation: 1,887 ft above sea level











NORTHSTAR MOUNTAIN RESORT NEW ADDITION

CONDOMINUMS

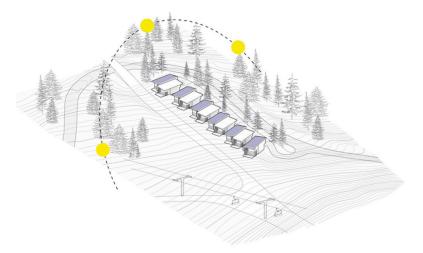
Architect: Bohlin Cywinski Jackson

Completed 2016 Area: 5,600 sf

Cost: \$25 Million overall

The new addition feature condo units that is located on the slope of the mountain. Each unit has their own circulation; therefore each neighbor can relax and enjoy their private space. Smart and compact ski-in/ski-out homes designed around social spaces. The ski homes all have a view to the ski slopes and Carson Range. The buildings are modern and hightech. Embraces the edge of a shared ski slope and allow access to skiing, hiking and biking. The site is located right in the dense forest of Jeffery pine and Douglas fir. The building is LEED Silver certified and is constructed of steel frame. The enclosure is constructed of glass and natural stone. The condos consists of a living area, shoe area, ski room/ski access, outdoor living area, bedroom(s), bunk nooks, media room and lavatory.







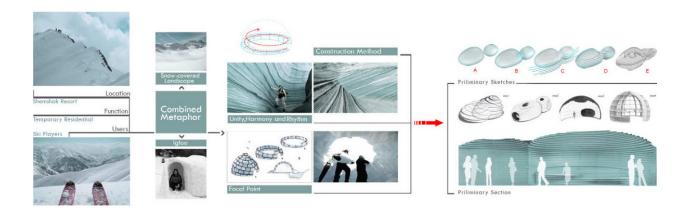
LEED FOR HOMES, GOLD CERTIFICATION

GENERAL SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES

- G Direct access to skiing, hiking, and biking trails.
- 6 Exterior wall assemblies emphasize mass/materials mitigate fire exposure.
- G Use of retaining walls, terracing and ground cover to prevent site erosion.
- G Electric vehicle charging stations.
- Overhangs shade glass facades in summer, and allow low sun in during winter months.
- G 30% fly ash concrete to reduce carbon footprint of cement production.
- G Green label plus flooring.
- G Water use reduction through efficient fixtures.
- G Low/no VOC paints, sealants and adhesives.
- Energy conservation through 100% LED lighting and Energy Star appliances.
- G FSC Certified framing and wood windows.

SPECIFIC SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES

- Highly insulated building utilizes R-38 roof insulation and R-26 walls.
- Roofs are pitched South for optimized photovoltaic absorption.
- 100% on-site infiltration is achieved through native grass biofiltration strips between homes and skiway.
- Orought tolerant landscape design utilizes zoned drip irrigation with rain/moisture sensors.
- Ones for outdoor living are oriented for views and accesibilty to outdoor recreation.
- 06 In-floor radiant heat.
- A two-story slot through house brings light into the recesses of the duplex and provides natural ventillation through the length of the building.
- (3) Full height "light towers" at staircase (beyond) allow day light to infiltrate the most interior portions of the home.



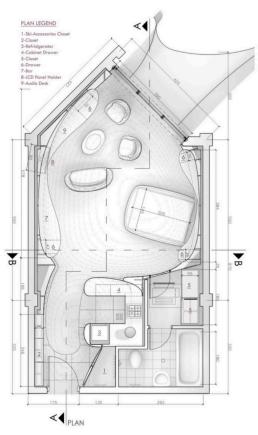
BARIN SKI RESORT SHEMSHAK, IRAN

Architect: RYRA Studio-Abbas Riahi Fard, Farinaz

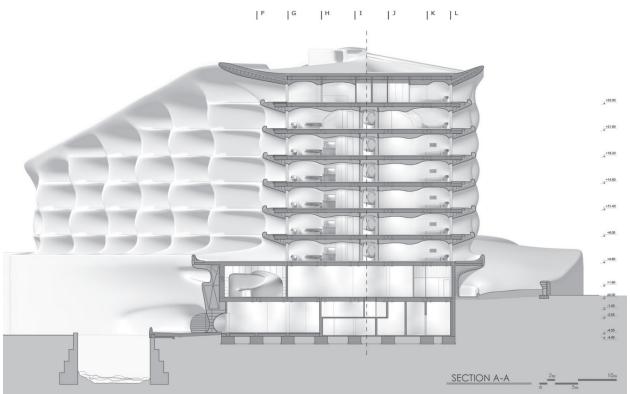
Razavi Nikoo Completed 2011

Area: 129,167 feet square

The architect was brought to continue ski resort after the base was already built. The client wants a warm, cozy place for young people to relax after skiing. Architect wants to embrace the natural surrounding and incorporated the natural cave/carved feature. The building consists of 10 stories, the parking lot is located on the ground level and living units are located above. The building is design to have a central circulation that wraps all the way to the top of the building. The building's enclosure is made of diatomite earth (also known as "Japanese wall"). It was used for visual aesthetics but also as heat insulator. The building consists of a lobby, reception area, parking area, car lifter, restaurant, kitchen, lavatories, service rooms, meeting hall, bar laundry and storage. There are a total of 67 rooms and out of those, there are 4-pent house.







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13. APPENDIX - PROGESS WORK

