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Heidi Logosz

Years of Service: 2020 - 2022

Heidi Logosz has been the *Sustainability Manager for Mt. Hood Meadows* for 16 years. Mt. Hood Meadows is widely recognized for its achievements in sustainability. The Resort was the recipient of *NSAA's prestigious Golden Eagle Environmental Excellence Award* in 2015. The Resort received the *Recycler of the Year* from the Association of Oregon Recyclers in 2016. Mt. Hood Meadows is well known for innovative ideas, like replacing all urinals with waterless urinals which saves over 285,000 gallons of water every year.

Because of the Covid pandemic, the past two years have been a real challenge for Heidi and the Resort. Mt. Hood Meadows began construction of the new *Sahale Lodge* in 2019. It is the first significant commercial improvement at the Resort since 1999. The Lodge was designed to add 10,000 square feet for dining and 13,500 square feet for skier services. Sahale is equipped with a heated roof and a concrete embedded hydronic snow-melt system in the outdoor dining area and entry slabs. The project was built about 10 feet from a U.S. Forest Service protected wetland that could not be disturbed. Part of the project was to add to the wetland via a rain garden and native vegetation. Reclaimed wood siding used to accent walls was milled from structural beams from the old Texas chairlift. Although Sahale is not LEED certified it is highly energy efficient. Meadows has two buildings that are LEED certified.

Recent energy upgrades at Meadows include replacement of two old and inefficient diesel generators with new efficient generators. Lighting upgrades for night skiing include replacing metal halide lights with ultra-efficient LED lights.

Meadows has a *"Know Idling"* policy instead of *"NO!" Idling* to encourage responsible and appropriate idling which varies by vehicle and equipment. The Resort received a \$5,000 grant from NSAA to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emission caused by resort shuttle bus idling. Large vehicles like shuttle buses often run on diesel engines, which can require long idling periods to be operational.

Meadows encourages ride sharing and began providing shuttles from Hood River to the Resort several years ago. The number of riders kept increasing as Meadows added more shuttles and set a specific time schedule. The goal is the reduction of auto emissions and congestion on the highways and parking lots. The Resort is proud to share that its guests have a rate of public transit usage double that of most ski resorts in the United States.

Heidi and her team at Mt. Hood Meadows have proven that they are serious and effective at substantially reducing the footprint of their visitors on the Mt. Hood National Forest. As their motto says: *"We're in it for the long run!"*

