

Contentious Sierra land battle ends

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SUSANVILLE — Dyer Mountain, the site of a planned, controversial four-season resort near Lake Almanor since 1999, is instead heading toward a future of timber production and harvesting.



This is a rendering of what Dyer Mountain was going to become. Artwork/Vita Planning & Landscape Architecture

Federal Bankruptcy Judge Thomas E. Carlson approved the sale of 7,000 acres proposed for development to Sierra Pacific Industries, an Anderson-based forest products company.

Once the sale has been completed, SPI will acquire the land near Westwood for \$17.2 million, according to bankruptcy court documents.

Mark Pawlicki, an SPI spokesman, said the timber company has no interest in pursuing the proposed development, which included ski facilities, golf courses, 600,000 square feet of commercial space and more than 4,000 residential units.

The Dyer Mountain project is one of the most contentious and protracted land use battles in the Sierra Nevada.

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