

Homewood dispute settled; project to start in 2015

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Developers and environmentalists said Thursday they have settled a lawsuit that blocked a major redevelopment of Homewood Mountain Resort.

The settlement means the project, which will cost \$400 million to \$500 million, will break ground in spring 2015, said Art Chapman of JMA Ventures, the owner of Homewood.

The settlement came a year after a federal judge in Sacramento halted the Homewood project from going forward, saying the environmental impact statement needed revision. Under the settlement, the project will be scaled back somewhat. Under the settlement, JMA agreed to put certain parcels of land off-limits to development and cancel 13 of the housing units.

While the project was approved by Placer County officials and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, it was hit with a lawsuit by the Sierra Club and Friends of the West Shore. U.S. District Judge William Shubb halted the project last January, saying there were environmental deficiencies.

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