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BRECKERIDGE'S PEAK 6 IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Breckenridge Ski Resort's new Peak 6 project will add 400 acres of lift-served terrain serviced by a new high-speed, six-person chairlift and a new fixed-grip chairlift -- plus another 143 acres of hike-to terrain for the 2013-2014 ski season. Peak 6, will give Breckenridge five peaks, acres, four terrain parks, a 22 foot Superpipe, 11 bowls, the highest chairlift in North America.

Photo above; Peak 6. Courtesy of Vail Resorts.

NEW AIR SERVICE TO RESORTS ANNOUNCED

Alaska Airlines will now fly from **Seattle** to and from **Steamboat's Hayden Airport** on Wednesdays and Saturdays during ski season.

SkyWest Airlines operating as United Express will now fly to **Crested Butte's RTA Airport** to and from **Chicago's O'Hare Airport** using CRJ-700 aircraft on ten Saturdays this ski season.

Air Canada will operate the first non-stop, international carrier and service to Eagle Airport with a new, non-stop Air Canada service between **Toronto** and **Vail/Eagle Airports** for the coming winter season beginning Dec. 14, 2013, through April 5, 2014 using 120-seat Airbus A319 aircraft. The new flight also allows for skiing on the same day of travel, as well as the convenience of clearing customs and immigration prior to departure in Toronto. Eagle Airport is located approximately 25 miles from Beaver Creek and 35 miles from Vail.

ATTITASH TO GET LONGEST U.S. ZIPLINE

The Conway daily Sun reports that The U.S. Forest Service has issued its approval of a proposal by Attitash Mountain Resort to construct the longest single-span zipline in the continental United States. The zip line will consist of two sets of two parallel ziplines -- the first set measuring 5,000 feet, the other 3,000 feet.

NEW POWDER ALLIANCE SKI PASS RECIPROCAL SKIING

Crested Butte, Colorado.; Snowbasin Resort, Utah; Sierra-at-Tahoe, China Peak, and Mountain High, California.; Stevens Pass and Schweitzer, Washington; Timberline and Mt. Hood Skibowl, Oregon; Arizona Snowbowl; Angel Fire Resort, New Mexico; and Bridger Bowl, Montana have created the Powder Alliance and are offering free lift access to "anytime" passholders from member resorts. Powder Alliance resort members receive three free days at all other participating areas, plus special offers on lodging, rentals, and buddy tickets. This offer applies to anytime passes only. The three free tickets are valid Sunday through Friday, on non-holidays during the 2013-14 season.

UTAH SEASON PASS HOLDERS GET RECIPROCAL SKIING

Season passholders at Utah's Alta, Deer Valley, Park City Mountain Resort and Snowbird will get three free days at each of the other resorts in the group for the 2013-14 season, with blackout dates only during Christmas week and Valentines weekend.

PA SKI AREA TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION

Alpine Mountain Ski Area in Anolamink, PA is being sold in a sealed bid auction. Included in the offering is an operating ski area on approximately 104 Acres with a ski lodge, rental shop, ski school facility, and food service area. Sealed bids are due by September 11th. For complete information, contact Wes Pace @ 610-745-1972

YELLOWSTONE CLUB -- BIG SKY OWNERS PURCHASE UPSCALE DEVELOPMENT

CrossHarbor Capital, owner of the Yellowstone Club, and Boyne Resorts, owner of Big Sky Resort, have purchased The Club at Spanish Peaks, a 5,700-acre upscale residential development near Big Sky, for \$26.1 million. The Club at Spanish Peaks had filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in 2011. The Club at Spanish Peaks operated three private chairlifts for its members, who could use the lifts to access Big Sky's Southern Comfort lift to ski Andesite Mountain or get to Lone Peak. The resort of Spanish Peaks also operates its own private ski hill named Spirit Mountain which has a high-speed quad serving 13 runs on 207 acres.

SKI ST. MORITZ'S FOR \$27 A DAY?

Yes, if you stay 2 or more nights at one of 100 participating hotels at Switzerland's St. Moritz, you can purchase a ski pass for the duration of your stay for CHF 25 per day (USD \$27). That's roughly one-third of the normal day pass rates which vary by mountain -- or a saving of about \$50 per day.

NEW LIFTS FOR MT. BRIGHTON

Now that Vail Resorts owns Michigan's Mt. Brighton, the resort is getting new chairlifts: The Blue and Green lifts are being replaced by a new quad chairlift their Yellow lift will become a new quad chairlift. A new orientation of the Silver lift to improve the skiing and riding experience on the back side of the hill. All other lifts will see improvements to their functionality as well. In order to improve the beginner ski and snowboard experience, Mt. Brighton is also replacing its rope tows with a surface lift similar to a people mover and is re-grading the beginner trails to improve the learning experience.

NEW CHAIRLIFT FOR AUSTRIA'S HINTERTUX GLACIER

Austria's only year round ski area will replace an old double chair The new Lämmerbichl chair, a high-speed six-seater which will cut journey times to six minutes for the 1.5km long ascent. The lift will carry 2,800 people per hour and features heated seats and pull-down weather protection hoods. It's scheduled to open in December but if you'd prefer to ski Hintertux before then, it's open year-round. The centre currently reports a healthy 2.5 meters of snow with 22 kilometers of runs open and a dozen lifts operating.

JAY PEAK TO PAY US GOVERNMENT FOR FASTER BORDER CROSSING

The Associated Press has reported that Jay Peak will pay the US Government to increase staff at international border crossings in to the US so that their customers do not face long delays. The resort in Northern Vermont reports than 55% of its clientele cross the border from Canada. The donation by Jay Peak to the U.S. Homeland Security Department to pay for staff at weekends is part of a pilot program taking place at several US overland border posts at both the Canadian and Mexican borders -- as well as Miami Airport.

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