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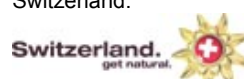
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## 2012-2013 SKIER DAYS

The National Ski Areas Association said national ski area visitation jumped 11 percent last season to 56.6 million skier days but that figure was far below record visitation of 60.5 million in 2010-11. Colorado Ski Country USA (CSCUSA) announced that statewide skier visits totaled an estimated 11,445,000 in 2012/13, up 3.95 percent compared to last season. Colorado Ski Country's 21 member resorts hosted an estimated 6.4 million skier visits during the 2012-13 ski season. Utah's ski and snowboard industry closed the 2012-13 winter season with 4,031,621 million visits, up over 5 percent from the previous season. It was the sixth time Utah has ended above four million in the last eight years.

## CLUB MÉDITERRANÉE SOLD

Club Med has been sold to Europe's AXA Private Equity and China's largest privately-owned conglomerate Fosun International, which had held a little over 19 per cent stake, offered to pay 17.50 euro a share for the stock they did not already own in the French-owned global resort chain. The new company will be operated through a joint venture, with Fosun and Axa holding 46 per cent each, and the remaining 8 per cent is held by 400 Club Med managers. Club Méditerranée was started in 1950 and has annual revenues of more than 1.3 billion euro,

## FRENCH RESORT FOR SALE

Europe's Planet Ski reports that The Loge des Gardes ski area in Central France has been put on the market for \$715,544.88. The resort is 120km north-west of Lyon in the Auvergne region and has 2 kilometers of downhill skiing and 20kilometers of cross-country ski trails.

## \$6 BILLION IN AIRLINE FEES

The Denver Post reported that U.S. airlines made more than \$6 billion in baggage and reservation change fees for passengers last year, which, along with extra charges for boarding early or picking prime seats are the principle reason for the industry earning just over 4 billion dollars in profit for 2012.

## SAN DIEGO GETS DIRECT AIR SERVICE TO MAMMOTH AND BOGUS BASIN

Alaska Airlines will begin new daily service between San Diego and Boise, Idaho, accessing Bogus Basin, starting Nov. 1, and daily seasonal service between San Diego and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area in California, starting Dec. 19, 2013. Horizon Air will operate the Mammoth Lakes flights for Alaska Airlines using a 76-seat Bombardier Q400. SkyWest Airlines will operate the new San Diego-Boise flights for Alaska using a 70-seat CRJ-700 regional jet.



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One of the attractions from the renovations at the top station of **Chamonix's** Aiguille du Midi cable car opening this summer and accessible to skiers next winter is a new 2.5m glass balcony where you can step out over an almost 4,000-foot precipice -- straight down! (If you dare). The Aiguille du Midi cable car, opened in 1955, is one of the highest in the world and takes visitors nearly two vertical miles above Chamonix in less than 30 minutes.

**Austria's Arlberg region** will have a new lift connection from Lech to the resorts of Wart and Schrocken, expanding the area to 211 miles of trails on one lift ticket and they will also have a new six-seater chairlift with pull-down weather-protection hoods and childproof safety bar locks.

**Canada's Red Mountain Resort** has announced that its recent expansion into Grey Mountain will now have a fixed-grip Poma quad chairlift. "Grey Mountain marked one of the single largest expansions of an existing resort in North America in four decades and places Red Mountain Resort firmly in the major resort category.

**New York's Greek Peak** announced \$3 million in capital improvements, two million of which will be used for a new high-speed quad chairlift -- the first new lift at the mountain in 35 years.

**Sugar Bowl Resort** will get a new chair lift on the west side of the resort. The Crow's Peak chairlift, a fixed-grip Doppelmayr triple, will provide lift-service just below the Crow's Nest Peak. The new chairlift will be ready for the 2013/14 ski season.

**Alyeska Resort** is replacing their 25-year-old chair number six with a new \$6 million high speed detachable quad chairlift this summer.

**Copper Mountain Resort** plans to replace the Storm King chairlift with a newer, faster version and install a new lift to connect the top of the Sierra lift with the top of Mountain Chief -- pending approval from the U.S. Forest Service.

## NEW ZEALAND RESORTS LIMIT SMOKING ON THE SLOPES

The Remarkables in New Zealand is the first resort in the southern hemisphere to make smoking illegal on its slopes. The resort says it is doing so to promote a healthier lifestyle for its guests. Staff at its sister resorts of Coronet Peak and Mt Hutt are also banned from smoking but guests can still light up.

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