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CRESTED BUTTE GETS NEW LIFT FOR EXPERTS & ADVANCED SKIERS, SNOW BIKE PROGRAM

Beginning next season, Crested Butte Mountain Resort will have a snow bike program. The licensing program has been set up to assure snow bike users are properly trained in utilizing snow bikes, loading – riding – unloading chairlifts and are aware of the areas on the mountain that are closed to snow bikes.

All snow bike users will be required to take a 2 hour licensing lesson to be approved to snow bike on Crested Butte Mountain Resort. During this time guests will be trained on how to load, ride and unload lifts properly with snow bikes. A snow bike guide will take bikers on a tour of the mountain to review areas that are closed to snow bikes, preferred routes and general safety guidelines while enjoying the mountain.

In addition, the Kachina Peak Lift will be installed during the summer of 2014 and will summit at 12,450 feet, making it one of the highest chairlifts in North America. The lift will increase the mountain's advanced and expert lift-serviced terrain by 50 percent. Photo: Courtesy of CBMR.

POWDER MOUNTAIN TO GET A NEW VILLAGE

Sam Magazine reports that the Summit Series, which purchased Powder Mountain ski resort here in 2013, has announced its plan for a village at the resort. Pending approval, Summit Powder Mountain will consist of 500 homesites and a village core. They also plan to upgrade the lift system and to expand the trails. Summit purchased Powder Mountain for a reported \$40 million through a crowdsourcing effort last year. It now owns nearly 10,000 acres, with 7,000 skiable acres on six peaks. The village core at the mountain's base will include restaurants, shops, and a variety of high-density residences. Some of these will offer "cultural residencies" for "artists, performers, scientists, activists, athletes and other change makers," according to the Summit Powder Mountain website. The village will also host future Summit Series events, gatherings that aim to "build community, catalyze entrepreneurship, address global issues, and support artistic achievement, in an effort to make our world a more joyful place."

TAOS SKI VALLEY TO OPEN NEW TERRAIN

New Mexico's Taos Ski Valley will open new ski terrain on Kachina Peak this winter. The installation of a new chairlift, the Kachina Peak lift, reaching 3,795m above sea level, is one of the highest chairlifts in North America will enable the resort to increase the mountain's lift-serviced terrain by 50 percent. Taos Ski Valley has also upgraded its snowmaking system helping the resort to be prepared to open Thanksgiving weekend, as well as provide skiing from the top of the mountain earlier in the season. Taos is also adding new 35 acres of hike-to terrain this season called The Wild West Glades. I

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CRESCENT COUNCILS FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Crescent Ski Council is holding their Fall Leadership and Training Conference in Gatlinburg, Tennessee October 31 through November 2 -- complete with hiking, classes, and a Halloween party on November 1.

The Knoxville Ski Club is hosting.

NEW LIFTS IN EUROPE

France:

France's **La Plagne** (according to Planet Ski, the ski resort with the most skier days in the world. See our June 2014 Newsflash.) is working on a number of new lifts for next winter, although some remain subject to final regulatory approvals. In Plagne-Bellecôte the old "les Colosses" quad chairlift which had a capacity of 2,400 people per hour will be replaced by an 8 seat chairlift. The Colosses drag lift, cable lift "Croëts" and TSF Belle-Plagne lift are all being removed and the Leitchoum drag lift is being re-located to be installed in Plagne Soleil. A new beginner covered carpet lift will be installed in Belle-Plagne to replace the "Ecole" drag lift. In the Gentil area of Plagne-Montalbert a new drag lift "école" and two beginners carpets as well as a play area are being installed there.

Austria:

A second new super lift is under construction at **Ischgl** in the Austrian Tirol. The new Pardatschgratbahn, a 40 million euro, 28-seater tri-cable gondola system, which combines giant gondola cabins of small cable car size with the continually moving gondola concept. The lift replaces the four seater lift of the same name. The new Doppelmayr built lift will make the full 1,251 meter vertical ascent (the biggest yet for a lift of this type) in a single stage in just under nine and a half minutes and will have a capacity of 2,800 people per hour. Austria's **Saalbach Hinterglemm**, which has a reputation for having the biggest and best ski lifts in the world is spending nearly 17.5 million euro this summer for a new eight-seat chairlift, the Polten 8er, and a gondola with cabins each capable of carrying 10 people. Saalbach Hinterglemm will now operate 19 chairlifts, of which more than a dozen are 6 or 8 seater chairs – believed to be the highest number of this type of high capacity lift of any resort in the world. Saalbach Hinterglemm also operates 18 gondolas – believed to be the highest number of this type of high capacity lift of any resort in the world.

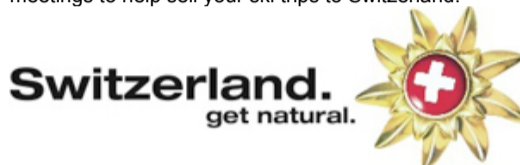
Switzerland:

Switzerland's **Crans Montana** has a new high speed six seater chairlift on the Cabane de Bois which will take less than six minutes to get on the top.



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