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#### VAIL'S EPIC RACE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

After 28 days and skiing 26 resorts in four countries, 10 lifetime Epic Passes were awarded to the winners of the Vail Resorts' Epic Race to Ski the World. The Epic Race was a season-long adventure to ski all 26 resorts spread across four countries on the Epic Pass, while capturing and sharing specific elements of their journey. The winners were:

- Nick Annis of Loveland, Colo., a student at the Colorado School of Mines.
- Scott Annis of Loveland, Colo., who skied with his son Nick.
- Cory Heintz of Cottonwood Heights, Utah.
- Brittany Heintz of Cottonwood Heights, Utah.
- Joe Jensen of Denver, Colo.
- Steve Sacco of Denver, Colo.
- John Victor of Denver, Colo.
- Michael Lahey of Longmont, Colo.
- Devin Rhinehart of Denver, Colo.
- Greg Hyde of Golden, Colo.

There are still hundreds of skiers and riders continuing the quest to visit some of the world's most iconic ski destinations on one incredible season pass hoping to receive a 2014-15 Epic Passes when they complete their journey.

To complete in the race, each racer had to ski or ride all 26 resorts on the Epic Pass (Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Arapahoe Basin and Eldora in Colorado; Canyons in Park City, Utah; Heavenly, Northstar and Kirkwood at Lake Tahoe; Afton Alps, Minnesota; Mt. Brighton, Michigan; Verbier, Switzerland; Arlberg, Austria – St. Anton, Lech, Zürs, St. Christoph and Stuben; and Les 3 Vallées, France – Courchevel, La Tania, Méribel, Brides-les-Bains, Les Menuires, Saint Martin de Belleville, Val Thorens and Orelle). Epic Racers were required to document and share their experiences at each resort to be eligible to win.

To see all the contestant photos and videos, go to <http://epicrace.epicpass.com>. To watch the latest Epic Race episode, visit [EpicLifeMag.com](http://EpicLifeMag.com).

#### WATERVILLE VALLEY ANNOUNCES EXPANSION

Waterville Valley in New Hampshire has announced its first ski area expansion in over 30 years. The U.S. Forest Service has given full approval for the addition of 60 acres of new intermediate and beginner terrain on Green Peak, across from the existing trails of Stillness and Lower Stillness. The expansion will include the installation of a new high-speed quad chairlift to reach the summit of Green Peak and serve eight new trails and an additional glade area, which will connect and run parallel to the existing trail network. The new area is supposed to open next winter.

#### BEAVER CREEK'S NEW CHONDOLA

Beaver Creek is replacing its primary express quad from the base area with a new chondola, a high-speed combination chairlift and gondola. It's expected to be in place for the 2014-15 ski season. The gondola cabins and chairlift will be served by two separate lines. The resort plans to begin installation in this summer and complete the project by the 2014-2014 ski season.

#### SQUAW VALLEY OFFERS FREE CHARGERS FOR ELECTRIC CARS

Squaw Valley has installed four new electric car chargers at the resort, making it the first ski resort in California to install charging stations for electric cars. They installed two new CS-40 pedestal chargers from Clipper Creek, offering four 30 amp, 240 volt, J1772 charging stations. J1772 charging stations are a SAE standard for electrical connectors for electric vehicles, meaning the chargers will be compatible with most electric cars on the market today. The new charging stations are located at the western edge of the Far East Building at Squaw Valley, next to the Cornice Cantina. Guests are asked not to leave their cars at the charging stations for more than 10 hours at a time.

#### DOLOMITE SUPERSKI OFFERS WIRELESS CONNECTIVITY ON FOUR GONDOLAS

Dolomiti Superski has announced that four of the gondolas in its huge lift network have been retro-fitted with wireless connectivity so that you can whip off your ski mitts and get online as soon as you get in the cabin without needing to worry about roaming charges or slow connection speeds.

The Alpen gondola at Kronplatz and the Dantecceppis lifts at Val Gardena are among those now offering free wireless connectivity.

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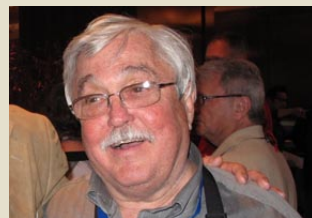
Crested Butte Mountain Resort has submitted a new Master Development Plan to the U.S. Forest Service, which incorporates previous approvals at the main mountain, as well as adjacent private land development projects, new proposals for terrain outside the resort's existing permit area on Crested Butte, and a reduced proposal for Snodgrass Mountain – the source of controversy in the past.

The new plan proposes study for different levels and types of low-impact winter and summer activities on Snodgrass, such as backcountry skiing and riding or snowcat operations, but does not propose plans for lift service on Snodgrass Mountain, proposing instead, on expanding terrain and lift capacity on Crested Butte itself, including expanding the amount of intermediate terrain there.

They propose to add 18 new trails on 133 acres of newly developed terrain. When fully implemented, Crested Butte would have 101 trails on 771 acres, for a 21 percent increase. The plan also adds more than 300 acres of undeveloped sidecountry-style intermediate and expert terrain, a 33 percent increase. CBMR is seeking a 440-acre expansion of the current Special Use Permit (SUP) boundary to accomplish this.

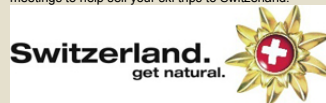
#### FIVE FULL WEEKENDS IN AUGUST

Clubs should be aware and perhaps use all the weekends in August – because it's the only time you will see this phenomenon in your life. August will have five Fridays, five Saturdays and five Sundays. We are told that it happens only once every 823 years. The Chinese call it 'Silver' pockets full. Check it out and take advantage!



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