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WOLF CREEK -- THE MOST SNOW IN COLORADO!

When Wolf Creek says "the most snow in Colorado, they're serious. The resort closed the month of November with the monthly snow total of 84 inches of powder. The most recent storm dropped 32 of powder alone, creating a settled base of 51 inches.

Photo by Rosanne Pitcher, courtesy of Wolf Creek Ski Area

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Squaw Valley USA has updated its Siberia Express lift to a new high-speed six-pack chair. The resort has also signed a firm agreement to finally build a gondola link to Alpine Meadows to Squaw valley but, in the interim, daily shuttles between the resorts will continue at 20-minute intervals.

TAHOE'S MOUNT ROSE PONDEROSA LIFT IS MOVED AND NOW IS THE WIZARD LIFT

Mount Roses Ponderosa lift has been updated, moved and named the Wizard lift, to deliver kids and parents to new beginner runs in terrain dubbed the Enchanted Forest Family Zone.

MAMMOTH EXPANDS AIR SERVICE

United offers flights To Mammoth Mountain from San Francisco and Denver; Alaska Airlines flies in from Los Angeles and San Diego and there are now free shuttles from the airfield to the resort.

GIANT HEMLOCK RESORT NEAR VANCOUVER BC APPROVED

The Fraser Valley's Hemlock Resort will now see a massive expansion after the B.C. government approved a \$1.5 billion plan to revitalize the sleepy ski hill. Located just north-west of Harrison Hot Springs and about a two hour drive from Vancouver, Hemlock Resort currently operates 35 trails and four chairlifts, as well as a terrain park, tube park, snowshoeing, and a ski club, over the space of about 865 acres of mountain. The approved plan is to expand the resort to almost 15,000 acres, with 23 chairlifts and 20,000 hotel beds. But don't expect the transformation right away; the plan says the expansion will take place over 60 years and will include an extensive network of trails for hiking, walking, and jogging; horseback riding, a downhill mountain bike park, zip lines, tree walk adventures, interpretive hiking tours, an 18-hole golf course, boating, swimming, etc. on Harrison lake big

BIG SKY GETS 3 NEW TERRAIN PARKS

Bib Sky Resort has opened three new terrain parks this winter, as well as three new ski runs. Big Sky was already one of the three largest ski areas in North America, with more than 5,800 acres of terrain, and the new terrain increases its ski and boardable terrain still further. The new terrain parks include The Cache -- replacing the Freestyle Forest, is located to also allow easy access to and from the newly revamped Swifty Terrain Park that has received increased acreage and an improved jumpline. The other two new parks are advanced park, Peacemaker, and intermediate park, Maverick, both located on the Wagon train run. The traditional Freestyle Forest in the Moonlight has been redeveloped into a family friendly kid's adventure area named The Lost Frontier.

JIMINY PEAK PRODUCES 90% OF IT'S ELECTRICITY NEEDS

Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort has opened the largest community run solar power plant in the North East of the USA. The Nexamp Peak Solar Project covers 12-acres and includes 7,500 precisely-aligned solar panels arranged in 682 rows with a 2.3 megawatt solar energy generating capacity. Combined with Jiminy Peak's existing famous Zephyr 1.5 megawatt wind turbine as well as its 75 kw cogeneration unit and extensive conservation efforts, this new solar array will enable the resort to offset 90% of its energy needs from local renewable resources, making Jiminy Peak one of the greenest ski resorts in the world.

FIRST IT WAS "FIRST TRACKS" NOW ASPEN HOTELS OFFER "LAST TRACKS"

Booking in for 'First Tracks' is an increasingly popular option at ski resorts around the world. But what about 'Last Tracks' -- getting the slopes to yourself after everyone has gone home for the day? It's being offered as a guest perk this season at Aspen by several of the famous Colorado resort's top hotels: The Limelight Hotel, The Little Nell and Residences of The Little Nell. Actually its one in a long list of special perks offered by these properties. Guests are invited to participate in the unique offering of 'sweeping' Aspen Mountain with ski patrol. The program offers an experience where guests have the mountain to themselves for one run at the end of the day, and also gain the rare chance of a behind-the-scenes tour learning how the ski patrol ensures skiers/boarders are safely off the mountain at the end of each day. Last Tracks with Ski Patrol meets at 4 p.m. by the fireplace in the Sundeck every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday until April 2nd, 2016.

PEAK RESORTS PURCHASES HUNTER MOUNTAIN

Peak Resorts has entered into an agreement to purchase Hunter Mountain, located in the Catskill Mountains of New York, for \$35 million plus the assumption of two capital leases estimated at approximately \$1.8 million. Hunter Mountain generates approximately \$27 million in annual revenue. Peak Resorts plans to offer reciprocal programs among its resorts for Hunter Mountain season pass holders as well as season pass holders at its current properties. Details have yet to be released, but he said information will be available by phone, in person, and on individual resorts' websites in the coming weeks. The combination of Hunter Mountain, Jack Frost/Big Boulder, and Mount Snow will create a new multi-property season pass option for those in the New York City market. Peak Resorts currently operates 13 ski resorts in the Midwest and Northeast.

VAL GARDENA'S SEXY SKI INSTRUCTORS CALENDAR

On the Snow email newsletter is reporting about Val Gardena's sexy ski instructors calendar for 20 euro. See http://www.onthesnow.co.uk/gallery/p/photo/3635/val-gardena-ski-instructors-calendar-2016-id363345#content_pos. Hey, the girls show a lot of skin -- but no nudity. After all, even Playboy doesn't publish nude photos anymore!



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