

National Ski Council Federation Newsbeat December 2021

Vail Resorts to Acquire Seven Springs, Hidden Valley and Laurel Mountain in Pennsylvania. Vail Resorts has entered into an agreement to purchase Seven Springs, Pa., from Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Inc. As part of the \$125 million deal, the company will also acquire Hidden Valley Resort, Pa., and the operations of Laurel Mountain Ski Area, Pa. The transaction is expected to close this winter. [More.](#) SAM

Ski Ukraine? Ukraine may not be a well-known winter sports nation, but perhaps it should be, with more than 50 ski areas located in the Carpathian mountains here. [More.](#) InTheSnow

Winter Park Express to Return for 2022 Season. Amtrak and Winter Park Resort announced the return of the Winter Park Express train which runs from Denver's Union Station to the base of the mountain. [More.](#) Ski-Hi News

Brundage (ID) to Add Overnight Accommodations, New Base Lodge, and More. Brundage Mountain's new ownership group, which acquired the ski area in November 2020, has a 10-year plan to transform the mountain into a multi-season destination resort. [More.](#)

Gunstock (NH) Proposes Doubling Size, Adding Four New Lifts and 31 Trails. Gunstock could become New Hampshire's second-largest ski area with new master plan. [More.](#) Storm Skiing Journal

Blacktail Mountain Acquired by Mission Ridge. The owners of Mission Ridge, Wash., have purchased Blacktail Mountain Ski Area in Lakeside, Mont. [More.](#) SAM

Aspen Skiing Company Raises Wages, Adds Housing. Aspen Skiing Company will increase starting hourly pay to \$17 per hour for all non-tipped or commissioned positions in Aspen Snowmass and at the Limelight Hotel in Ketchum, Idaho—up from the previous minimum of \$15.60 per hour. [More.](#) SAM

Ski Gear 'Bottleneck' Due to Supply Chain. Due to factory closures, raw material shortages and shipments stalled in ports, outdoor-store shelves may look a little thin this year. [More.](#) KPCW Park City via Intopia | Destimetrics

The Complicated Ethics of Creating Fake Snow. Is the cost of making snow at ski resorts worth the price? [More.](#) *Deseret News* via Google Alerts

Five Common Ski Tuning Myths That Lead Novices Astray. *Ski Magazine* debunks five common ski tuning myths in hopes of pointing you on the right path to tuning your skis. [More.](#) *Ski Magazine*

The Evolving Situation on Rules to Get on the Slopes This Winter. As we get closer to the main season, governments in the leading ski nations are fine tuning the rules for skiers and boarders on the slopes. [More.](#) InTheSnow

Ski Season Begins in the US and Canada: What to Know Before You Hit the Slopes in 2021. Ski resorts across the United States and Canada have started opening their runs for the 2021-22 ski season. Just like last year, skiers will spot changes meant to help slow the spread of COVID-19. [More.](#) Lonely Planet

These Tribal-Run Ski Areas Are Thriving and Might Be a Model for How to Manage Sovereign Lands. Tribal ski resorts are doing well despite the massive challenges they face. Here's what they've learned, and what all can learn going forward. [More.](#) *Ski Magazine*

Which US State Has the Most Ski Resorts? During the 2020/21 ski season, 462 ski resorts were in operation in the United States of America, a slight decrease over the 470 the previous season. Of the 36 states with operating ski resorts, New York leads by an astounding number – 49 ski resorts operating in the state in 2020/21. [More.](#) SnowBrains

The History of the Legendary 10th Mountain Division, the Men Who Started USA's Ski Industry. 10th Mountain Division veterans started at least 62 ski areas in the USA, including Vail and Aspen. [More.](#) SnowBrains