

## National Ski Council Federation Newsbeat August 2020

**How Ski Resorts Hope to Operate Under COVID-19 This Winter.** This winter snow will not be the biggest source of uncertainty for skiers and ski operators. [More.](#) *New York Magazine Intelligencer*

**Inside look: Here's what we know right now about next ski season.** Freeskier surveyed everyone in the ski industry to find out just what is going on. [More.](#) Freeskier via Google Alerts/US Ski Association

**Great American Outdoors Act Signed into Law.** The Great American Outdoors Act, a bipartisan piece of legislation signed by President Trump on August 4, will provide as much as \$1.9 billion annually to address the massive backlog of maintenance projects on federal public lands—including national parks, forests, and refuges—and will permanently fund a federal program that has supported outdoor conservation in nearly every county in the country since Lyndon Johnson's presidency. [More.](#) Be Outdoors/Appalachian Mountain Club

**The Next 4 Months Will Define the State of the Airline Industry.** Nearly four months into COVID-19, it's becoming clear how big a hole the pandemic created in the airline experience. And the next three to four months could be just as telling as the last. [More.](#) *The Dallas Morning News* via Intopia/Destimetrics and others

**Ski industry Examines Its Lack of Diversity.** According to preliminary data from the National Ski Areas Association, 88.2% of visitors to U.S. ski areas during the 2019-2020 season were white. Just 1.8% were Black. [More.](#) *Travel Weekly* via Google Alerts/US Ski Association

**Vail Resorts Nears 100% Renewable Electricity Goal as Large-scale Wind Farm Goes Online.** Vail Resorts celebrates a major step toward its 100% renewable electricity goal as a new large-scale wind farm, enabled by the company, has gone online. [More.](#) SIA

**How Bananas Led to the World's First Chairlift.** The world's first chairlift was built in Sun Valley, Idaho in the fall of 1936. The first two lifts were located on Sun Valley's Dollar and Proctor mountains. The design of this new machine was patterned after conveyor belts which were used to load bananas on cargo ships in Central America. [More.](#) Snowbrains

**Just for Fun. These vintage skiing cartoons will have you reeling in delight.** Forget the RED cameras, virtual reality headsets and GoPro POVs, Freeskier scoured the internet and rounded up the most classic, most entertaining animated skiing clips they could find from Walt Disney to the Pink Panther. [More.](#) Freeskier

**Latest Amazing Chinese Indoor Snow Centre Opens.** An incredible structure that houses a giant indoor snow center, with a water park on its roof, has opened in the Chinese province of Hunan. [More.](#) InTheSnow.com *Ed. However, it is in Hunan Province, believed to be the starting point for the Coronavirus, so best not to book a trip anytime soon.*