

## National Ski Council Federation Newsbeat July 2021

**A New Bill Would Keep Ski Resort Profits Local.** The Ski Area Fee Retention Account “SHRED” Act has been introduced to congress. [More.](#) KKTV News via Intopia | Destimetrics [More.](#) *Powell Tribune* via Google Alerts

**Colorado Ski Resort Operators Turbo-charged Technology Last Season, and Many of the Upgrades Are Here to Stay.** “COVID accelerated everything,” one ski resort operator says. “We took a multiyear process and did it in like five months.” [More.](#) *The Colorado Sun* via Intopia | Destimetrics

**America’s Hidden Mega Ski Pass: 3 Days Each at 48 Mountains, Plus a Season Pass, for \$299.** Ski Cooper assembles the strongest coast-to-coast reciprocal lift ticket plan in U.S. skiing. [More.](#) *The Storm Skiing Journal*

**Indy Pass Adds Eagle Point UT and Sundown Mountain IA.** The Indy Pass added Eagle Point Resort, Utah, and Sundown Mountain Resort, Iowa, to its growing coalition of 68 independent ski areas. Passholders will have access to two days of skiing and riding at both hills for the 2021-22 season. [More.](#) *Ed Note: Who knew there was skiing in Iowa? This [article](#) from The Storm Skiing Journal gives a rundown on the two mountains.* SAM/The Storm Skiing Journal

**Here’s Why the Lawsuit Against Ikon Pass Over Shortened Ski Season Wasn’t Dismissed.** A judge ruled late last month that a lawsuit against Ikon Pass parent company Alterra Mountain Co. can continue to be litigated. The suit, Goodrich et al. v. Alterra Mountain Company, brought by plaintiffs in Colorado, California, Illinois, Utah and Wisconsin, claims breach of contract following the pandemic-related resort shutdown last March. [More.](#) *Ski Magazine* via Outside+

**COVID Continues to Impact Outdoor Gear Supply.** Though the COVID pandemic is on the wane in the United States, manufacturing slowdowns and heavy demand mean local outdoor-gear retailers are still encountering challenges in stocking their stores—and customers are having to wait longer than usual to get some items. [More.](#) *Idaho Mountain Express* via Intopia | Destimetrics

**As Travel Demands Picks Up, Drivers See Car Rental Shortages.** AAA slow sales during the pandemic and a shortage of semi-conductor chips has led to manufacturer delays and rental car inventory shortages. [More.](#) WRIC ABC 8 News via Intopia | Destimetrics

**A Guide to U.S. Airline Change Fees, from the Most Flexible to the Most Expensive.** Some airline policies have gotten more lax since the pandemic—others haven't. [More.](#) *Condé Nast Traveler*

**The 13 Largest Ski Resorts on Earth SnowBrains.** In the USA, the biggest ski resort is Powder Mountain, UT and it’s 8,464 acres. There are ski resorts in the Alps that make Pow Mow look like a kiddie hill. [More.](#) SnowBrains

**Is It a Smart Idea to Use Marijuana In The Mountains?** When Canada legalized marijuana in October 2018, pushback came from an unexpected place—search and rescue. [More.](#) SnowBrains