

## National Ski Council Federation Newsbeat July 2022

**You'll be charged to visit Europe from 2023.** The EU has announced the launch of its long-awaited visa waiver scheme, ETIAS, to debut in May 2023. While ETIAS is not the same as a visa -- it is quicker, done online, and requires no biometric information -- there is still a procedure and a cost to acquiring it, rather like the United States' scheme, ESTA. [More.](#) CNN via NSCF Facebook Page

**US Will End Covid-19 Testing Requirement for Air Travelers Entering the Country.** The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has lifted its requirement for travelers to test negative for Covid-19 before entering the US. [More.](#) CNN via Inntopia | Destimetrics

**Why Marriott, Hilton and Hyatt Say Hotel Prices Are Only Going Up.** Despite high inflation, a softening economy, and fears of a recession, the hotel industry is not seeing any slowdown. [More.](#) CNBC via Inntopia | Destimetrics

**ICYMI: Indy Pass Hits 100 With Eight New Resort Partners.** The Indy Pass will now offer two free days of skiing, riding, and cross-country skiing at 100 resorts for winter 2022-23 with the addition of eight new partners—five alpine and three cross country—in the Upper Midwest, New England, and the Pacific Northwest. [More.](#) SAM

**Le Massif Joins Mountain Collective.** Le Massif de Charlevoix has signed a three-year agreement with the Mountain Collective, according to Radio Canada. Le Massif is the first eastern Canadian ski area to join the pass coalition, which includes 22 other properties across North America. [More.](#) SAM

**Park City Mountain Lift Upgrades Blocked.** The Park City Planning Commission granted an appeal of a previous decision to approve two Park City Mountain (PCM) lift upgrades. [More.](#) SAM

**Suicide Six (VT) to Change Name.** Vermont's Suicide Six ski area will retire its name this summer due to its negative connotation. A new name has already been determined and will be announced in the coming weeks. [More.](#) SAM

**Windham Mountain (NY) Announces Purchase of Local Landmark for Employee Housing.** The investment will provide housing in the winter primarily for international employees as well as part-time staff looking for accommodations on weekends. Rooms in the new facility will be available for employees of local businesses in the summer months. [More.](#) SnowBrains

**Snowstorm Dumps on Ski Resort in Africa.** A snowstorm just hit Afriski Mountain Resort in Lesotho, southern Africa June 22-24, dropping at least three inches of fresh snow on the resort. Afriski is the only skiing resort in Lesotho, located 10,006 feet above sea level, operating in Southern Africa near the northern border of Lesotho and South Africa. It is one of only three ski resorts in southern Africa. [More.](#) SnowBrains

**Jon Weisberg, editor of *Seniors Skiing*, Passes.** Weisberg, who spoke at the 2018 NSCF Annual Meeting at Zermatt Utah Resort, passed away on June 3 at the age of 78. [Link to his obituary on the Seniors Skiing website.](#) Storm Skiing Journal