

National Ski Council Federation Newsbeat August 2018

Timberline Lodge (OR) Purchases Summit Ski Area. R.L.K. and Company, operator of Timberline Lodge and Ski Area, has purchased Summit Ski Area in Government Camp, Ore., which is located on Mt. Hood less than six miles from Timberline. [More.](#) SAM

Utah's Nordic Valley Eyeing Huge Expansion. The operators of Nordic Valley, Mountain Capital Partners (MCP), are floating the idea of a massive expansion that would grow Utah's smallest ski area from 140 skiable acres to more than 2,800. The proposal for the expansion into the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest includes a 4.3-mile-long gondola plus at least 10 more lifts. The development would also raise Nordic's top elevation from 6,330 feet to about 8,100. [More.](#) SAM

New Jersey to Debut Massive Indoor Skiing Facility. Indoor skiing--a popular phenomenon that has taken off across the world in the last decade--will soon make its debut in the States. Located in East Rutherford, New Jersey, Big SNOW America plans to open its slopes in March of 2019. [More.](#) *Powder Magazine* via Inntopia

Mammoth Announces \$10 Million in Improvements. Mammoth Mountain continues to evolve as a four-season mountain resort with a new round of investment in summer activities and infrastructure at Canyon Lodge aimed at improving the guest experience. Combined, the Alterra Mountain Company's new investments in Mammoth total over \$10m in capital improvements this summer and include the construction of the tallest zip line in the country and a new Via Ferrata climbing route. Both are now under construction and expected to open later this summer. [More.](#) SHOPEATSURF via SIA

More Snowmaking Coming to New York Ski Areas. Ski Areas of New York, Inc. (SANY) and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) have collaborated on a new program to help ski areas in the state purchase energy-efficient snowmaking guns. The program will provide up to \$5 million for New York ski areas to upgrade and expand their snowmaking operations. [More.](#) SAM

The World's Highest Elevation Ski Resort = Chacaltaya, Boliva @ 17,785-Feet | Closed Due to "Unprecedented" Glacial Retreat. The highest ski resort on Earth lives at only 16° south of the equator in the South American country of Bolivia and is called Chacaltaya (bridge of ice in the Aymara Indian language). What Chacaltaya lacks in latitude, it makes up for in elevation. The ski area summit is located at 17,785-feet (that's higher than the Mt. Everest base camp). [More.](#) SnowBrains

Polish Mountaineer Makes History and Becomes First Person to Ski Down K2. Polish mountaineer and mountain runner Andrzej Bargiel, 30 has become the first person to ski down K2 (28,251-feet), the second tallest mountain in the world. [More.](#) SnowBrains

Newest Round of Tariffs Hits Sporting Goods. The U.S. Trade Representative released a new round of proposed tariffs on an additional \$200 billion worth of U.S. imports from China, potentially including sports bags and baseball, softball, hockey and ski gloves. [More.](#) SGB Media via SIA