

National Ski Council Federation Newsbeat December 2016

County Approves Expansion of Squaw Valley Village. Placer County supervisors approved a controversial expansion to Squaw Valley's base village following a day-long hearing last month. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Vail Resorts Sells Inn at Keystone. Vail Resorts has announced the sale of the Inn at Keystone to Dallas-based Realty Capital Partners (RCP) for \$6.4 million in cash. Vail Resorts will continue to manage the property under a management agreement with RCP. The property will be rebranded to Hyatt Place Keystone in summer 2017 following a significant renovation and repositioning, bring the first major branded hotel to Keystone. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Expansion at Arapahoe Basin Gets OK. The Forest Service has given Arapahoe Basin the go-ahead for a major expansion. The project, which should begin next summer, includes a chairlift up the rugged Beavers area, a new chair for the classic moguls of Pallavicini and a quad for beginners at the base. [More.](#) SnoCountry

Magic Mountain, VT, Owners Complete Purchase, Set Plan. Having been through its fair share of ownerships and plenty of uncertainty about the future, Vermont's Magic Mountain has begun a new chapter. Ski Magic LLC, a locally based ownership and operating group, completed its acquisition of the classic New England ski area Tuesday, and plans to make immediate improvements. [More.](#) SAM

Boyne Upgrades Michigan Resorts. Skiers and riders visiting Boyne's two Michigan resorts will find new night skiing, expanded glades, new ways to unwind, and more this winter season. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Montana's Under-the-Radar Ski Areas. In addition to its best-known ski mountains Big Sky and Whitefish, Montana is home to 15 other lift-served ski areas both large and small. Trading ritzy, high-speed quads for rootsy, downhome vibes, the state's independent mom-and-pop mountains offer up deep days on the cheap, with a side of real local culture. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Copenhagen to Build Ski Slope Atop New Power Plant. When Copenhagen's new waste-to-energy plant opens next year, the city's residents will have a new ski run to sample, too. [More.](#) First Tracks!!
Ed Note: This story may have appeared in Newsbeat before, but it's so unusual I couldn't resist chancing a repeat.



Sarah Hendrickson's Historic and Risky Return to Ski Jumping. The 22-year-old started ski jumping in Park City, Utah, in 2002, won a World Championship in 2012, and, in 2014, became the first woman to ski jump in the Olympics, after recovering from a serious knee injury. In June 2015, her career came to a temporary standstill after she again tore her right ACL during a practice jump at Park City. After another knee surgery, more than a year of rehab, and what she calls "the hardest year of my life," Hendrickson is returning to ski jumping this month. [More.](#) Outside Magazine

Skiers Count the Cost of Living the World Cup 'White Circus' Dream. With skis in tow they travel the globe, flitting like fireflies to some of the world's most beautiful mountain locations. But the glamor and glitz of skiing's World Cup circuit, dubbed the "White Circus," is not quite as sparkly when you have to pay for it yourself. Take Lila Lapanja, a 22-year-old member of the US Alpine B Ski Team. [More.](#) CNN via Google Alerts *Ed. Note: Lila Lapanja, featured in this article, was a FWSA and Sierra Council Junior Racer Scholarship recipient for several years.*

Which Ski Resorts Give You the Most for Your Money? *Outside Magazine* chose 20 resorts of all sizes across the country and rang up a standard day at each. That includes a single-day busy-season lift ticket (we listed how much skiing you get for that price in terms of runs and acreage), gear rental (skis, boots, helmet, poles), a standard cafeteria or popular local lunch, and après. (A note on the latter: We tried to keep the playing field even by choosing the best deal as opposed to pricey cocktails. This is probably lowballing it if you're not into PBR.) Then we got tips from locals on how to save, no matter where you go. [More.](#) *Outside*