

National Ski Council Federation Newsbeat September 2018

United introducing nonstop service to Mammoth. United Airlines said it will begin flying daily, seasonal service from Denver International Airport to Mammoth Lakes, California, starting Dec. 19. [More.](#) *Inntopia/Denver Business Journal*

Largest Ski Area Expansion in Over 15 Years” for Eastern United States. Hunter Mountain Ski Area will become the third-largest ski area in New York State from next season with the installation of a major new lift and the opening of associated new terrain in what is being dubbed the Hunter North project. [More.](#) *Inntopia/InTheSnow*

More Than 30 New Runs as Arapahoe Basin CO Ski Area Grows in Size by Almost Half. Arapahoe Basin in Colorado, one of the world’s highest altitude ski area with a season that typically runs from October to June will add 34 new runs over 468 acres for ability levels from intermediate through expert to its Beavers and The Steep Gullies area this winter. [More.](#) *InTheSnow*

Ski Areas Are Investing Millions in Upgrades This Summer. It's out with the old and in with the new for many North American ski areas and resorts this summer, with 10 of the most notable ski destinations undergoing infrastructure changes. [More.](#) *Inntopia/Powder*

New Owners Making Improvements to Pine Mountain, Mich. An anonymous buyer recently purchased Pine Mountain Ski & Golf Resort in Iron Mountain, Mich., and has already begun making improvements to the year-round resort while business operations continue uninterrupted. [More.](#) *SAM*

Colorado resorts become leaders of sustainability in the ski industry. After Vail Resorts made a very epic, and public, promise last year, its flagship mountain is the first resort in the United States—and more impressively, the first mountain resort in the world—to earn the “sustainable destination” certification. [More.](#) *Intopia/Freeskier*

Ikon Adds Solitude, Brighton and Taos. The Ikon Pass has added Solitude Mountain Resort, following Alterra’s closing on this acquisition earlier this month, and added neighboring Brighton Resort as an Ikon partner. This brings Ikon’s five Utah connections—Solitude as a full unlimited access member, and Deer Valley, Alta/Snowbird and Brighton as limited-access partner areas, with five to seven days of access at each. [More.](#) *SAM*

Alterra to Acquire Crystal Mountain Resort in Washington. Less than three weeks after Vail Resorts closed on its acquisition of Stevens Pass in Washington, Alterra Mountain Company has entered into an agreement to purchase Crystal Mountain Resort. [More.](#) *SAM*

Two Classic Ski Areas, Chamonix and Garmisch Partenkirchen, see Cable-Cars Destroyed within 36 Hours. Chamonix in France and Garmisch Partenkirchen in Germany have both suffered accidents this week that saw lifts valued at tens of millions on Euros destroyed. [More.](#) *InTheSnow*

Old Farmer's Almanac Winter Weather Forecast 2019: United States. Winter is nearing, and the Old Farmer's Almanacs' (not to be confused the Farmer's Almanac) has just released their long-range winter weather forecast for the 2018/19 season. [More.](#) *Inntopia/Snowboarding*

Disney's "Frozen" Computer Model for Snow Leads to 1st Ever 3D Model of Avalanche. Drawing on the fact that the snow in an avalanche can behave like both a solid and a fluid, a researcher has managed to simulate a snow slab avalanche with unrivaled precision, with the help of researchers used by The Walt Disney Company for the movie Frozen. [More.](#) *Snowbrains*