

National Ski Council Federation Newsbeat February 2025

Colorado Lawmakers Revive SHRED Act in Congress in an Effort to Keep Ski Area Fees Flowing Locally. Colorado congressmen are taking another shot at keeping revenue from ski area fees in the local communities where resorts operate. U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet, a Colorado Democrat, reintroduced the Ski Hill Resources for Economic Development, or SHRED Act, for the third time. Bennet was joined by co-sponsor Sen. John Barrasso, a Wyoming Republican, and several other lawmakers in bringing it to the U.S. Senate. Colorado Democratic Rep. Joe Neguse and Rep. Blake Moore, a Utah Republican, introduced the act in the U.S. House of Representatives. [More.](#) Sky-Hi News via Google Alerts

Lift Construction Survey. Despite fewer lifts being built, it was still a busy construction season as ski areas continue to upgrade their on-mountain transport. [More.](#) SAM

Skiing Double: Deer Valley East. An expansion of staggering scope, once dreamt of in the original plans for Deer Valley more than 50 years ago, is coming to life. [More.](#) SAM

This Beloved U.S. Ski Resort Now Has the World's Longest 8-passenger Chairlift — and It Gets 400 Inches of Snow a Year. Big Sky Resort debuted the Madison 8 chairlift, which comes with an incline length of 8,631 feet, making it the world's longest eight-passenger chairlift. [More.](#) Travel + Leisure

The Undisputed First Rule of Skiing and Snowboarding. What was the #1 rule? Overwhelmingly, the top answer was “have fun.” The idea reflects the essence and spirit of the sport. Skiing and riding are not just a physical activity, they are recreational pursuits that people engage in for enjoyment and exhilaration. [More.](#) SnowBrains

Uphill, in the snow: Why This Laborious Ski Trend is Booming at US Resorts. A growing number of skiers are powering up mountains without any mechanical assistance. Lift-free "uphilling" has benefits beyond fitness, fans say. [More.](#) CNN via Google Alerts

This Is the Most Expensive Ski Resort in the U.S. — and It's Perfect for Both Experts and Newbies. A new study named Aspen Snowmass Ski Resort in Colorado the most expensive ski resort nationwide. Skiing in the U.S. is, simply put, wildly expensive. But that doesn't seem to be stopping people from hitting the slopes. According to the National Ski Areas Association, 60.4 million Americans visited a mountain in the 2023/24 season. [More.](#) Travel + Leisure via Google Alerts

Park City Patrol Ratifies Contract After a 10-Month Negotiation. Members of the Park City Professional Ski Patrol Association (PCPSPA) have voted to ratify the contract negotiated by the United Mountain Workers union with Vail Resorts on Tuesday. The agreement, reached after 10 months of negotiations for increased wages, ended a nearly two-week strike. [More.](#) SAM

Why Ski Patrollers at Park City Initiated the Biggest Ski Patrol Strike in History. Park City ski patrollers were on strike for 13 days before securing a contract with Vail Resorts. [More.](#) SnowBrains

Crested Butte Lift Maintenance Workers Authorize Strike Against Vail Resorts. Crested Butte Lift Maintenance has voted to authorize a strike against Vail Resorts over contract negotiations. [More.](#) Powder

A-Basin Ski Patrollers Vote to Unionize. Members of the Arapahoe Basin ski patrol voted 30-22 in favor of unionizing. If the results are certified by the National Labor Relations Board, the Arapahoe Basin Ski Patrol Union (ABSP) will join the Communication Workers of America (CWA) 7781 United Mountain Workers, which will represent ABSP in contract negotiations with A-Basin's new owner, Alterra Mountain Company. Alterra closed on its acquisition of A-Basin in November. [More.](#) SAM

Hotel Fire in Turkish Ski Resort Kills at Least 66. A predawn January fire at a hotel in the Kartalkaya Ski Resort in Turkey killed at least 66, with another 51 injured, Turkey's Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said. The resort is located in Northwestern Turkey's Koroglu mountains, about 185 miles east of Istanbul. [More.](#) SAM

Lift Detaches at Attitash, One Injured. On Feb. 2, a carrier with one rider aboard detached from the Flying Bear lift at Attitash Mountain. The carrier fell approximately 20 feet. Eyewitnesses report that the male passenger was conscious and walking after the fall. He has since been released from the hospital. [More.](#) SAM

Lift Failure Injures 15 at Spain Ski Area. A chairlift failure injured more than a dozen people Saturday morning at Astún resort in the Spanish Pyrenees. The bullwheel on a 1985 fixed-grip quad detached, causing the lift to derope on numerous towers, according to liftblog.com's Peter Landsman. [More.](#) SAM