

## National Ski Council Federation Newsbeat

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**Ski Patrol Strike Shuts Down Colorado's Popular Telluride Resort Indefinitely.** Telluride Ski Resort in Mountain Village, Colorado, was shuttered Dec. 27, with no date set for reopening, due to a labor dispute with the ski patrol union over wages. [More](#). CBS News via Google Alerts *Update: The Telluride website states the following on Sun. Jan. 4: We will open Lifts 1 and both the Children's learning center and Meadows magic carpets on Monday, January 5. All uphill and downhill access to the mountain on any other terrain is currently closed day and night. There is no public access, anyone trespassing on the mountain will be prosecuted.*

**Avalanche Kills Mammoth Mountain Ski Patroller.** A 30-year-old Mammoth Mountain ski patroller died Sunday from injuries sustained in an avalanche on Friday. One other patroller was injured in the incident, which occurred about 7:30 a.m., Dec. 26, on Lincoln Mountain, while the patrollers were conducting avalanche mitigation work. [More](#). SAM

**Snowmass Puts Up Two Lifts In Its Upper Reaches.** Two new replacement lifts, an overhaul of a famed mid-mountain rest stop, and tweaking of on-mountain eateries highlight what's-new at Aspen Snowmass. [More](#). SnoCountry

**New Ownership At Ragged Mountain Pledge To Keep Mountain's Soul Intact.** The group of local investors who have purchased New Hampshire's Ragged Mountain have promised to keep the mountain's character intact as it makes improvements going forward. [More](#). SnoCountry

**Vail Resorts Loosens Advance-Purchase Lift Ticket Window.** Vail Resorts will now offer skiers and riders a discount on lift tickets purchased four or more weeks in advance for 12 of its mountain resorts, loosening the previously limited timeframes that non-Epic Pass holders could buy tickets for less than the highest window rates. [More](#). SAM

**Vail Resorts' Latest Earnings Reveal Pass Sales Decline But Major Upgrades for 2026.** Notably, Vail reported a 2% decrease in its season pass sales, but a 3% increase in earnings from season passes. The real gems of this report, though, are in the mentions of the improvements Vail Resorts plans to make during 2026. [More](#). Snowbrains

**Seven Up-and-Coming Ski Resorts To Check Out This Season.** Tired of skiing the same resort each year on your annual ski vacation? Look no further than this list of up-and-coming ski resorts. [More](#). Powder

**Crested Butte - Still the Last Great Colorado Ski Town.** It's not the easiest to get to, but that's what makes the town so special. As for the mountain, it's as close to gnar-nia as a skier might ever come. It's number three on Freeskier's 2026 ski resort rankings. [More](#). Freeskier Ed. Note: *Crested Butte is the destination for the Far West Ski Association's 2026 North American Ski Week.*

**New Living Community for Skiers Above the Age of 55 to Open at Massanutten VA.** Massanutten Mountain Resort, located in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, has broken ground on a 55+ community nestled within the resort's 6,000 acre property. The resort has 82 skiable acres, 23 trails, seven lifts, a vertical drop of 1,100, and until this year, the only double black diamond trail in the southeast. [More](#). SnoCountry