



# Lift Lines

= No. 189, September 2016 =

Mountain High Snowsport Club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208



## Upcoming events & trips

If you don't read anything else, read this short summary.

**September** brings us only two local events:

Sept. 17: **Bike ride on the Leif Erikson Drive** in Forest Park

Sept. 27: **Hillcrest Race Night**.

**October** will have several club events: the **Seafood party**, a **bike ride** in the Columbia River Gorge, our **Highway cleanup**, and the **Warren Miller dinner and movie night**. Deadline to sign up for the Warren Miller tickets is **September 23**. See page 5.

**November** is our usual time to renew your club membership and sign up for trips. You can do it at one of these two places:

Nov. 4 - 6: At our booth at the **SkiFever & Snowboard Show**

Nov. 7: Mt. High annual **Kickoff party**

**WINTER TRIPS.** Note that 2 of our 3 winter trips are multi-club bus trips. The bus might fill up. The **Mystery trip** (Jan. 19-22) and the **Powder Alliance trip** (Feb. 25 - March 4) are both very popular and will fill up fast. So, don't wait till November. In fact, the deadline to sign up for the Powder Alliance trip is **September 15**, since we need to put down deposits for both lodging and the chartered bus.

**Season passes:** See the Fusion pass info (p. 7) comparison chart (p. 8). Also, check out the **News** and the **Solar Eclipse** on page 9.



Leif Erikson bike ride Sept. 17



Hillcrest Race Night, Sept. 27



Seafood party: Oct. 8



Warren Miller dinner & movie Oct. 21

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Note the color code.  
Our club is blue.

## 2016 CALENDAR

**Blue:** Mountain High events

**Red:** NWSCC / FWSA / Multi-club

**Black:** General events

### SEPTEMBER

Sept. 17 (Sat.): **Bike ride in Forest Park**

Sept 24 - Oct. 8 **FWSA Scuba Dive trip - Fiji**

Sept. 26 (Mon): **Mt. High Board meeting**

Sept. 27 (Tue.) **Hillcrest Race Night**

### OCTOBER

Oct. 8 (Sat): **Seafood Party**

Oct. 9 (Sat.): **Bike ride - Columbia Gorge**

Oct. 15 (Sat.): **Mt. High Highway Cleanup**

Oct. 21 (Fri.): **Warren Miller movie / dinner**

Oct. 21 - 22: **Snowvana - Memorial Coliseum**

Oct. 24 (Mon.): **Mt. High Board meeting**

### NOVEMBER

Nov. 4-6: **Portland Ski Fever Show**

Nov. 7 (Mon.): **Mt. High Kickoff Party**

### 2017

### JANUARY

Jan. 19-22: **Mystery trip**

Jan. 28 - Feb. 4: **FWSA Ski Week - Breckenridge**

### FEBRUARY

Feb. 12-18: **Utah trip - Salt Lake City**

Feb. 25- Mar. 4: **Powder Alliance trip**  
- Whitewater, BC + Schweitzer Mt., ID

### MARCH

Mar. 12-19: **FWSA European ski week**

Mar. 17-19: **Leavenworth trip**





Photo by John Davis

## Mt. Hood History bike ride Barlow Road - Oregon Trail

**August 6, 2016 (Saturday).** 19 people showed up for this adventure on the Oregon Trail (Barlow Road) from Barlow Pass to Rhododendron. We started the story of the Oregon pioneers at Barlow Pass and also visited the Pioneer Woman's grave and the Pioneer cemetery at Summit Meadows. To save some time and energy (based on previous similar bike rides), we drove our cars for the first 3 miles, from Barlow Pass to the Trillium Lake Sno Park, and then began riding our bikes from there.

At the Pioneer Cemetery, we heard the ghost of Perry Vickers, one of the tollgate keepers at Summit Meadows. Perry was buried there after being shot by a horse thief.

From Government Camp, we rode our bikes following the original wagon trail Barlow Road. Then we crossed highway 26, our last opportunity to do so before a cement median barrier is installed on highway 26, and we visited Laurel Hill, the steepest descent on the whole Oregon Trail.

We then crossed highway 26 again to get to the Pioneer Bridle Trail, and followed it through the one-horse tunnel to Kiwanis Camp Road. From there, it was an easy coasting down the hill to Rhododendron.



Photo by Emilio Trampuz

## Mt. High annual Picnic & bike ride

**August 20, 2016 (Saturday).**

Only 6 people participated in the bike ride and only around 20 showed up for the picnic. Most likely people were afraid of the heat, even though the bike ride was done fairly early in the morning, when the temperatures were still in the 70s and 80s. We rode our bikes in the shade of trees much of the time and explored new paths.

The picnic started promptly at 11:30 and food was served by noon, just as predicted. We were sitting in the shade of tall trees in the park. At one point someone asked if anyone was feeling hot. Nobody felt too hot. It was pleasant. The food was good, and the company even better.

Pity that so few showed up. Maybe people are tired of the picnic. We might do something different next year.



Photo by John Davis



Photo by Emilio Trampuz

See many more recent event photos at [www.mthigh.org/Photos.htm](http://www.mthigh.org/Photos.htm).



**Mt. High Leif Erikson Bike Ride**

**September 17, 2016 (Saturday). 10 am.**

The Leif Erickson Drive in Portland's Forest Park is a 14 mile easy bike ride consisting of one

tiny uphill and the rest a mild downhill and level terrain. Mountain bikes are recommended, but a regular commuter bike is OK too. Roadbed is similar to last year's Still Creek Rd. ride. Nice shade all the way.

We will meet near the **Wesco Distribution** building, at the corner of NW Nicolai & 31st Avenue. Don't park in their parking lot, but across the street from them. Only a few of us will leave our cars parked there. The majority should just wait until we are all assembled and then we'll shuttle our cars and bikes to the start of the trail on the uphill side on Germantown Road.

Bring water, a snack, gloves, ear warmers, and jacket just in case.

We'll have lunch at Kenny & Zuke's Cafe (NW 24th & Thurman) near the end of the ride. A good time will be had by all. Leaders: Emilio Trampuz [Emilio2000@earthlink.net](mailto:Emilio2000@earthlink.net), Linda McGavin, [Trips@mthigh.org](mailto:Trips@mthigh.org), and John Davis, [hikedance@gmail.com](mailto:hikedance@gmail.com).

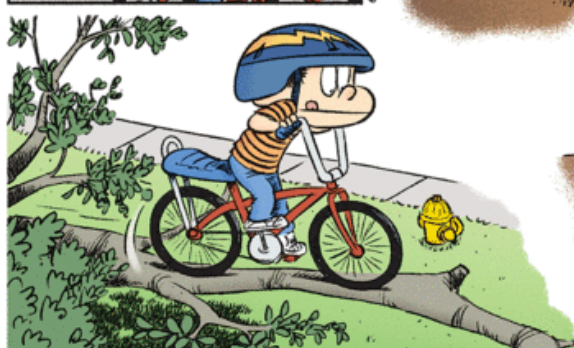
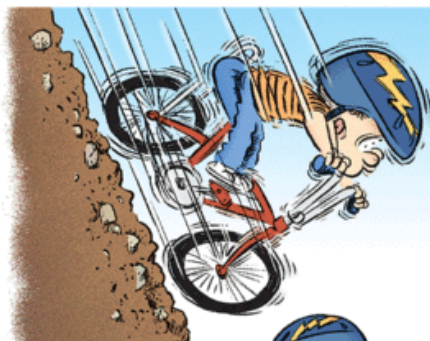
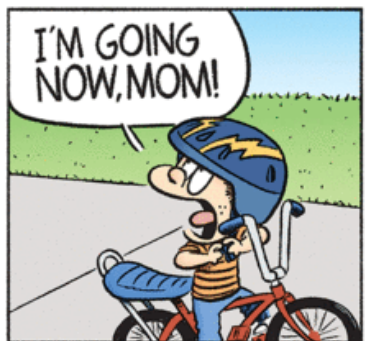
**Mt. High Columbia River Gorge bike ride**

**October 9. Sunday. 10 am.**

We'll bike along the Riverfront Trail from The Dalles to the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and back, along the Columbia River. Lunch in The Dalles at the **Baldwin Saloon**, where China Town used to be.



As an optional activity after the bike ride, we could explore a short half mile hike from the old highway in Mosier to the **Mosier Falls Swimming Hole**. Bring a swimsuit, just in case. If the weather is good, we might take a dip in the swimming hole. Contact **John Davis**, [hikedance@gmail.com](mailto:hikedance@gmail.com) and/or **Emilio Trampuz**, [Emilio2000@earthlink.net](mailto:Emilio2000@earthlink.net).

**Use Your Helmet or Use Your Head**



## MOUNTAIN HIGH

## Upcoming Events

## SNOWSPORT CLUB

## Hillcrest Sports Race Night

14th Annual Race Night  
Tuesday Sept. 27

4:30-8:30 P.M.

Factory Reps will be here with race gear to answer your questions



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A second Race night on a strict order only basis

will occur October 13th without the reps and gear

Sept. 27 (Tue.) 4:30-8:30.

The annual Hillcrest Race Night will be on Thursday evening, starting around 6:30pm. Best prices of the year from all the top companies! Factory reps will be present to answer your questions.

**Location:** Hillcrest Sports, 2506 SE Burnside Rd., Gresham, OR 97080.

A second Race night on a strict order only basis will occur **October 13th** without the reps and gear.

**Questions:** Contact **Gary Gunderson**, (503) 658-7848 or email: [ktgpdx@verizon.net](mailto:ktgpdx@verizon.net).

Call the store. Ask for Dexter. at: 503-665-4455 or [hillcrest@hillcrestsports.com](mailto:hillcrest@hillcrestsports.com).

**Directions:** I-84 East to exit 16. Turn right @ top of exit. Follow 3 miles to SE Burnside. Turn left on Burnside. Follow 1 mile to Gresham Village Shopping Center. Hillcrest Sports is on the right hand side.

## Mt. High

## Seafood Party



Oct. 8 (Sat.) 6:30 pm.

(If you want to help with the setup, please come at 5:30 pm.)

Our annual end-of-summer Seafood party is coming up. Pete

Troy has been in Alaska all summer long and will be bringing home some excellent seafood for us to try. We've had the party at this location in Wilsonville once before, and we liked the place.

We'll be getting together at the **Wilsonville Senior Center**, which is just a short distance off of I-5 at the South Wilsonville Exit. See link to a map below.

The cost to our members again this year will be \$10 per person. Guests (non-members): \$15.

Our club will provide Pete and Ann's incredible homemade sushi, Bruce McGavin's fantastic smoked salmon spread; steamer clams, Gordy's salmon, sodas and water. BYOB and bring a side dish or dessert.

If your last name begins with:

A - M : bring a salad or side dish;

N - Z: bring a dessert,

**EVERYONE PLEASE RSVP by October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Location:** Wilsonville Senior Center  
7965 SW Wilsonville Rd  
Wilsonville, OR 97070

Click here for [Google map](#).

See driving directions and map on our web site.

Please RSVP to **Debbi Kor** for a head count:  
[ijustwannarun1@comcast.net](mailto:ijustwannarun1@comcast.net) or (503) 314-7078.



## Mt. High Try recreational racing PACRAT



Do you ever get tired of doing just simple left-right turns with no challenge? Why not try skiing through some gates? Yes, just like the Olympic skiers do, but

in a more relaxed, recreational manner.

It's not just about racing. It's very social. You join a 10-person team, so you have 9 instant ski buddies for the whole season. And there's a party with food and drinks at the end of each race. It's fun.

If you like to compete, you will be competing as an individual, but will also earn points for the team.

Our club has some 11 teams. You can join an existing team or even from your own team. If you are interested, check our out Racing web pages at: <http://www.mthigh.org/Racing.htm> . If you need help with finding a team, contact our Racing Director **Alan Bean** at 503-849-8009 or [Racing@mthigh.org](mailto:Racing@mthigh.org)

**Mt. High Highway Cleanup**

**Oct. 15 (Sat.).** It's time for our Spring Cleaning of the 2 miles of Highway 26 we've adopted.

We'll meet at **10 am** in Skibowl's parking lot, and spend about 2 hours removing stuff people throw out along the highway. Let's see who will find the most interesting object! Bring some gloves. We will provide garbage bags and garbage pickers.

At **noon**, lunch will be provided for all who participate in the cleanup. Most likely at the Ice Axe brew pub or at The Taco Shoppe in Government Camp.

Please RSVP by contacting **Debbi Kor**, 503-314-7078 or [ijustwannarun1@comcast.net](mailto:ijustwannarun1@comcast.net)

**Mt. High Mt. High Cookbook**

Please contribute a recipe for our club's cookbook.

Please send your contributions to Debbi Kor,  
[ijustwannarun1@comcast.net](mailto:ijustwannarun1@comcast.net)

**Snowvana**

**October 21 - 22 (Fri. - Sat.)**  
The ultimate celebration of Winter at Portland's **Memorial Coliseum** on Friday (3 - 10 pm) and Saturday (10 am - 10 pm).

This inaugural event will feature live music, the Mt. Hood Film Festival with season premieres from top ski and snowboard filmmakers, a local Brewfest, wine and spirits tasting, Portland's ski and snowboard shops selling brand new gear and apparel, plus reps from Timberline Lodge, Mt. Hood Meadows and Mt. Hood Ski Bowl, all of which will give away hundreds of free lift tickets.

Admission is \$5 per day, or \$8 for Two-day Pass. Kids 12 and under free.

**Mt. High Warren Miller's dinner & movie**

**Oct. 21, 2016. (Friday)**  
Dinner and a movie!

**Dinner/drinks at 5:30 pm** at location to be announced. A place we've been at before, or something new.

**Movie at 7:30 pm** at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 1037 SW Broadway, Portland.

No more Canada among the freebies, but now we get Bachelor & Timberline tickets. Everyone will receive:

1. **Lift ticket to Mt. Bachelor**, valid Sunday - Friday (non-holiday), from all season.
2. **Timberline ski area: 2-for-1 lift tickets** valid Monday - Friday all season.
3. **Lift ticket at Steamboat, Colorado**, valid 11.24.16 through 12.16.16, or 4.1.17 through 4.16.17.
4. **Squaw Valley / Alpine Meadows: 2-for-1 lift tickets** valid from Opening Day 2016 through Closing Day 2017. OFFER NOT VALID Saturdays AND the following blackout dates: 12.17.16 through 12.31.16, 1.14.17 through 1.15.17, AND 2.18.17 through 2.25.17.
5. **A free subscription to Ski Magazine**, if you fill out the contest entry form at the theater.

**To participate in our group tickets purchase, you must send payment by Friday, September 23.**

**The price of the movie is high, but it will be more than offset by the free lift ticket to Mt. Bachelor, plus all the other freebies, including a free subscription to Ski Magazine.**

**The price still needs to be confirmed. Please email Sandra first, tell her you are coming, and ask her to confirm the price.**

Please make your **\$20.50** check (per person) payable to **Sandra Smith**, and send it to:

Sandra Smith,  
1500 SW 134th Ave.,  
Beaverton, OR 97005.

Email: [Sandra@pacifier.com](mailto:Sandra@pacifier.com) Phone: 503-646-4591

You can also buy tickets on your own, through Tickets West, but it will cost you an additional \$9. We will purchase group tickets only for those who send their checks ahead of time.

**Let Sandra know if you are coming to dinner.**



## Mt. Hood Fusion Pass

You can save money with the Fusion Pass. We have two trips this winter, where you can use the Fusion Pass: on the "Powder Alliance" trip in February, and on the Leavenworth trip in March.

With the Fusion Pass, you get 6 days of free skiing on our Powder Alliance trip. And one free day on the Leavenworth trip.

On top of that, you get unlimited skiing at both Timberline and Mt. Hood Skibowl, plus 3 free days at each of about a dozen other ski areas

You can buy your Fusion Pass online, starting at: [www.mthoodfusionpass.com](http://www.mthoodfusionpass.com), but you will still need to eventually have your picture taken and pick up your pass at Timberline or Skibowl.

How much you will pay for the Fusion Pass depends mainly on your age:

1. **Adult, age 25-64:** \$499
2. **Young adult, 15-24:** \$349
3. **Junior, 7 - 14:** \$249
4. **Senior, 65-70:** \$249
5. **Exactly 70:** If you don't plan on skiing at Timberline and Skibowl more than 3 times each, but you want the Powder Alliance benefits, you can buy the Premium season pass at Stevens Pass for about \$129 or less. Steven Pass is part of the Powder Alliance.
6. **Super-senior, 71+:** You can get the local pass for free, but it won't be valid outside of Mt. Hood. To get the full Powder Alliance privileges, the Fusion Pass will cost you \$50.

NOTE: All prices will go up after November 6 (after the Portland Ski Fever Show).



## Mt. High booth at the Portland SkiFever & Snowboard Show

**Nov. 4 - 6, 2016 (Fri - Sun.)**

The **Northwest Ski Club Council** and **SkiFever & Snowboard Show** have joined forces to kick off the winter ski season.

**Our club**, just like all the other NWSCC ski clubs, will have a 10 x 10 display space at the Show. It will be our home for the 3 days of the SkiFever, November 4 - 6, 2016 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) at the Portland Expo Center, 2060 N. Marine Dr., Portland, OR.

You can come to our booth and **renew your club membership, sign up for trips, and find out more about our club.**

NOTE that there will be no Ski Fair this year.

We will also need several **volunteers** to take on a 3-hour shift staffing our booth. All volunteers will receive a free entry to the Show. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our Membership director, **Karen Michels**, and tell her which day and what time of day would work best for you. Reach Karen at: [skiklynn@gmail.com](mailto:skiklynn@gmail.com) or 503-984-9210.

**SkiFever** packs the entire ski & snowboard universe all under one roof™. With 108,000 square feet of exhibition space, SkiFever provides live acts, interactive exhibits and ongoing giveaways that provide SkiFever visitors with non-stop entertainment. Enjoy the new SkiFever BrewFest, with beer from Deschutes Brewery, Oregon WineFest, and regional spirits.

**Save big.** Up to 70% off on top brand gear, clothing and accessories!

**Dream.** Check out resorts for winter destination vacations to get discount travel and lift packages!

**Taste.** Walk and shop through the new SkiFever BrewFest, with beer from Deschutes Brewery, Oregon WineFest, and regional spirits!

**Thrill.** Watch past and future Olympic and X-Game medal winners perform tricks and stunts on the Les Schwab Main Stage and Hillcrest Sports Rail Jam!

**Party.** Throw your hands in the air at the SkiFever Pray For Snow Party™ with Government Camp's favorite band, Phamous Phases. Enjoy Free Beer & Pizza while it lasts and the best live music!



## Lift tickets and Season Passes

Here is a comparison of various lift tickets and passes. Which pass is best for you depends on how much you'll ski. Will you ski enough times at the same ski area to justify a season pass? Note that PACRAT racers will be able to get discounted lift tickets on their race days. Remember that Meadows and Timberline will be offering **Spring Passes** valid for March, April and May, for about \$100 - \$130. Consider buying a 5 day or 10 day pass plus a Spring Pass, and they don't have to be at the same ski area. Also, note the following changes within the last couple of years:

1. The **Fusion Pass / Powder Alliance** has increased from 13 to 14 ski areas. Whitewater was added last winter (2015/2016).
2. The **Mountain Collective Pass** has added Ski Banff-Lake Louise and Sunshine, for a total of 14 ski areas.
3. **All prices will increase in early November. Epic Pass increases Sept. 5. Mt. Bachelor prices increase after September 30.**

Ski area / Name of Pass	1 Day	4 or 5 Day	10/12 Days	Season Pass	Senior Season	Season Pass description
<b><u>Mt. Bachelor</u></b> Optionally, add on the M.A.X. Pass to 32 mountains for \$299, offering 14 ski areas in the West and 18 in the East.	\$92	4-pack \$209 N/A after 9/30	12-day \$569	\$929	\$599	The M.A.X. Pass: 32 mountains, 5 days each, but must be purchased at \$299 on top of the Season Pass price. Multi-day and season prices will increase a lot after Sept. 30.
<b><u>M.A. X. Pass by itself</u></b> 32 mountains, 5 days each, 14 ski areas in the West and 18 in the East.	--	--	--	\$649	\$649	The 14 western ski areas are: Alyeska, Mt. Bachelor, Big Sky, Boreal, Brighton, Copper Mt., Crested Butte, Crystal Mt., Cypress Mt., Eldora, Lee Canyon Las Vegas, Mountain High, Solitude, Summit at Snoqualmie.
<b><u>Mt. Hood Meadows</u></b> Includes 5 free days at Mt. Baker/ Plus 3 days at WinterPark/ Steamboat. Plus 25% off day tix @ Big White.	\$74	5-days \$299	10-days \$399	\$519	\$389	Includes 5 free days at Mt. Baker (mid-week till March 2, then any day. Not valid December 12-30. Also 3 days at Steamboat & WinterPark combined. Also 25% off day tickets at Big White. Prices rise \$60 after Nov. 6.
<b><u>Mt. Hood Skibowl</u> -Last year</b>	\$50	--	--	\$329	\$129	Prices increase Nov. 6, and Nov. 27.
<b><u>Timberline</u> - Last year's. New prices after Sept. 6.</b>	\$68	5-days \$225	10-days \$375	\$399	\$149	Multi-day and season prices will increase after Nov. 17.
<b><u>Fusion Pass/Powder Alliance</u></b> Timberline + Skibowl + 3 free tickets at each of: Stevens Pass, Schweitzer, Bridger Bowl, Snowbasin, Sierra-at-Tahoe, China Peak, Mountain High, Arizona Snowbowl, Angel Fire, Crested Butte, Silver Star, Whitewater.	--	--	--	\$499	\$249	Unlimited skiing at Timberline and Skibowl + 36 other free lift tickets, 3 tickets at each of 12 other ski areas. Not valid on Saturdays. Super seniors (over 71): only \$50. Prices will increase by \$25 after Nov. 6 (after the SkiFever Show).
<b><u>Mountain Collective Pass</u></b> 2 lift tickets at each: Taos, Thredbo, Coronet Peak/Remarkables (Australia), Whistler/Blackcomb, Jackson Hole, Aspen/Snowmass, Alta/Snowbird, Mammoth Mt., Lake Louise, Sun Valley, Stowe, Squaw/Alpine Meadows, Revelstoke, and Telluride.	--	--	28-time pass \$409	--	--	A 28-time pass, with just 2 days at each of 14 destinations, but additional days at each resort are \$50% off. No blackout dates. To make the most of it, visit as many ski areas as possible.
<b><u>Snowbomb Platinum Pass</u></b> 4 lift tickets total, 1 at each: Homewood, Bear Valley, China Peak, and Mt. Rose, all in CA.	--	4-pack \$79	--	--	--	Also included are 2 free nights of lodging, Sunday - Thursday at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, NV. Also discounts at some Tahoe areas.
<b><u>Epic Pass</u> (Vail Resorts): 4 days at Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Heavenly, Northstar, Kirkwood, Park City, Arapahoe B., plus 4 days at Afton Alps, Mt. Brighton, or Wilmot.</b>	--	4-day \$399	7-day \$609	season \$809	season \$809	4 free days at 9 western ski resorts, plus 4 free days at mid-west ski areas. Whistler/Blackcomb will not be included until 2017/2018. No blackout dates. Prices will increase after Sept. 5.

Click on the blue, underlined pass name for more detailed info and to purchase it.



## Ski Area News

### Vail Resorts Purchases Whistler/Blackcomb

Vail Resorts Inc. has reached an agreement to buy Whistler Blackcomb Holdings, owner of Whistler Blackcomb ski resort. The C\$1.4 billion deal is expected to result in Vail's marketing machine to attract greater numbers of international visitors to Whistler Blackcomb.

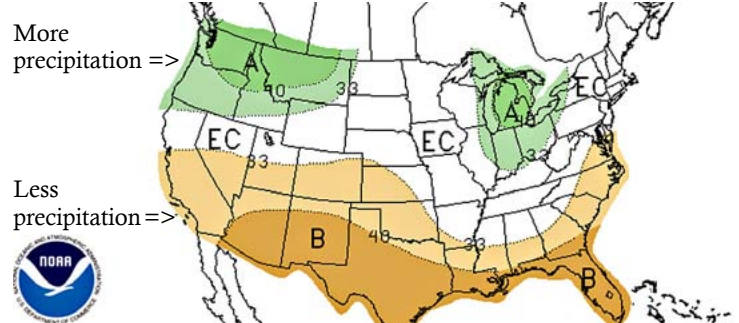
"We have felt for a long time that Whistler (Blackcomb) is really the best positioned North American resort to benefit from the growth that we expect in outbound Chinese ski visitation, especially as China starts to ramp up towards the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics," explained Vail CEO Rob Katz.

Whistler/Blackcomb will not be included in Vail's Epic Pass until the 2017/2018 winter season. This 2016/17 season, the Mountain Collective pass will still be valid at Whistler/Blackcomb.

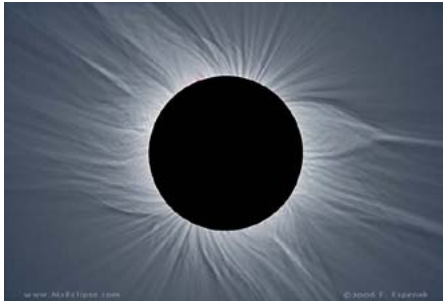
### La Niña brings snow to the NW

Everyone is predicting that La Niña will bring us colder and up to 30% snowier weather this winter.

La Niña generally pushes the jet stream farther north from the Pacific Ocean through the U.S. This increases the chance of snow across the Pacific Northwest (Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia), but it can also decrease snowfall across southern States.



## Solar Eclipse coming to Oregon



**August 21, 2017.** Get ready for an astronomical treat. A very rare event will happen in Oregon on Monday, August 21, 2017. It's a solar eclipse, when the moon gets exactly between the Earth and the Sun. The moon will block the sun's rays for about **2 minutes**. The full eclipse will start in Salem, OR at **10:18 am**. Some general effects, such as a gradual fading of the sun, will be noticeable about 30 minutes earlier.

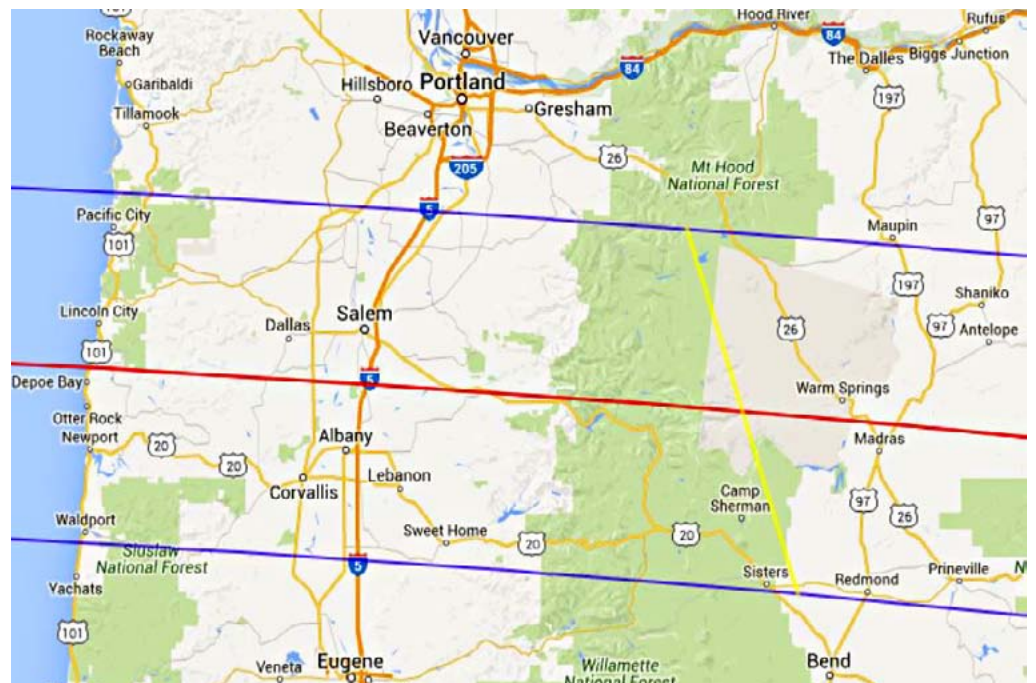
The total eclipse will be visible only along a narrow path. The moon will cast a shadow only 87 miles wide, as shown by the blue lines on the map. The

red line shows the location of the longest lasting eclipse. The eclipse will last only a few seconds near the blue lines. So, the best viewing will be in places like Depoe Bay, Salem, Albany, Warm Springs and Madras.

Portland, Eugene and Bend will only see a partial eclipse, which is just a fading of the sun, not much.

Plan to come closer to Salem to see the real thing. That's when you can briefly see the sun's corona streaming outward.

The moon's shadow will race across Oregon in just 12 minutes at the speed of 3,400 miles per hour.





## Mt.High and Ski Kats

## Mystery trip



1 central lodging, 2 ski areas

**January 19 - 22, 2017. (Thursday - Sunday)**

3 nights / 3 days skiing. -- Our first 3-day mystery trip!

2 days at: Mystery location 1.

1 day at: Mystery location 2

No need to pack and move every day. We'll stay in the same hotel all 3 nights. The hotel has a hot tub and indoor swimming pool. It also has free Wi-Fi and free breakfast (waffles, cereal, bread, muffins, fresh fruit, pastries, bagels, milk). All rooms have a hair-dryer, coffee-maker, microwave and refrigerator, and ultra-fast internet.

This will be a unique trip, shrouded in mystery. Let us take you some place fun for 3 days and nights! Experience something new.

On the bus, we'll have fun playing mystery games! It will be fun!

Both ski areas have a wide variety of terrain. One of them is famous for the fact that everyone who has ever skied there loves it. Both lower intermediates and advanced powder skiers love it there.

The other ski area we'll visit is less well known and it will probably be a new find for most trip participants. Unfortunately, we'll have to leave that area early, in order to make it back home at a reasonable hour.

Both Mystery locations offer miles of Nordic trails, as well as cross-country equipment rental.

**Price:** 1. With downhill lift tickets for 3 days: **\$475** per person.

2. With no lift tickets = **\$370**

Nordic skiers, snowshoers, and non-skiers pay the lower price and buy their own passes, as needed.

Price includes all bus transportation, 3 nights lodging, and 3 lift tickets. Two lunches and one dinner are included. Depending on the number of people that sign up (the more the better), if we end up with any surplus, we will include another dinner.

Space is limited by the size of the bus. Also, this trip is open to members of other clubs as well, so please sign up early! See more details at: [http://www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm#Mystery\\_trip](http://www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm#Mystery_trip)

**To reserve your spot:** Please send in a deposit check of \$175 per person, preferably by November 15, 2016.

Full payment due by December 15, 2016. No refunds after December 15, unless you can fill your spot. See our Mt. High Trip Cancellation Policy

Please use the [Dough Transmittal form](#) on the Forms & Docs page on our web site, or on the next to last page in our newsletter. Make check payable to Mountain High Snowsport Club, and mail it to:

Mountain High  
PO Box 2182  
Portland, OR 97208

Contact trip leader: **Emilio Trampuz**,  
503-378-0171, [Emilio2000@earthlink.net](mailto:Emilio2000@earthlink.net)



## Mt. High and Ski Kats

## Powder Alliance trip



## Whitewater, BC + Schweitzer Mt., ID - both Downhill &amp; Nordic skiing



Schweitzer Mt.

February 25 - March 4, 2017 -- Saturday - Saturday.

\* **Bus trip!** No wear and tear on your car!

\* **Fresh powder!** Both mountains known for their powder.

\* **Free skiing!** Ski 6 free days with Fusion Pass.

We'll spend 3 days skiing at Whitewater (British Columbia), and then an additional 3 days at Schweitzer Mt., Idaho. It will be an inexpensive trip, thanks to the **Powder Alliance** deal, which means that anyone with a **Fusion Pass** (to Timberline & Skibowl) gets to ski for free on all the 6 days.

**Whitewater, BC** is located about an hour north of the US/Canada border, and just 15 minutes from the charming town of Nelson, where we will be staying.

With an average annual snowfall of 40 feet, Whitewater has the reputation of being "one of the best powder mountain on the continent" (according to Powder Magazine). It has 2044 vertical feet, 1,200 acres, served by 3 lifts, each serving a different side of the 2 side-by side mountains. There are also 15 km of groomed trails and 10 kilometers of snowshoe trails.

**Schweitzer Mt., Idaho.** offers 2,900 acres and 2,400 vertical feet, served by One high-speed six-pack; two high-speed quads; one triple chairlift; three double chairlifts; 1 T-Bar. It is famous for its powder skiing. This time we will stay in the nearby town of Sandpoint, at a Best Western hotel right next to Lake Pend Oreille, and within walking distance of downtown, where you will find lots of dining options.

**Prices:** 1. Adult full price = **\$1,133**

2. Senior full price (65 to 74) = **\$1,086**

3. Super-Senior full price (75-79) = **\$949**

4. Nordic full price (regular & senior) = **\$825**

5. Adults with Fusion Pass = **\$765**

6. Seniors with Fusion Pass = **\$765**

7. Base Price without any lift tickets = **\$765**

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Free skiing is only for those 80 and over. 75 and over will have free skiing only at Whitewater.

Many seniors will do better with a senior Fusion pass but it depends on age. A **Fusion Pass** for seniors (which needs to be purchased before the trip) costs about \$250 for those 65-70, and about \$50 for those 71 and over.

To purchase a Fusion Pass, go to: [www.mthoodfusionpass.com](http://www.mthoodfusionpass.com)

Price includes all bus transportation, 7 nights lodging, and 6 lift tickets. Two lunches (on the way up and on the return trip) are included. Depending on the number of people that sign up (the more the better) and the rate of exchange with the Canadian dollar, if we end up with any surplus, we might include some breakfasts and/or dinners too.

Space is limited to 48 people. This trip will be open to members of other clubs, so please sign up early!

**To reserve your spot:** Please send in a deposit check of \$250 per person **by September 15, 2016**. Note that last year's Canada trip sold out prior to our annual Kickoff Party.

**Full payment due by January 1, 2017.** No refunds after January 1 unless you can fill your spot. See our Mt. High Trip Cancellation Policy

Print our [Dough Transmittal Form](#) and mail it in with your \$250 deposit check payable to Mountain High club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208.

Please indicate on the form which of the options you are signing up for. We need to know if you are a Senior (over 65) and if you intend to purchase the Fusion Pass (with the Powder Alliance deal).

More trip details at: [http://www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm#Powder Alliance trip](http://www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm#Powder%20Alliance%20trip)

**Contact trip leader:** Karen Michels, [skiklynn@gmail.com](mailto:skiklynn@gmail.com), 503-984-9210



## Mt. High

## Leavenworth trip

**Mission Ridge + Stevens Pass****March 17-19, 2017 - 2 days/ 2 nights.**

Maximum 50 people on the bus; inquire about driving options if bus is full, if you want to bring your family, or if you are coming from another city. The bus trips are usually our club's best and most fun events. We will leave Friday at 3 pm, and return Sunday night by 9:00 -9:30 pm. We'll visit:

1. **Mission Ridge**. 2,250' vertical. 1 Express Quad, 3 Doubles. You can ski by a World War II bomber that crashed on the mountain. Get a 15% dining discount by showing your group lift ticket.

2. **Stevens Pass**, lots of tree skiing, front and back + lots of cruisers! 1,800' vertical on 3 sides of 2 different mountains, served by 3 Quads, 4 Triples, 3 Doubles. Note that if you buy a [Fusion Pass](#) this year, you will be able to use that pass for free skiing at Stevens Pass and your trip price will be reduced by \$37 (our very special group rate).

**Lodging:** We'll stay in the charming town of Leavenworth. We have booked almost the entire Obertal Inn, right in the middle of Leavenworth, just for us! A very nice "expanded continental breakfast" is included for everyone. The Obertal has expanded their breakfast room and their already excellent menu, now including an egg dish every day. Most rooms have 2 queen beds, though there are a few king rooms available. Full disclosure: the Obertal has 3 stories with no elevator. In addition, we have booked three 2 bedroom/2-1/2 bath fully equipped townhomes directly across the street.

The townhomes have one king master suite, one queen bedroom with bath in the hall, and a sleeper sofa downstairs with a half bath (that person has to shower upstairs). We can put 5 people in a townhome with one person on a sleeper at no additional pp cost (\$20 price reduction for the person sleeping on the sofa bed); for more privacy, if you want 4 in a townhome add \$30 pp for 4 people.

All people staying in townhomes have to agree to stay together; we will not assign people who don't know each other into that setting. There is an additional 3 bedroom/2 bath townhome a block away.

Breakfasts will not be included for the people staying there.

**Two dinners included!** The club will provide a Bavarian Banquet Dinner at the Andreas Keller Restaurant in Leavenworth on Saturday night (drinks, appetizers, and alcoholic beverages on your own).

You will also get a buffet dinner at Old Country Buffet in Bellevue on the bus trip back home on Sunday night.

**Price:** (per pers.) includes: bus, 2 nights lodging, 2 dinners, depends on your age and if you have a Fusion Pass.

Standard Adult, PP/DO with 2 lift tickets \$360

Standard Adult, PP/DO with Fusion Pass (Stevens Pass free) \$323

Super Senior, 70+, PP/DO with 2 lift tickets \$310

Super Senior, 70+, PP/DO with Fusion Pass (Stevens Pass free) \$295

Non-skier on the bus, including meals \$280

Four people in a townhome instead of five (all 4 must agree) add \$30 pp.

If you are interested in driving over (i.e. if the bus is full, you want to bring your family, or you are coming from another city) contact Linda McGavin for special pricing

**To reserve your spot:** Please send in a deposit check of \$150 per person.

Full payment due by February 20, 2017. No refunds after February 20, unless you can fill your spot. See our Mt. High Trip Cancellation Policy

Please use the [Dough Transmittal form](#) on the Forms & Docs page on our web site, or on the next to last page in our newsletter. Make check payable to Mountain High Snowsport Club, and mail it to: Mountain High, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208

Contact: trip leader **Linda McGavin** (trip leader) at 503-652-2840, [Trips@mthigh.org](mailto:Trips@mthigh.org) or **Emilio Trampuz** (co-captain), 503-378-0171, [Emilio2000@earthlink.net](mailto:Emilio2000@earthlink.net)

More ski trips info at: [www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm](http://www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm).



**January 28 – February 4, 2017** Annual ski week organized by the Far West Ski Association.

Breckenridge or “Breck” (as Summit County locals call it) is a destination ski resort with the perfect blend of everything you could want on a ski vacation: world-class skiing for all levels, a fun nightlife scene, great restaurants, and a historic downtown. Breckenridge is a former mining town with Victorian architecture. It will be the combination of the exhilarating on-mountain skiing, the historic town activities and the organized group experiences that will make this an exciting and memorable trip.

Breck has five interconnected peaks, which offer an amazing variety of skiing for all skill levels. Peak 10 offers steep runs and challenging moguls. Peak 9 is best for beginners. Situated in the heart of the resort, Peak 8 is packed with trails for all levels. The upper part of Peak 8 is composed of advanced and expert terrain, and is served by the highest lift in North America. Intermediate skiers will feel at home on Peak 7's blue runs. Peak 6 is also geared primarily to intermediate skiers, but also includes a large amount of advanced terrain and chutes.

We will be staying at the Mountain Thunder Lodge, an elegant stone-and-timber condominium lodge situated in a beautiful wooded area along a ski run. The lodging is ski-in, with only a short walk to the base gondola in town that goes to Peaks 7 & 8. See pictures of the lodging at: <http://www.breckresorts.com/lodging/mountain-thunder-lodge/overview.aspx?cmpid=PPC303950342>

**Lodging and Amenities Package** per person, double occupancy = **\$1025.\*\*** This price does not include discount lift tickets or transportation. What is included is:

- 7 nights lodging (double occupancy per bedroom)
- Portage for luggage
- Registration
- Welcome Party
- Pub Crawl
- Northwest Ski Club Council Night Dinner
- Mountain Picnic
- Après Ski Party
- Activity Fee - Racing and Scavenger Hunt
- Banquet with Dancing



**\*\* For private bedroom add single supplement: \$675.**

Anyone who chooses to purchase an Epic Pass (various Epic Passes are available) through Sports America Tours will receive a \$50 discount on the Basic Package price. Here's the link to view the pass options: <https://www.sportsamerica.com/epic-fwsa> Please contact the trip leader if you are interested in this option.

For most of us, significantly discounted group lift tickets are the best option for this trip and cost as follows:

5 of 6 day adult \$375, with the option of a 6th day for an additional \$35.

5 of 6 day senior (65 and over) \$332, with the option of a 6th day for an additional \$25.

Your multiple day lift ticket is good at all Vail Resorts (Breck, Keystone, Vail, and Beaver Creek) and at Arapahoe Basin. There is free Summit County bus service to Keystone and Arapahoe Basin. Up to 2 days of the 5 day lift ticket may be used at Vail or Beaver Creek during the week. We are planning an optional mid-week chartered bus trip to Vail.

See details in the trip flyer. <http://www.mthigh.org/Trips/2017-FWSA-Ski-Week-Breckenridge-Flyer-01.pdf>

**Questions?** Contact **Rod Robinson** at [rdrobinson@aol.com](mailto:rdrobinson@aol.com) or 541-344-7170.

**To sign up:** Send a \$100, deposit. Make your checks payable to: **Northwest Ski Club Council**. Mail should be addressed to:

NWSCC | Breckenridge Trip,  
Rod Robinson, 5230 Overbrook Ln., Eugene, OR 97405

More ski trips info at: [www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm](http://www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm).



**MOUNTAIN HIGH****Contacts / Club info****SNOWSPORT CLUB****Man & Woman of the Year**

**Karen Michels**, our Membership director, has led a number of bike rides last summer and organized one of our best ski trips to Canada so far.



**Steve Royce**, our Secretary, has attended all Board meetings, kept accurate meeting Minutes, and participated in the club's decision making.

**Mountain High Meeting**

Usually last Monday.

**September 26 (Mon.):** Open to all who want to get involved with the club. Gather at **6 pm**. Start at **6:30 pm**.

**Location:** Round Table Pizza, 10070 SW Barbur Blvd. (near Capitol Hwy.)

**Mountain High snowsport club contacts:**

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**DOUGH TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Mail check payable to: Mountain High Snowsport Club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY: ☐ New membership or ☐ Renewal

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (MM/DD) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Hm): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Wk): \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Hm): \_\_\_\_\_ Email (Wk): \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I am 21 years of age or more. I acknowledge that I am responsible for my own safety and conduct. I hereby agree to be bound by all Mountain High Snowsport Club bylaws and regulations, including the Trip Cancellation Policy. I hereby release Mountain High Snowsport Club, and any of their agents (officers, directors, trip captains, and any other Club representatives) from liability for personal injury, property damage, or any other liability of any kind connected with my participation in any club-related activity. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify and hold the Club and any of their agents harmless from any and all liabilities of any kind which may be incurred or asserted against the Club or any of their agents in any way relating to my negligence or willful misconduct connected with my participation in the club's activities.

**Email Preferences:** - Newsletter (once a month): ☐ yes, link only ☐ yes, complete file ☐ no  
☐ No changes - Club news & events (between newsletters): ☐ yes ☐ no  
 (same as last year) - Other ski news (NWSCC, FWSA, ski areas, trips...): ☐ yes ☐ no  
 - Is it OK to share your email address with other club members? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please take my money, and apply it toward the following Ski Club fun stuff:

	Deposit?	Paid in full?
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Annual Membership</b> (Oct. 1, 2016 - Sept. 2017): Single (\$25); couple (\$40)	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>PACRAT Racing (2017)</b> \$99 for the whole season. Team: _____	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rafting weekend</b> (Aug. 11-14). Members=\$75. Non-members=\$90. No rafting=\$25	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rafting optional add-ons.</b> RV space=\$25 per day.	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mystery trip</b> (Jan. 19-22, 2017). Deposit = \$175. Total cost = \$475.	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Powder Alliance trip</b> (Feb. 25 - March 4, 2017) Deposit = \$250.	\$ _____	_____
Trip options: Age bracket ( _____ ). Will you have a Fusion Pass? [ Y / N ]		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Leavenworth trip</b> (March 17-19, 2017). Deposit = \$150. Total = \$360 or \$323.	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other:</b> _____	\$ _____	_____

Comments (For whom you are paying. Roommate requests,...): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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See our Trips cancellation policy on our web site: <http://www.mthigh.org/Documents/Trip-Cancellation-Policy.pdf>

Checkmark all desired options.

**Club membership = 245      Newsletter Distribution**

The September issue is posted on our web site. Also:  
**277** copies sent via email (as PDF files)  
**15** paper printed copies sent via US Mail.  
 Copies are also sent to potential members, other clubs,  
 the National Ski Club Newsletter, etc.

**Count Your Ski Areas**

Set up your own counter of ski areas visited. Use a modified form of John and Jewel's spreadsheet with 3 added columns, for up to 3 more people. Make one of these your own. Enter a "1" for every ski area visited. See: <http://www.mthigh.org/Documents/North-American-Ski-Areas-2014-5-25.xls>

**FWSA      Diving Trip to Fiji      ✈**

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 8, 2016**

**Beqa Lagoon Resort:** September 24 – October 1, 2016  
 Diver Package: \$1,916. Non-Diver Package: \$1,383.  
 Single Supp. Add - \$308.

**Paradise Taveuni Resort:** October 1 – 8, 2016  
 Diver Package: \$2,171. Non-Diver Package: \$1,220.  
 Single Supp. Add - \$747.

You can do Beqa (week 1), Paradise (week 2) or both.

Each week, the price includes:

- 7 nights – based on 2 per room. All meals daily
- Use of paddle boards, kayaks & catamarans
- 5 days (12 boat dives at Beqa, 16 at Paradise)

**Contact: Randy Lew**, FWSA Dive Trip Leader, 7007  
 SW Iron Horse St., Wilsonville, OR 97070.

Cell: 530/304-0802 e-mail: [FWSA13Randy@telis.org](mailto:FWSA13Randy@telis.org)

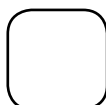
**Info:** <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/Dive/2016-FWSA-Fiji/Fiji-Index.html>

**NWSCC Ski & Ride Challenge**

The NW Ski Club Council wants to encourage you to ski more places. If you have skied or ridden any 7 or more Northwest resorts during the 2015-2016 ski season, you are eligible to win a prize. Just mail your lift tickets and/or receipts to the NWSCC. **Do it now!** Winners will be announced in December.

Ski areas that count are all those in **Oregon, Washington, Hawaii**, as well as our commercial member resorts in **British Columbia** (Big White, Sun Peaks, Whitewater, Kicking Horse, Fernie, Kimberley and Nakiska), one in **Colorado** (Aspen/Snowmass), 3 in **Idaho** (Brundage, Schweitzer, and Sun Valley), 1 in **Montana** (Whitefish Mt.) and 2 in **Wyoming** (Grand Targhee, Jackson Hole).

**Mail your lift tickets** or receipts to the Northwest Ski Club Council, Ski Challenge, 5331 SW Macadam Avenue, Suite 258, Box 438, Portland, OR 97239.



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