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PRESS RELEASE

Storms bring more snow creating a winter wonderland for the holidays in the Pacific Northwest Mountains.

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La Conner, WA – Recent storms have brought more snow to the mountains where skiers and snowboarders are enjoying a winter wonderland. All the winter resort members of PNSAA are open for the holidays with plenty of snow for family fun in the mountains. The season is off to a great start in the Pacific Northwest so gather friends and family and head to the mountains. Following is a rundown of the resorts that will be operating this through the holiday period.

WASHINGTON

49 Degrees North will be open 7 days a week from December 18, 2015 through January 5 with lifts will operating from 9am to 3:30pm. For more information on operations and conditions see: http://www.ski49n.com/snow_report.php or contact Eric Bakken, ebakken@ski49n.com, 509-935-6649.

Crystal Mountain is open 9 am to 4 pm for daily operations. For more information on conditions and operations go to: <http://crystalmountainresort.com/the-mountain/current-conditions> or contact Tiana Anderson, tiana@skicrystal.com, 360-663-3012.

Hurricane Ridge Ski & Snowboard Area plans to begin winter operations on Saturday, December 19 with 2 tows. For details go to: <http://hurricaneridge.com/> or contact Frank Crippen, info@hurricaneridge.com, 360-457-2879.

Leavenworth Winter Sports Club Ski Hill will be open for daily operations beginning December 18th through January 3rd. The Icicle River Trail and Ski Hill Nordic Trail is open daily for Nordic skiing both skate and classic. Details on conditions and operations at <https://www.skileavenworth.com/conditions> or contact Mark Milliette, mmilliette@skileavenworth.com, 509-548-5477.

Loup Loup Ski Bowl will open Friday, December 18 through the Christmas holiday season ending January 3, 2016 (closed Christmas Day). The regular operating schedule of Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday will

start on January, 6. For current conditions and operations go to: www.skitheloup.com/conditions or contact CP Grosenick, Manager@SkiTheLoup.com, (509) 557-3402.

Mission Ridge Ski & Snowboard Resort is open starting Thursday, December 17 with 7 day a week operations until January 3 for the holiday period. For details see: <https://missionridge.com/snow-report> or contact Tony Hickok, ahickok@missionridge.com, 509-588-9404.

Methow Trails is open daily with every trail in the 120 mile system. For more information go to: <http://www.methowtrails.org/winter-trails/grooming/> or contact James DeSalvo, james@mvsta.com, or (509) 996-3287.

Mt Baker is operating daily out of both base areas through the holidays. For current operations and conditions go to: <http://www.mtbaker.us/snow-report/> or Amy Towbridge, amy@mtbaker.us, 360-734-6771.

Mt Spokane Ski & Snowboard Park will be open daily from 9 am to 4 pm for the holidays through Monday, January 4. Night skiing begins on Friday, December 18. For current operations and conditions go to: <http://www.mtspokane.com/snowreport> or contact Kristin Whitaker, Kristin@mtspokane.com, 509-238-7005.

Ski Bluewood is opening Friday, December 18 with Skyline Express chair lift and the platter pull starting at 9 am. Rentals, food services and snow sports also will be available. The resort will be open every day through January 3 except for Christmas Day. Daily hours are 9 am to 4 pm except for December 24, which will be 9 am to 2 pm. For more information go to <https://bluewood.com/conditions> or contact Loree Chase-Waite, loree@bluewood.com, 509-382-4725.

The Summit at Snoqualmie is open daily from 9 am to 4 pm. For more information see: <http://www.summitatsnoqualmie.com/conditions> or contact Guy Lawrence, glawrence@summiti90.com, (425)-434-6728.

Stevens Pass Mountain Resort is operating daily 9 am to 4 pm. For details see: www.stevenspass.com, or contact Alysa Hetze, alysa.hetze@stevenspass.com, 206-812-7344.

White Pass Ski Area is temporarily closed because Washington State Department of Transportation has closed US Highway 12. For updates go to <http://skiwhitepass.com/the-mountain/snow-report.aspx> or contact Kathleen Goyette, kat@skiwhitepass.com or 509-945-3789.

OREGON

Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort is open daily for the holiday break, December 19th through January 3rd (closed Christmas Day). For more details on conditions and operations go to: <http://anthonylakes.com/> or contact Chelsea McLagan, chelsea@anthonylakes.com, 541.856.3277.

Mt Ashland will be open on Thursday, December 17 with lifts operating seven days a week through Monday, January 4. The lodge will be open with food service, equipment rental, and retail shop. For more details on

conditions and operations go to <http://www.mtashland.com/mountain-report/> or contact Hiram Towle, htowle@mtashland.com, 541-482-2897 ext. 224.

Mt Bachelor is operating daily from 9 am to 4 pm. For more information go to: <http://www.mtbachelor.com/conditions-report/> or contact Spencer Weimar, sweimat@mtbachelor.com, 541-693-0953.

Mt Hood Meadows is open daily with lifts scheduled from 9 AM - 4 PM. Starting Friday (December 18) the lift schedule will be extended to 9 PM Wednesday through Sunday for night skiing. More information on operations and conditions at: <https://www.skihood.com/the-mountain/conditions>, or contact Dave Tragethon, dave.tragethon@skihood.com, 971-373-8111.

Mt Hood Skibowl opened for the season on Wednesday, December 16 and Thursday, December 17 for night skiing 3 to 9 pm with two chairs and one tow. Starting Friday, December 18 the resort will operate daily, 9 am to 11 pm through the holidays with four chairs and two tows. The Tube Hill & Adventure Park and Cosmic Tubing will also be open daily during the holidays. For details on operations and conditions go to: <http://www.skibowl.com/winter/mt-hood-weather-conditions> or contact Hans Wipper, hans.wipper@skibowl.com or 503-272-3206.

Timberline Lodge is in daily operations from 9 am to 4 pm. Conditions and operating information at: <http://www.timberlinelodge.com/conditions/> or contact John Burton, jburton@timberlinelodge.com, 503-272-3345.

Warner Canyon Ski Area is scheduled to begin operations for the 2015-2016 season Wednesday, December 23, weather permitting. The area will operate daily through Sunday, January 3 except Christmas Day. Regular operating schedule is Saturday and Sunday. For more information go to <http://warnercanyon.org/> or 541-947-5001.

Willamette Pass is opening on Friday, December 18 with operations daily through Sunday, January 3. After the holidays the normal operating schedule is Wednesday through Sunday, 9 am to 4 pm. For current conditions and operations go to: <http://willamettepass.com/mountain/snowreport.php> or contact

IDAHO

Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area has the entire mountain open. Nordic Center will be fully operational as will the GoldRush tubing hill. Night skiing begins Saturday, December 19. More details at: www.bogusbasin.org, or contact John Hart, john@bogusbasin.org, 208-332-5125

Lookout will be open 7 days a week for Christmas vacation break, Thursday, December 17 through Monday, January 4. More information at: <https://skilookout.com/snow-report>, or contact Phil Edholm, phil@skilookout.com, 208-744-1301.

Schweitzer Mountain is open daily from 9 am to 3:30 pm. For more information on conditions and operations: <http://www.schweitzer.com/mountain/snow-report/> or contact Sean Mirus, smirus@schweitzer.com, 208-263-9555

Silver Mountain. Is open on a 7 day a week schedule starting on Friday, December 18 and continuing throughout the season. For current conditions and operations go to: <http://www.silvermt.com/snow-report> or contact Jeff Colburn, JeffC@silvermt.com, 208-783-1111.

ALASKA

Alyeska Resort is open daily from 10:30 am to 5:30 pm. For operations and conditions details go to: <http://www.alyeskaresort.com/snow-report.aspx> or contact Eric Fullerton, efullerton@alyeskaresort.com, 907-382-0442.

Eaglecrest Ski Area is opening the entire mountain this weekend and will remain open daily until January, 4, 9 am to 3 pm with the exception of Christmas Day. For more information see: <http://www.skijuneau.com/hours-lifts.php> or contact Jeffra Clough, jeffra.clough@skijuneau.com, 907-790-2000 x219 or Charlie Herrington, charlie.herrington@skijuneau.com, 907-790-2000 x227.

MONTANA

Whitefish Mountain is open for daily operation. For more information on operations and conditions go to <http://skiwhitefish.com/snowreport/> or contact Christina "Riley" Polumbus, rileyp@skiwhtfoot.com, 406-862-1948.

CALIFORNIA

Mt. Shasta Ski Park is opening Thursday, December 17 with all 3 lifts and 12 groomed runs starting at 9 am. For more details on conditions and operations go to: <http://skipark.com/the-mountain/conditions/> or contact Andy Aguilera, andy@skipark.com, 530-926-8600.

PNSAA will send updates as more resorts open and operations expand with new snow. For the most up-to-date information on your favorite resort, please visit their website.

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The Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association is a non-profit trade association, which represents the interests of 35 ski and snowboard facilities located in Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, and California. The Association's member ski areas – most of which operate on public land – collectively host an estimated 5.5 million visits annually. For additional information on Pacific Northwest skiing and snowboarding, contact the PNSAA office at (877) 533-5520, or visit www.pnsaa.org to link to the website of your favorite mountain.