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PRESS RELEASE

What's Open This Week in the Northwest

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La Conner, WA – With the recent storms more snow is accumulating in the mountains of the Pacific Northwest. Additional resorts have announced openings and others have increased operations for an early start to the 2017-2018 winter season. Here is a rundown:

WASHINGTON

49 Degrees North will be open for weekend operations Friday, November 17 through Sunday, November 19, 9 am to 3:30 pm for weekend operations. For the current operations and conditions go to: http://www.ski49n.com/snow_report.php or contact Eric Bakken, ebakken@ski49n.com or 509-935-6649 ext. 603.

Crystal Mountain is operating daily from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. As of Friday, November 17 lifts running will be Discovery, Forest Queen Express, Chinook Express, Rainier Express & Green Valley. On Saturday, November 18 the Rainier Gondola will be running. Services available will be The Cascade Grill and Chinook Cafe starting at 7 am to 4 pm and, The Bullwheel 10:30 am to close. Campbell Basin Lodge will be open for access to restrooms only. Right Angle Sports, rentals and Bootworks will also be open. For the current operations and conditions go to: <https://crystalmountainresort.com/the-mountain/current-conditions/> or contact Tiana Anderson, 360-663-3012 or tiana@skicrystal.com.

Mt Baker is operating with both base areas, three lodges and eight chairlifts 9 am to 3:30 pm. For more information go to <https://www.mtbaker.us/snow-report> or contact Amy Trowbridge, amy@mtbaker.us or 360-734-6771.

Mt Spokane Ski & Snowboard Park opened Friday, November 17 and will operate through Sunday, November 19, 9 am to 4 pm with 10 groomed runs and terrain park features. Chairs 2, 3, & 5 will be operating Friday, Saturday, and Sunday as well as for the next weekend Friday, November 24 through Sunday, November 26. For more details about operations and conditions go to <http://www.mtspokane.com/snowreport> or contact Brenda McQuarrie, brenda@mtspokane.com

or 509-238-7011.

Stevens Pass Mountain Resort began their 80th winter season this week. Lifts operating Friday, November 17 are Brooks, Daisy, Hogsback and Skyline from 9 am to 4 pm. On Saturday, November 18 and Sunday, November 19 Tye Mill will be added to the line-up, conditions permitting. Additionally, services include restaurants - Cascadian Kitchen for breakfast and lunch, T-Bar Market, The Bull's Tooth and Hotshots Espresso - plus retail shops, rentals and lessons will be available. For more operations and conditions information go to <https://www.stevenspass.com/site> or contact Chris Danforth, christopher.danforth@stevenspass.com or 206-812-7856.

White Pass will open for the 2017-2018 winter season on Saturday, November 18 & Sunday, November 19, 9 am to 4 pm. Both surface lifts, Great White, Far East, #4 Chair and Basin Quad will be operating. The resort will be closed Monday - Wednesday then reopen on Thanksgiving Day, November 23 for daily operation. For conditions and operation updates visit www.skiwhitepass.com or contact Kathleen Goyette, kat@skiwhitepass.com or 509-945-3189.

OREGON

Mt Bachelor is opening for the 2017-2018 winter season on Saturday, November 18. Conditions permitting, three lifts – Pine Marten, Skyliner and Sunshine Accelerator – will operate from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm providing access to terrain for skiers and snowboarders of all abilities. A limited selection of guest services will be available opening weekend including food and beverages, equipment rentals, lessons and the Gravity Sports shop. Nordic Center will also plan to open for the season Saturday, November 18 with grooming planned for the upper Nordic trails. For more information on operations and conditions go to <http://www.mtbachelor.com/conditions-report/> or contact Drew Jackson, djackson@mtbachelor.com or 541-693-0953.

Mt Hood Meadows will kick off their 50th Anniversary with a Preview Weekend Saturday, November 18 and Sunday, November 19. Lifts scheduled to operate 9 am to 4 pm include at least two high speed quads - the Mt. Hood and Shooting Star express lifts - plus Buttercup, Easy Rider and the Ballroom Carpet. Amenities available include adult and children's lessons, daycare, ski and snowboard equipment rentals. The ski area is scheduled to operate daily beginning Friday, November 24. For more about operations and conditions go to <https://www.skihood.com/the-mountain/conditions> or contact Dave Tragethon, Dave.Tragethon@skihood.com or call 971-373-8111.

Mt Hood Skibowl will open Saturday, November 18 for Day Tubing 10am - 4pm and Cosmic Tubing 5pm - 11pm and on Sunday, November 19 for Day Tubing 10am - 4pm. For additional details go to www.skibowl.com or contact Karen Norton, knorton@skibowl.com or 971.274.3165.

Timberline is operating lifts 7 days a week from 9am-4pm, conditions permitting. For more details and conditions go to: <http://www.timberlinelodge.com/conditions/> or contact John Burton, jburton@timberlinelodge.com, (503) 272-3345.

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Lookout Pass is open for weekend operations Friday, November 17 through Sunday, November 19, 9am-4pm. Rentals and lessons will be available. The base lodge will be open for food service, and the bar serving

those 21 and older. The resort will be open Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 23) through Monday, November 27. For more information go to <https://skilookout.com/snow-report> or contact Matthew Sawyer, Matt@SkiLookout.com or 208-744-1301.

Schweitzer Mountain Resort season is opening Saturday & Sunday, November 18 & 19 with limited operations and guest services, operating Basin Express and Musical Chairs only. The resort will close mid-week, Monday, November 20 through Friday, November 23 then reopening Friday, November 24 through Sunday, November 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. Monday, November 27 through Thursday, November 30 the resort will close and re-open on Friday, December 1 to begin full seven-day winter operating schedule. More details on operations and conditions at <https://www.schweitzer.com/explore/snow-report/> or by contacting Dig Chrismer, dchrismer@schweitzer.com or 208-255-3031.

Silver Mountain Resort starts their 50th year of operation with an early opening for a “Sneak Preview”, Sunday, November 19, 9 am to 3:30 pm. Operations will include Chairs 1, 2, and carpet lift for skiing and boarding. Also available will be tubing sessions and scenic gondola rides. Limited terrain and amenities, as well as discounted lift tickets will be offered on Sunday. The resort will begin regular operations on Friday, November 24. For more information on operations or conditions go to <http://www.silvermt.com/snow-report> or contact Willy Bartlett, WillyB@silvermt.com or 208-783-1524.

Many of the resorts in the Northwest are evaluating their current snow depths and watching the weather forecasts to determine when they will be opening. PNSAA will send updates as more resorts announce their opening dates. 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 5.1 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.