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## PRESS RELEASE

# What's Open in the Northwest

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**La Conner, WA** – This week's colder temperatures and abundant sunshine make it a great time to get on the slopes in Pacific Northwest mountains. With the new snow many of region's resorts will be in operation making great opportunity for skiing and snowboarding with family and friends. Following is a rundown of what will be operating:

### WASHINGTON

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**49 Degrees North** is operating its normal winter schedule, Friday through Tuesday, 9 am-3:20 pm. For the current operations and conditions go to: [http://www.ski49n.com/snow\\_report.php](http://www.ski49n.com/snow_report.php) or contact Eric Bakken, [ebakken@ski49n.com](mailto:ebakken@ski49n.com) or 509-935-6649 ext. 603.

**Crystal Mountain** is operating daily from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with limited operations. For the current operations and conditions go to: <https://crystallmountainresort.com/the-mountain/current-conditions/> or contact Tiana Anderson, 360-663-3012 or [tiana@skicrystal.com](mailto:tiana@skicrystal.com).

**Hurricane Ridge** is scheduled to open with 43" of snow on Saturday, December 9. Scheduled operating days are on weekends plus Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day and the 4 weekdays after Christmas (Dec. 26 - 29). Season ends April 1. For additional details go to <https://hurricaneridge.com/>.

**Methow Trails** is open for cross-country skiing. For more information on trail grooming and conditions go to <http://www.methowtrails.org/winter-trails/grooming/> or contact James DeSalvo, 509-996-3287.

**Mission Ridge** reopens Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10, 9 am-4 pm. For up-to-date conditions and operations go to <https://www.missionridge.com/snow-report> or contact Tony Hickock, [ahickok@missionridge.com](mailto:ahickok@missionridge.com) or 509-588-9404.

**Mt Baker** is operating on a normal daily schedule 9 am to 3:30 pm. For more information go to <https://www.mtbaker.us/snow-report> or contact Amy Trowbridge, [amy@mtbaker.us](mailto:amy@mtbaker.us) or 360-734-6771.

**Mt Spokane Ski & Snowboard Park** reopens Friday December 8, 9 am to 4 pm. Tube hill opens Saturday December 9 and Night skiing December 15. For more details about operations and conditions go to <http://www.mtspokane.com/snowreport> or contact Brenda McQuarrie, [brenda@mtspokane.com](mailto:brenda@mtspokane.com) or 509-238-7011.

**Stevens Pass Mountain Resort** is open for daily operations 9 am to 4 pm. For more operations and conditions information go to <https://www.stevenspass.com/site> or contact Chris Danforth, [christopher.danforth@stevenspass.com](mailto:christopher.danforth@stevenspass.com) or 206-812-7856.

**The Summit at Snoqualmie** is open at Summit West through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more operation and conditions details go to <http://www.summitatsnoqualmie.com/blog/let-2017-18-season-begin>, or contact Guy Lawrence, [glawrence@summit90.com](mailto:glawrence@summit90.com) or 425-434-6728.

**White Pass** will reopen for daily operations beginning Saturday, December 9, 9 am to 4 pm. Lifts in operation will be 2 surface lifts, Great White, Far East, #4 Chair, and Basin Quad. For conditions and operation updates visit [www.skiwhitepass.com](http://www.skiwhitepass.com) or contact Kathleen Goyette, [kat@skiwhitepass.com](mailto:kat@skiwhitepass.com) or 509-945-3189.

## OREGON

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**Mt Bachelor** is open for daily 9 am to 4 pm. For more information on operations and conditions go to <http://www.mtbachelor.com/conditions-report/> or contact Drew Jackson, [djackson@mtbachelor.com](mailto:djackson@mtbachelor.com) or 541-693-0953.

**Mt Hood Meadows** is open daily 9 am to 4 pm. For more about operations and conditions go to <https://www.skihood.com/the-mountain/conditions> or contact Dave Tragethon, [Dave.Tragethon@skihood.com](mailto:Dave.Tragethon@skihood.com) or call 971-373-8111.

**Mt Hood Skibowl** will be open for tubing the upcoming weekend. For additional details go to [www.skibowl.com](http://www.skibowl.com) or contact Karen Norton, [knorton@skibowl.com](mailto:knorton@skibowl.com) or 971.274.3165.

**Timberline** is operating daily from 9am-4pm, conditions permitting. For more details and conditions go to: <http://www.timberlinelodge.com/conditions/> or contact John Burton, [jburton@timberlinelodge.com](mailto:jburton@timberlinelodge.com), (503) 272-3345.

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**Lookout Pass** is open pen Thursday, December 7 through Monday, December 11, 9 am to 4 pm. For more information go to <https://skilookout.com/snow-report> or contact Matthew Sawyer, [Matt@SkiLookout.com](mailto:Matt@SkiLookout.com) or 208-744-1301.

**Silver Mountain Resort** will open Saturday, December 9 through Sunday, December 10. For more information on operations or conditions go to <http://www.silvermt.com/snow-report> or contact Willy Bartlett, [WillyB@silvermt.com](mailto:WillyB@silvermt.com) or 208-783-1524.

**Schweitzer Mountain Resort** is in full seven-day winter operating schedule. More details on operations and conditions at <https://www.schweitzer.com/explore/snow-report/> or by contacting Dig Chrimer, [dchrimer@schweitzer.com](mailto:dchrimer@schweitzer.com) or 208-255-3031.

## ALASKA

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**Alyeska Resort** will open for the 2017/18 ski season with limited terrain on Saturday, December 9. Lifts and the tram will operate starting at 10:30AM until 5:30PM. Lifts for opening weekend will be determined based on conditions. The Sitzmark will also open at noon on Friday for the season. For more information on operations and conditions go to <http://www.alyeskaresort.com/snow-report> or contact Ben Napolitano, [bnapolitano@alyeskaresort.com](mailto:bnapolitano@alyeskaresort.com) or 907-382-6579.

**Eaglecrest Ski Area** will open the Porcupine Chair and the Lower Nordic Trails for the season on Saturday, December 2. The Porcupine Chair will operate from 9:00am – 3:00pm. The Rental Shop will be open and the Snowsports School will be offering lessons. The Eaglecrest Grill and Mountain Lift Coffee will be open. The Lower Nordic Trails will be packed and track set. For more details on operations and conditions go to <https://skijuneau.com/mountain-information/snow-trails-reports> or contact Jeffra Clough, [Jeffra.Clough@skijuneau.com](mailto:Jeffra.Clough@skijuneau.com), 907-790-2000 x219

## MONTANA

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**Whitefish Mountain Resort** begins its 70th Winter Season this Thursday, December 7 with the newly relocated Chair 5 lift operating among the six lifts, chairs 1, 5, 6, 7, 11 and T-Bar 2, operating to access 29 runs at the top of the mountain. Downloading on Chair 1 will be required. Chair 1 will be open for uploading 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will not be any terrain open to ski down to the Base Lodge, so the resort will provide shuttles to transport guests between the Lift Plaza and Base Lodge as well as lower mountain parking lots. Food & Beverage services will be 100 percent open as well as the Kids Center & Daycare, intermediate lessons at the Ski & Ride School equipment rentals and retail shops. For more details on conditions and mountain operations visit [www.skiwhitefish.com](http://www.skiwhitefish.com) or contact Christina “Riley” Polumbus [rileyp@skiwhitefish.com](mailto:rileyp@skiwhitefish.com) or 406-862-1948.

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](http://www.pnsaa.org) to link to the website of your favorite mountain.