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MOUNT SNOW CELEBRATES CARINTHIA PARK'S 10th ANNIVERSARY with NEW \$22M BASE LODGE

MOUNT SNOW, VT – The past two years have seen massive infrastructure improvements at Mount Snow at the mountain, including this year's Carinthia Base Lodge project and last summer's completion of the \$30 million West Lake Water Project, which gave Mount Snow the most powerful snowmaking system in the Northeast. That is right, the most powerful in the Northeast. While skiers and riders were enjoying a relaxing summer, back at Mount Snow, it was a flurry of activity, as they worked to build an improved Mount Snow.

Mount Snow planned to open not only the mountain, but to open the doors on its brand-new Carinthia Base Lodge in November. This \$22 million lodge is a massive upgrade for the Carinthia Base Area, which coincides with the 10th anniversary of Carinthia Parks becoming a 100-acre all-terrain-park face.

At 42,000 square feet, this new lodge is five times the size of the one it replaced and features a sit-down restaurant, two

bars, and a counter service fast casual dining experience, as well as everything a skier or rider needs during the course of their day, including a retail store, rentals, tuning, ski patrol, ticket sales, and more. This two-year project is the start of a larger masterplan for the Carinthia Base Area that will eventually see over 100 additional units of ski-in/ski-out lodging.

While the resort, which was recently named Best Snow in the East by Ski Magazine, hopes for another above average winter like last year, no matter what, this will once again be the season of the snowmaker.

With some great lessons learned from the first season with its newly upgraded snowmaking system, they plan to be aggressive out of the gate with trail and terrain openings, making Mount Snow the place to ski during the early season.

As for season passes, Mount Snow welcomed back its greatest pass offering yet, the Peak Pass, which features six pass options valid at 10 resorts across four states in the North-

east. Deals such as the \$399 Drifter Pass for ages 18-29, featuring zero blackout dates at 10 mountains, can be found at www.mountsnow.com/passes.

Between the upgrades around the mountain, the Peak Pass coming back for another year of allowing passholders to explore all of the Northeast mountains in the Peak Resorts family, and the packed list of on-mountain events, this winter is one for the record books, even before the first flake fell.

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NEW DEVELOPMENTS for the 2019 VERMONT SKI and RIDE SEASON

MONTPELIER, VT – Skiing and snowboarding in Vermont are experiences that cannot be beat, yet here are the myriad ways in which Vermont areas have made the state's official sports even more enjoyable for visitors and their families for the 2018-19 season.

Bolton Valley

Bolton is thrilled to bring back, in modern form, the ski team heritage, which has been a part of the resort since its beginning. Whether team members go on to skiing fame like several of the DesLauriers, go on to racing success or are simply in it for the excitement of the sport, the goal is to create a lifelong love of skiing and riding. Programs will help athletes from ages 3-18 develop skills over a season of skiing or riding with dedicated coaches. There are programs for all ability levels from beginners to rippers who want to take their skiing or riding to the next level.

Jay Peak Resort

Jay Peak is continuing to evolve away from being a destination that solely relies on snow for its economic health. It plans to expand on the success it realized in the youth-sports market with the opening of its Ice Haus in 2010. This is an NHL-sized skating arena that currently hosts 42 weeks of 10-18 team hockey tournaments.

Killington Resort

New investments totaling \$25 million will revolutionize the year-round guest experience at Killington. Enhancements included a new 6-person high-speed bubble chairlift, new lift service at South Ridge and significant upgrades to the K-1 Express Gondola. Also improved are upgrades to existing intermediate runs, and resort-wide infrastructure improvements including the addition of hands-free lift access validation with RFID technology at both Killington and Pico.

Mad River Glen

Mad River Glen's goal is to maintain and preserve the experience rather than overhaul or upgrade it. The ability of Mad River Glen to reinvest consistently in the mountain's infrastructure is a testament to the success of their Cooperative. Both the skier-owners and the management understand that skiers come to Mad River for the unique combination of legendary terrain, sense of community, low skier density and intimate atmosphere. In over 20 years of co-op ownership, Mad River Glen has invested more than \$5M in capital improvements.

Magic Mountain

The new ownership at Magic continues its capital investment in Vermont's throwback ski area. After winning Liptopia's award for best ski area in North America for the second year in a row, Ski Magic LLC continued to invest in its counter-cultural ski and ride experience. Off-season projects included installing a new base-to- mid-mountain double chair (the Green Lift) which helps broaden the accessibility of Magic's classic terrain to young families with novice and intermediate level skiers. In combination with more snowmaking, this new lift should allow Magic to open far earlier in the season if cold weather cooperates.

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Smugglers' Notch

Smuggs' continues to grow the scale in which it appeals to families with the resort's free Kids' Club. Unrolled last winter as a test run, the Club offers all kids 12 and under a free "treasure chest" of goodies. Smuggs' banked slalom course on Madonna Mountain will open new doors for intermediates and experts both in and out of lessons. The banked slalom course will also host a series of events this winter. Fat Bikes give winter access to Smuggs' cross-country MTB terrain.

Stowe Mountain Resort

New this winter at Stowe is the creation of on-mountain Kids Adventure Zones. These well-signed areas give kids and families the opportunity easy access to gentle side-country areas and freestyle terrain built for learning progression. Also new this winter is Epic Mix at Stowe. This allows skiers and riders to track their days and vertical feet skied, earn digital pins, share photos, race against the pros and check real-time lift line wait time using their RFID chip-embedded season pass or lift ticket.

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