

National Ski Council Federation Newsbeat

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Whiteface Joins Mountain Collective for 2025-26 Season. Whiteface Mountain will join the Mountain Collective pass for the 2025-26 season, expanding the multi-resort pass's Northeast footprint. The announcement marks the latest addition to the Mountain Collective's lineup, which now includes 27 ski areas across five continents. [More.](#) SAM

Winter Park, CO, \$2 Billion Development Plan Clears First Major Hurdle. At a meeting on July 15, Winter Park Town Council approved the initial final development plan for the Winter Park Resort base area, setting the stage for a multi-year development that will transform the resort and the surrounding area. [More.](#) SnowBrains

Way-Too-Early Winter 2026 Predictions from Open Snow and NOAA Experts. Experts at Open Snow and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) delivered a sneak peek regarding the weather we can expect over the next 10 months. [More.](#) Freeskier

U.S. Ski Season Sees Strong Growth in 2024-25 Season. U.S. ski areas reported a total of 61.5 million skier visits for 2024-25, a 1.7% year-over-year increase, according to preliminary data from the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA). It was the second-highest total since the NSAA began tallying skier visits in 1978. Snowsports Industries America (SIA) conducted a survey asking participants several questions to gain insight into the 2024-25 season. [More.](#) SnowBrains

Saving the Amazon May Be the Key to Protecting North America's Winters. As climate change tightens its grip across the globe, a growing body of scientific research is revealing just how far-reaching the consequences of Amazon deforestation may be, stretching as far as the Sierra Nevada snowpack and the ski slopes of the American West. [More.](#) SnowBrains

Civics For Skiers: How Local Governments Help Skiers Talk To Developers. Local governments, cities, towns, and counties play a pivotal role in regulating and approving development projects for ski areas and other developers. While large projects may seem inevitable, the local approval process offers opportunities for skiers, residents, and citizens to make their voices heard. [More.](#) SnowBrains

10 of the Oldest Ski Lifts Still Operating in North America. Turn back the clock and experience the good ol' days on these decades-old ski lifts. [More.](#) *Powder Ed. Note: Viewing the list of the chairs and locations requires scrolling to the end of the article.*

Tersus: Where Patagonia, Arc'teryx and The North Face Get a Second Life. Tersus is the middleman between your old ski bibs and the brands that sold them to you. Ship your torn and unwashed gear back to companies like Patagonia, Arc'teryx, North Face, all partners of Tersus, and it ends up in their Denver facility. [More.](#) Freeskier

Rossignol to Close Historic Dynastar Factory at Foot of Mont-Blanc, France, Ending Over 60 Years of Ski Manufacturing History. After much protest and lengthy negotiations with its employees, French ski company Rossignol announced at the end of June that it will be closing the Dynastar ski factory in Sallanches, France, on July 31, 2025. [More.](#) SnowBrains