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The Top 30 Ski Resorts in the West 2027. Skiers have spoken. The 2027 Resort Guide rankings are live, and the results might surprise you. More. Ski

Ikon Adds Deer Valley to Base Pass and Schmitz Brothers Resorts to Bonus Mountain Program. The Ikon Pass has expanded access in several regions across different pass tiers for winter 2026-27. The Base Pass now includes three days at Deer Valley Resort, Utah, and the three Schmitz Brothers Resorts ski areas in Wisconsin have signed on as Bonus Mountains with two days of access to each. More. SAM

Indy Pass Introduces Three-Day Add-On. Indy Pass has introduced a new "Destination Upgrade" that allows existing pass holders to purchase three additional ski or ride days to use at any combination of 13 participating partner resorts for the 2026-27 season. Combined with the two days per resort already included with the Indy Pass, the upgrade allows passholders to spend up to five days at a single destination. More. SAM

Indy Pass Adds 15 Full Partners; Whiteface, Gore, and Belleayre Join Allied Program. Indy Pass has added access to 10 alpine ski areas and five cross-country centers around the world for the 2026-27 season, and New York's Belleayre Mountain, Gore Mountain, and Whiteface Mountain joined the Indy Pass Allied Program, giving pass holders discounts on up to two lift tickets at each ski area. More. SAM

This Mega Pass Covers 11 Southwest Ski Resorts. El Niño Could Make It a Steal This Winter. The lineup includes Purgatory, Arizona Snowbowl, Brian Head, Sipapu, Pajarito, Lee Canyon, Nordic Valley, Willamette Pass, and Sandia Peak, with the full pass offering unlimited skiing at participating Power Pass mountains with no blackout dates. More. Ski

Local Businessman Buys Toggenburg (NY). Intermountain Management has sold Toggenburg Mountain to central New York businessman Douglas Wheeler, according to a press release from the New York Attorney General's office. The new owner plans to rebuild and reopen the ski area for the 2027-28 season. More. SAM

Construction Begins on Private Ruby Mountain Ski Area in Nevada. Construction is officially underway at a privately owned ski area in Nevada's Ruby Mountains, with Elko County issuing $7.2 million in building permits for two chairlifts. More. SnowBrains

Mike Reitzell to Step Down as NSAA President and CEO. Michael Reitzell will step down as president and CEO of the National Ski Areas Association, effective Nov. 10, 2026. After two years at the helm, Reitzell said he is stepping away from the role for personal reasons. More. SAM

Vail Resorts, Alterra Seek Dismissal of Ski Price-Fixing Suit, Deny Collusion Claims. Vail Resorts, Alterra Mountain and two other major US ski resort operators are pushing back against allegations that they conspired to inflate lift ticket and season pass prices, asking a federal court in Colorado to dismiss an antitrust lawsuit that threatens to scrutinize how the industry shares business information. More. PYMNTS via Google Alerts.

Are Ski Resorts Wasting Water to Make Snow? Here's What the Science Says. From where the water comes to where it goes, here's what science can tell us about how resorts make snow during a dry year. More. Ski

U.S. Ski Resorts Boycott Canadian Travel Show Convention For The First Time In Two Decades. Many American regions have been left devastated as Canadians continue to choose ski resorts elsewhere. In response, U.S. resorts didn't attend the recent annual Ottawa Ski, Snowboard and Travel Show for the first time in over two decades. More. The Travel via Google Alerts

The 24 Best Mountain Towns in the U.S., Ranked. From Lake Placid to Cordova and some select places in between, here's *Ski's* (highly subjective) list of the nation's best mountain towns. More. Ski

What's New in Utah for 2026/27 Season. Utah resorts have been busy all spring, summer and fall adding new chairlifts and snowmaking, and upgrading trails and dining facilities, along with upgrades in sustainability. Here's what's new in Utah for the 2026/27 season. More. Seniors Skiing

What's New in Colorado for the 2026/27 Season. Here's what's new across Colorado Ski Country USA, including lifts, trails, amenities and ticket deals. More. Seniors Skiing

The 9 Best-Value Ski Resorts in the U.S. for 2026-27. If you are looking to hit the mountain this winter without the sticker shock, then you need to check out HomeToGo's 2026-27 Ski Season Report, which has pinpointed the best value ski resorts in the United States, helping winter adventurers stretch their budgets while still hitting top-tier slopes. More. SnowBrains

Doppelmayr Opens New Facilities in Utah and Quebec. Doppelmayr and partners inaugurated a new U.S. headquarters Monday in Salt Lake City, followed Wednesday by a new Canadian headquarters near Montreal. Each new building houses production, sales, engineering, service, installation and administrative functions for the respective countries. More. SAM