

# New & Noteworthy in the West

## California

**North Star Resort** in Truckee will host the Nordic SuperTour event, a premier cross-country race series, on March 18. This spectator-friendly race is open to all ages and will begin and end in the Village of North Star, convenient to the resort's 35 unique shops and restaurants and the 9,000-

square-foot ice skating rink. Making a scorching debut this winter is All Fired Up! pottery-making studio, one of many quaint village shops. Visitors enjoy the resort's 93 ski trails and award-winning alpine terrain, perfect for snowboarding, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and tubing. (800-466-6784, northstaratah.com)

**Squaw Valley USA** now has improved lighting on Rivera Terrain Park and half-pipe so that winter sports enthusiasts can extend chilly fun until 9 p.m. on weekends. Other night entertainment includes ice skating and fine dining

on upper-mountain restaurants. The legendary Olympic house will be freshly renovated for the start of the season, which will offer larger guest accommodations, using natural and environmentally advanced materials and energy. Also this season: a new all-day ski clinic will be offered to strengthen skills and improve technical style. Take full advantage of the expert ski instruction from Sweden native Thomas Gardtman, a renowned coach with over 40 years of experience with top-level skiers and Olympians. The clinic includes video analysis of your ski style. (530-583-6955, squaw.com)

## Colorado

**Breckenridge Ski Resort** welcomes back the Winter Dew Tour, the world's premier season-long winter action sports tour, for the third consecutive year. This action-packed event will take place Dec. 16-19 and feature competitions between the top winter athletes in free skiing and snowboarding (slopestyle and superpipe), all competing for the coveted Dew Cup. The other stops on the tour are Vermont's Killington Resort (Jan. 20-23) and Utah's Snowbasin, where the season-ending Toyota Championship event is Feb. 10-13. All three stops will be televised live on NBC. (888-284-9477, breckenridge.com; 888-437-5488, snowbasin.com)

## New Mexico

**Angel Fire Resort**, situated northward in the southern Rocky Mountains, recently completed construction on an impressive new Country Club facility. The \$16-million Clubhouse is open to both the public and members and offers over 27,000 square feet of luxurious, alpine elegance. This will be the first winter the Country Club is available for events, dining and après-ski activities. (575-377-6401, angelfireresort.com)



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Timberline Lodge and Ski Area in Mount Hood National Forest has become the first ski resort in the world to receive third-party certification through Sustainable Travel International's eco-certification program. RLK and Company, operators of Timberline Lodge for 55 years, was recognized for its efforts in environmental conservation, cultural heritage, historic preservation and economic development. Best practices instituted at Timberline Lodge that paved the way for the company to achieve certification included:

- An active employee-led "Green Team"
- A partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the Friends of Timberline in collaborative stewardship of the facility and interpretation of its history to the general public
- A thorough health and safety program for employees and guests.
- A comprehensive recycling program including in-room recycling for overnight guests
- Recent energy-efficiency upgrades, including new thermo pane windows in all guest rooms
- A charitable giving program dedicated to benefiting

- children throughout the state of Oregon
- Opportunities for guest philanthropy.
- An overnight guest donation program is in place to benefit the National Forest Foundation and the Friends of Timberline. (800-547-1406, timberlinelodge.com)

## Utah

This December, **Montage Deer Valley Ski Resort** joins the list of choice accommodations in Park City. Located in the Empire Canyon area, Montage lies just 36 miles from Salt Lake City International Airport and offers easy ski in/ski out access. Refined craftsman style meets panoramic mountain vistas in this luxury 176-room resort, which will offer over 100 ski runs (reaching nearly 10,000 feet) and a 35,000-square-foot spa. (435-604-1300, montagedeervalley.com)

## Wyoming

**Jackson Hole Mountain Resort** has begun construction on five Burton Stash Parks that incorporate natural features and native materials to create ramps, rails and jumps in "stashed locations" across the mountain. These eco-driven parks enhance the mountain's rowdy terrain, making Jackson Hole #1 in the US for creative big mountain riding. A snowboarder's dream, these wild additions make shredding in the snow more thrilling than ever. A growing concept among free-style enthusiasts, "stash" is a sweeping evolution in snowboard parks that uses local wood products, creative, natural landscape characteristics and found objects to create a thrilling course. (307-733-2292, jacksonhole.com)

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