



# Lift Lines

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Mountain High Snowsport Club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208



## To Do List

1. **Sign up for Warren Miller movie + dinner by Sept. 27.** See page 4..
2. **Sign up for Seafood Party by October 4.** See page 4..
3. **See updates on old and new highways on Mt. Hood.** See pages 6-7.
4. **Which ski areas are most affected by climate change?** See page 8..
5. **Which pass should I buy?** See comparison on page 9. Prices will go up soon. Buy now! More info on the **Powder Alliance & Fusion Pass**, p.10.
6. **Ski trips.** Decide which trips you want to take this winter (pages 11 - 12).

## Man & Woman of the Year

This year's Man and Woman of the Year are **Bruce Kuper** and **Chris Brooks**. See more info about past winners on our web site, on the Awards page at: <http://www.mthigh.org/Awards.htm> Also see page 13.

## Safety Person of the Year

At the Far West Ski Association Convention, **Gordon Lusk** was awarded the Safety Person of the year award. See more info about him and other winners on the Awards page at: <http://www.mthigh.org/Awards.htm>

Can you guess where this photo was taken?



Answer: Mt. Bachelor, Oregon. That is Bruce Kuper skiing backwards.

Note the color code.  
Our club is blue.

## 2013 CALENDAR

**Blue:** Mountain High events  
**Red:** NWSCC / FWSA / Multi-club  
**Black:** General events

**Sep. 30 (Mon.): Mt. High Board meeting**

**Oct. 3 (Thur.): Hillcrest Race Night**

**Oct. 4 (Fri.): TGR Ski Film "Way of Life"**

**Oct. 4-5 (Fri.-Sat.): Mt. Hood Ski Patrol Ski Swap in Hillsboro, OR.**

**Oct. 12 (Sat.): Lake Oswego Ski Swap**

**Oct. 12 (Sat.): Bergfreunde Wine Tour**

**Oct. 12 (Sat.): Mt. High Seafood Social**

**Oct. 25 (Fri.): Warren Miller movie: "Ticket To Ride" + dinner**

**Nov. 15-17 (Fri.-Sun.): Ski Fever & Snowboard Show**

**Nov. 16 (Sat.): Pray for Snow Party**

**Nov. 18 (Mon.): Ski Fair**

**Nov. 20 (Wed.): Mt. High Kickoff Party**

Mt. High

## Let's Have Some Fun



Ski Swaps (Oct. 4, 5, and 12)



Seafood Social (Oct. 12)



Warren Miller dinner+movie (Oct. 25)



Kickoff Party (Nov. 20)



## Picnic and bike ride

**August 24, 2013.** (Saturday) - 20 people participated.

Our annual picnic at Sellwood park was attended by about 40+ people. Of those, about 20 participated in the bike ride along the Willamette River before the picnic. We started from the park below the Sellwood bridge, crossed the bridge, and followed the riverfront all the way to the Steel Bridge. Then we crossed back to the east side and followed the paved bicycle trail all the way back to Sellwood park.

At the picnic, we had delicious grilled sausages, both spicy and regular, and people brought all kinds of delicious side dishes, fruits, and desserts. Everyone had their fill, and there was still food left over.



Photo: Bruce Kuper



Photo: Emilio Trampuz

See more photos at [www.mthigh.org/Photos.htm](http://www.mthigh.org/Photos.htm).



## MOUNTAIN HIGH

## Upcoming events

## SNOWSPORT CLUB

## Hillcrest Sports Race Night

**11th Annual Race Night**  
**Thursday Oct. 3rd**

 Junior Racers 5pm-9pm Masters Racers 6:30pm-9pm  
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[www.hillcrestsports.com](http://www.hillcrestsports.com)

Oct. 3 (Thur) 6:30 pm.

The annual Hillcrest Race Night will be on Thursday evening, starting around 6:30pm. Best prices of the year from all the top companies! Factory reps will be present to answer your questions.

**Location:** Hillcrest Sports, 2506 SE Burnside Rd., Gresham, OR 97080.

Junior Racers: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Masters Racers: 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm.

**Questions:** Contact **Gary Gunderson**, (503) 658-7848 or email: [ktgpdx@verizon.net](mailto:ktgpdx@verizon.net).

Call the store. Ask for Dexter. at: 503-665-4455 or [hillcrest@hillcrestsports.com](mailto:hillcrest@hillcrestsports.com).

**Directions:** I-84 East to exit 16. Turn right @ top of exit. Follow 3 miles to SE Burnside. Turn left on Burnside. Follow 1 mile to Gresham Village Shopping Center. Hillcrest Sports is on the right hand side.

**Teton Gravity Research Ski Film: Way of Life**


**Oct. 4 (Fri.).** Two shows: 6:30 pm and 9:00 pm. **Location:** Wonder Ballroom, 128 Northeast Russell Street, Portland, OR.

Tickets: \$12 Advance or \$15 Door

Tickets available locally at the Mountain Shop at 1510 NE 37th

Avenue, and online through Ticketfly. Click here for [Early show](#), or here for [Late show](#).

An unforgettable evening jam packed with prizes, athlete appearances, and the brand new ski film.

Crazy amounts of swag will be on hand for you to win, including outerwear from The North Face, skis from Atomic, Sony Action Cams, and much, much more. Plus, enter to win our tour Grand Prize – a cat skiing trip for two with Selkirk Wilderness Skiing.

Everyone in attendance at the Portland premiere will get a 2-For-1 lift ticket to Stevens Pass AND your choice of 2-For-1 (core season) or Comp (M-F early/late season) ticket to Mt. Bachelor!

**Mt. Hood Ski Patrol Ski Swap**

Oct. 4 - 5 (Fri.-Sat.)

Friday: 4pm - 9pm.

Saturday: 9am - 6pm.

Support the **Mt. Hood Ski Patrol** and the **West Linn High Snowboard Team** at the Mt. Hood Snosport Swap at the


**Washington County Fairgrounds**

873 NE 34th Avenue

Hillsboro, Oregon 97124.

Consignment items will be accepted, and you could make money on your old ski gear. A portion of the swap proceeds benefit the Ski Patrol and the Snowboard Team.

Look for discount admission coupons and a chance to win a season pass at the Mt. Hood Snosport Swap website, <http://mhsss.com/h>

The Ski Patrol is looking for **volunteers** to work on the shift. Here's a chance to show your appreciation of this great organization and meet some good people. Your Prez has been there 3 years now. Contact Kurt at: 503-625-1492, [President@mthigh.org](mailto:President@mthigh.org)

**Lake Oswego Ski & Snowboard Swap**

Oct. 12 (Sat.) 2013

Ski Swap held at Lake Oswego High School in the east gym. Doors

open at 8 a.m. and close at 1 p.m. Admission is \$2 for individuals and \$5 for families

**Location:** Lake Oswego High School's East Gym, 2501 Country Club Road, Lake Oswego.

Sell your used gear on consignment (30% of sale prices goes to benefit the ski teams at both Lakeridge and Lake Oswego High School). Drop off for used gear is Friday, October 11, 4-7 pm. at the East Gym of Lake Oswego High School. Pick up unsold gear between 2 and 3pm Saturday. Remaining gear will be donated to charity. Checks will be mailed to the donors for items sold.

For more information, and to download an advance gear registration form, go to the event website: <http://lakeoskiswap.com/>

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to get new and used equipment for the entire family!



## Mt. High

## Seafood Party



**Oct. 12 (Sat.) 6:30 pm.**  
(If you want to help with the setup, please come at 5:30 pm.)

Our annual end-of-summer seafood party has become so popular that it would be hard

to find a big enough home to host it. So, for the third time, just like last year, we rented a space. This time at the **Multnomah Arts Center**, Portland.

To cover the cost of rental, please bring **\$10** per person. Guests: \$15. But, hey, you get a whole dinner in return!

We will have Pete and Ann's incredible homemade sushi platters, Bruce McGavin's fantastic smoked salmon spread; steamed mussels, clams, and salmon. OMG....the most incredible salmon that Gordy always fixes for us, plus lots more.

BYOB and bring a side dish or dessert.

If your last name begins with:

A - Q : bring a salad or side dish;

R - Z: bring dessert.

**EVERYONE MUST RSVP by October 4th.**

**Location:**

Multnomah Arts Center  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.  
Portland, OR 97219.



Click here for [Google map](#).

See driving directions on our web site.

Please RSVP to **Debbi Kor** for a headcount: [ijustwan-narun1@comcast.net](mailto:ijustwan-narun1@comcast.net) or (503) 314-7078.



## Mt. High Warren Miller's "Ticket To Ride"



**Oct. 25, 2013. (Friday)**  
Dinner and a movie!

**Dinner/drinks at 5:30 pm** at a location to be announced, near the theater.

**Movie at 7:30 pm** at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 1037 SW Broadway.

Santa Claus (Warren Miller Entertainment) is coming to

town, with a great way to start a new winter season. Everyone coming to see the movie will receive:

1. **Lift ticket to Mt. Bachelor**, valid Monday - Friday, either before Dec. 13 or after March 31st. Or use it as a 2-for-1 coupon valid Monday - Friday from Jan. 6 - March 30.
2. **2-for-1 lift tickets** to 3 Canadian ski areas (**Big White, Silver Star, and Sun Peaks**) valid either before December 21, 2012, or after March 25, 2013.
3. **30% off lift tickets to Red Mountain, B.C.** Good for two lift tickets per guest voucher. Valid all season except for the holiday season: December 23, through January 2, 2014.
4. **Discount at REI. 20% OFF** one full price snow helmet or snow goggle. Offer valid 10.11.2013 through 2.15.2014.
5. **A free subscription to Ski Magazine**, if you fill out the contest entry form at the theater.

See more details at [www.mthigh.org](http://www.mthigh.org).

**To participate in our group tickets purchase, you must send payment by September 27.**

For the Friday 7:30 pm show, please make your **\$18.50** check (per person) payable to **Sandra Smith**, and send it to:

Sandra Smith,  
1500 SW 134th Ave.,  
Beaverton, OR 97005.

Email: [Sandra@pacifier.com](mailto:Sandra@pacifier.com) Phone: 503-646-4591

You can also buy tickets on your own, through Tickets West, but it will cost you an additional \$6 or \$7. We will purchase group tickets only for those who send their checks ahead of time.

Let Sandra know if you are coming to dinner.



**MOUNTAIN HIGH****Upcoming events****SNOWSPORT CLUB****Ski Fever & Snowboard Show - Expo Center**

**Nov. 15-17 (Fri - Sun.)**  
Admission: \$13.

Big annual ski show at the Expo Center. Great deals on ski clothing and equipment. Many freebies.

Live demonstrations.

More info at: [www.portlandskifever.com](http://www.portlandskifever.com).

If you want to volunteer to staff the NWSCC booth for a 3-hour shift (representing ALL local ski clubs) in exchange for a free admission to the show, contact **Christine Ciardi**, [membership@nwsn.org](mailto:membership@nwsn.org).

**Mt. High Mt. High Kickoff Party + Mini Ski Swap**

**November 20 (Wednesday), 6:30 - 9:00 pm.**

Our biggest party of the year, marking the start of a new ski season. Come enjoy the following:

- \* Free food and drinks, and door prizes.
- \* Meet your fellow club members.
- \* Renew your membership (\$25 singles; \$40 couples)
- \* Sign up for trips.
- \* Join a PACRAT racing team.
- \* Bring a friend.
- \* Bring something to sell or swap. We'll have a mini ski swap, just like the one that developed spontaneously last year. Bring skis, jackets, etc.

**Location: Gray Gables Estate.** See [MAP](#).  
3009 SE Chestnut Street, Milwaukie.

More info on our web site:  
[www.mthigh.org/#Kickoff\\_Party](http://www.mthigh.org/#Kickoff_Party)

**NWSCC Ski Fair at the Airport Holiday Inn**

**Nov. 18 (Monday) 6-10 pm** Admission: FREE.

One day only, at the **Conference Center** next to the **Airport Holiday Inn**, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd.

Meet local ski clubs and ski areas. participate in the **Silent Auction, Raffle**, and more! See what's new.

As part of the auction, you can get great deals on lift tickets, lodging, ski trips, ski gear, and more.

All our members can purchase a **Meadows 10-time pass** for a discount, probably under \$400.

You can also **renew your club membership** at our club's booth.

To volunteer to staff the Mt. High booth, contact **Terry Swan**, [swans761@juno.com](mailto:swans761@juno.com)

**NWSCC, Schnee Pray for Snow**

**Nov. 16, 2013 (Saturday) - Starting at 6 pm.**

Annual event to help usher in the Winter season, with a live band, dancing, revelry, and the company of friendly skiers. It's organized by the **Schnee Vogeli** ski club, but members of ALL local ski clubs are invited.

Location: **Charlie's Pub & Restaurant**, Government Camp.

Tickets: \$15, must be purchased in advance (Limited quantities). Contact your dearest member of the Schnees or:

**Gordon Lusk:** [GordyLusk@hotmail.com](mailto:GordyLusk@hotmail.com), 503-804-8363

**Dale Parshall:** [dale.parshall@usbank.com](mailto:dale.parshall@usbank.com)

There will be no tickets at the door. This event fills up!



## Bergfreunde

## Wine Tour &amp; Dinner

Oct. 12 (Sat.)

Start: 11:15 am.

End: 7:00 pm



Have a fun afternoon touring Oregon wineries, wine tasting, a catered picnic lunch and more wine tasting! We will Board bus at 11:20 AM at the Red Lion Jantzen Beach. We will return to the Jantzen Beach Bar and Grill for an enjoyable dinner.

Trip includes bus transportation (with professional designated driver!), driver gratuity, beautiful wine country scenery (We've ordered a dry, sunny day!)

Open to all local ski clubs at Bergfreunde Ski Club prices. Make checks out to: BSC. Please note which club, your name, address, phone, and Email info.

Event Leaders:

**Margaret De Francisco**, 503-639-7146 and

**William Leeper**, 503-639-2603, or email: [wcleeper@hotmail.com](mailto:wcleeper@hotmail.com)

Event Pricing:

By check: **\$72.**By credit card **\$75.**

Meeting at: Red Lion Jantzen Beach Bar and Grill, 909 N. Hayden Inland Drive, Portland Oregon.

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*NOTE: This event conflicts with our Seafood Party on the same day. See page 4.*

*You can go on the Wine Tour, and maybe skip the dinner and come to the Seafood Party instead. You probably won't feel like enjoying the seafood if you had already had dinner on this tour.*

## ODOT's Mt. Hood Transportation Plan

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be implementing several safety improvements on Highway 26 between Rhododendron and the junction with Highway 35.

The time for public input ended August 31, 2013. The work will take 3 years, from 2014 to 2017. Changes will include:

Blast away rock cliffs above the highway to reduce rock fall hazards. Install a center barrier on 2.3 of those miles. Extend passing lanes by 1,400 feet to give motorists more space and more time to complete passing maneuvers. See: <http://www.us26mthoodsafetyopenhouse.org/>

Many more improvements are also in the works, such as:

- Building a gondola or tram linking Skibowl, Government Camp and Timberline ;
- Improve visibility at many intersections;
- Add more parking spaces along highway 26;
- Set up a bus service between Mt. Hood ski areas;
- Build a pedestrian and biking bridge or two over Hwy. 26. See item PB-4 on the **Potential Projects map**: <https://deagis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/OnePane/basicviewer/index.html?appid=3a76232e4cd74c99b073a521e6e34533>

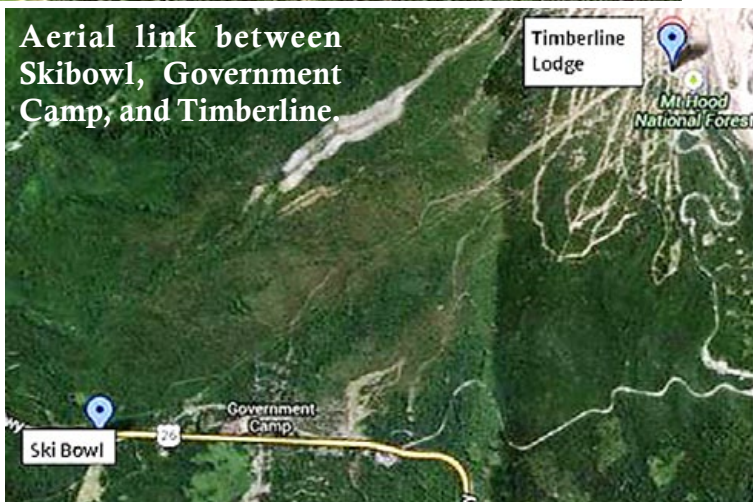
The main project web site has a more detailed description, and it will also soon display the results of the public survey at: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/pages/MHMTTP.aspx>

The main contact for this project and to ask for additional bridges is: **Mike Mason**, [Michael.W.Mason@odot.state.or.us](mailto:Michael.W.Mason@odot.state.or.us)



## Aerial link between Skibowl, Government Camp, and Timberline.

Just two of the many proposed transportation improvement projects on Mt. Hood.





### Forest Service fixes Old Mt. Hood Hwy.

Good news! Our comments to the Forest Service have produced some results! Seeing that people have already established a trail around the overturned asphalt on the old Mt. Hood highway west of Government Camp (see the checkered purple piece of road on the map for the location of the broken roadway), the Forest Service has decided it is better to fix the old highway than to have people building new trails.

So, some time in late August or early September, the Forest Service has removed the jagged asphalt chunks from a portion of the old roadway, exposing the smoother surface underneath. In effect, they created a pedestrian path along one side of the broken up roadway.

This makes the old highway usable again for joggers, hikers, cyclists, and horse riders. Thanks to everyone who wrote to the Forest Service about this!

This is not necessarily the end. There is room for further improvement. In order to make this road/path truly useful, the following two things would be terrific improvements:

1. **Compress the trail surface** next to the broken asphalt. Currently the surface is a bit too soft, with fine grains similar to sand. A mountain bike might not have any problems, but it's too soft for a road bike. It would be great if the surface could be compressed with a heavy roller. Or maybe it will settle and get compressed naturally under the weight of snow and the cementing effect of water (rain).

2. **Build two pedestrian bridges** to re-connect Laurel Hill with the two adjacent segments of the old highway which are now a dead end. One such bridge would be just a little downhill from the Mirror Lake trailhead (connecting the two yellow lines of Barlow Road on the map), and the other would be just a little above the historic marker where people currently park and climb the stairs to see the steep chute the pioneers had to descend. This second bridge would, in essence, connect Laurel Hill with Kiwanis Camp Road.

The idea of pedestrian bridges is not as far fetched as it sounds. ODOT already plans to build a similar pedestrian bridge somewhere between Government Camp and the Mirror

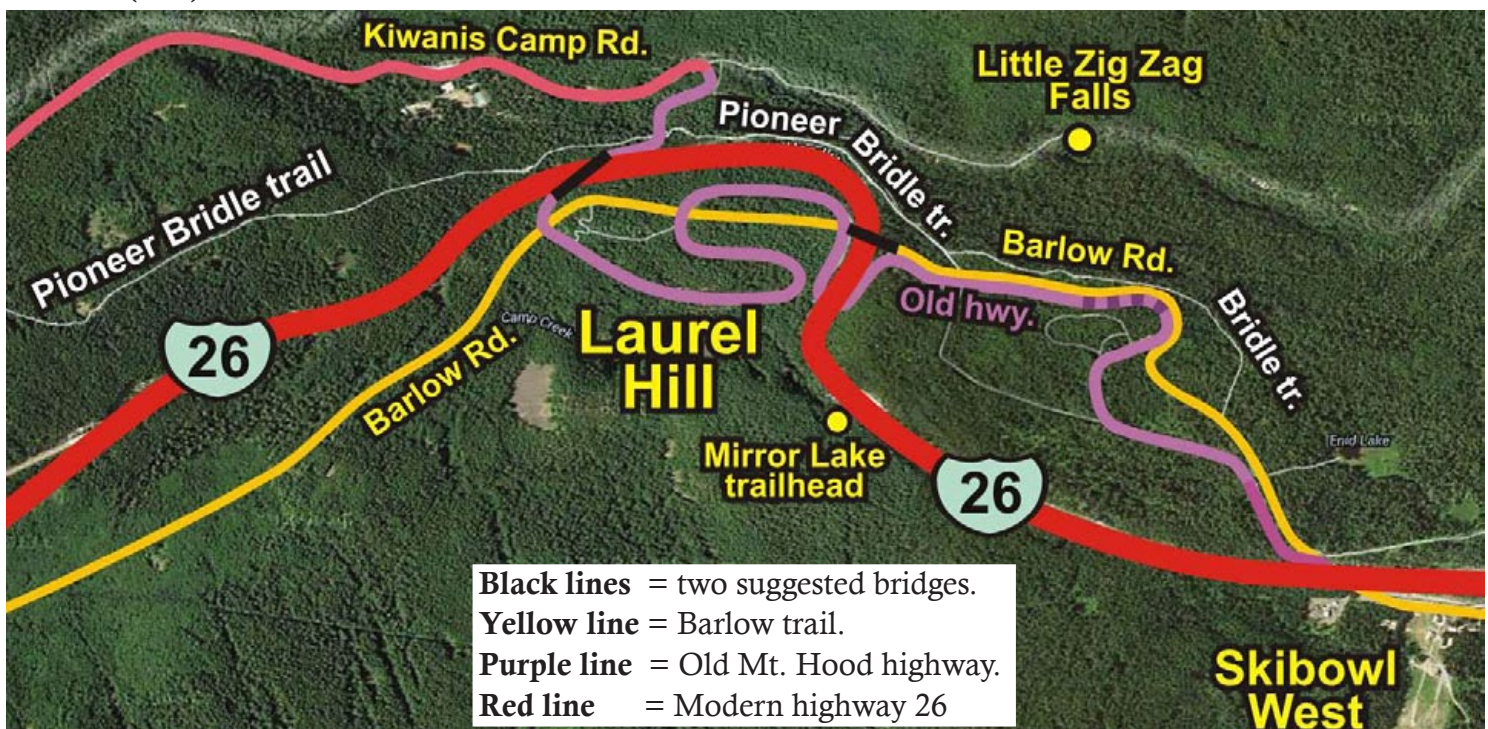
Lake trailhead. So, why not two more such bridges.

Hopefully, ODOT and the Forest Service can cooperate on this project and make it a reality. The two bridges would make it possible, for example, for people to bike from Government Camp down the Pioneer Bridle Trail and then return to Government Camp following the old Mt. Hood highway and these two proposed bridges, thus completely avoiding any motorized traffic.

If anyone isn't sure about the locations we are talking about, Emilio will gladly take you on a little tour there. To ask for the bridges, contact ODOT (p.6) and also:

Contact the **Zig Zag Ranger District**, 70220 E. Hwy. 26, Zigzag, OR 97049. Phone: 503-622-2001. Email:

1. Mike Brown, [michaalebrown@fs.fed.us](mailto:michaalebrown@fs.fed.us) and/or
2. Todd Parker, [tparker@fs.fed.us](mailto:tparker@fs.fed.us)





## Ski Areas Close Due to Climate Change

by Emilio Trampuz

**Quick quiz:** How many ski areas have already closed due to global warming? It's hard to count them all.

**Chacaltaya**, the world's highest ski area, at 17,785 feet, in the Bolivian Andes has closed in 2009 due to the melting of the glacier. The ski area was built in 1939. Today, all that remains of the glacier is a few small patches of ice and snow near the top of the mountain. Must see video from 2009 at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BspJfnwGynw>

**The Alps** have been hit too. Due to melting glaciers, many summer skiing locations have closed for summer skiing.

**Abondance** in the French Alps closed altogether in 2007.

**Belle Mountain** ski area in New Jersey closed in 1998 for lack of snow.

**Pal-Arinsal**, the lowest of several ski areas in Andorra is under threat. If the temperatures rise by just 2°C, even snowmaking equipment won't be enough to save the ski area.

So far, the affected ski areas are mostly smaller ones that cannot afford snowmaking equipment.

The usual pattern is that the ski area starts losing a lot of money due to less snow and fewer operating days, until it finally goes out of business.

Among the larger ski areas in the United States, the most at risk are **Aspen**, CO, and **Park City**, UT. According to one study, Aspen might have to triple its snowmaking capabilities over the next few decades, ... and finding sufficient water supplies for that may be difficult.

By 2100, the snowline at both Aspen and Park City will move up 2,400 feet higher, unless the greenhouse gas emissions such as carbon-dioxide are reduced from current levels.

A study by Oregon State University researchers predicts that the **Willamette Pass** Ski Area could go from seeing warm, rainy winters 3 percent of the time now to 67 percent of the time 40 years from now. That would leave the area with little or no snow 22 times more often than today, the study suggests.

**Hoodoo** Ski Area would have warm winters almost 10 times as often as today, or 67 percent of the time, while **Timberline** Resort on Mount Hood would have them six times as often.

Mount Buller, Australia



Chris Daly, director of OSU's Spatial Climate Analysis Service, said the study, which covers Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, found that more than half of the area at risk is in the Western Oregon Cascades.

That's because winters in our part of the Northwest would take only a small amount of warming to tip the scales from snow to rain.

"It turns out that on the west slope of the Cascades, the precipitation that falls as snow (today) is falling right near the freezing mark," Daly said. "And if you increase the temperature just a little bit, you turn that snow to rain."

According to a recent 2012 report from the Natural Resources De-

fense Council, if current levels of greenhouse gas emissions continue, temperatures on the already warming planet might rise by anywhere between 4° and 10° Fahrenheit. Ski seasons will get shorter, snow levels will move higher, and the 38 U.S. states with ski industries will lose \$1 billion in revenue and 27,000 jobs because of decreasing snow.

The ski industry response to climate change has largely been to increase snowmaking and increase water storage. But that is just a temporary fix. Not much is being done to become more energy efficient or to stop the emissions of greenhouse gases.

But the ski industry is taking climate change seriously, and is looking for solutions. For example:

**Jiminy Peak** in northern Massachusetts has invested \$2 million to make the ski area the first in the country with its own wind turbine. Some other resorts are installing solar panels.

**Mammoth Mountain**, California, has embarked on an energy revamp in recent years. Since 2000, the ski area has reduced electricity needs by 9 percent and cut propane use by 70,000 gallons per year, thus using less energy than it did in the past.

Lisa Isaacs, Mammoth's director of environmental programs, says: "All the people I talk to in this industry, they're scared. Global warming trumps everything. If it continues, we won't even be able to make snow. We make our living off the environment, so we have to take care of it."

Proving that she is not alone in having such concerns, during 2012 alone, 80 to 100 resorts sent letters to Congress in support of clean-energy legislation, power plant carbon emissions standards and the wind energy production tax credit.



## Lift tickets and Season Passes

Here is a comparison of various lift tickets and passes. Which pass is best for you depends on how much you'll ski. Also, remember that all ski areas will be offering Spring Passes valid for March, April and May. Consider maybe a 5-day pass plus a Spring Pass, and they don't have to be at the same ski area. Note:

1. Mt. Hood Meadows has lowered its prices.
2. The Fusion Pass has added lift tickets to 10 other ski area (3 tickets at each).
3. All prices will increase in November, and Mt. Bachelor prices will increase at the end of September.

Ski area / Name of Pass	1 Day	4 or 5 Day	10/12 Days	Season Pass	Senior Season	Season Pass description
<b>Mt. Bachelor</b>	\$79	4-pack \$179	12-day \$469	\$849	\$549	Multi-day and season prices will increase after Sept. 30.
<b>Mt. Hood Meadows</b>	\$74	--	10-days \$399	\$499	\$379	All prices are lower than last winter! Season Pass prices rolled back to 2011/2012 prices. NOTE: Multi-day and season pass prices will increase a lot after November 3.
<b>Mt. Hood Skibowl</b>	?	--	?	?	?	Prices have not yet been announced for the coming winter.
<b>Timberline</b>	\$68	4-days \$215	10-days \$365	\$495	\$249	Multi-day and season prices will increase after Nov. 17.
<b>Fusion Pass:</b> Timberline + Skibowl + 3 free tickets at each: Stevens Pass, Schweitzer, Bridger Bowl, Snowbasin, Sierra-at-Tahoe, China Peak, Mountain High, Arizona Snowbowl, Angel Fire, and Crested Butte.	--	--	--	\$495	\$249	Unlimited skiing at Timberline and Skibowl + 30 other free lift tickets, 3 tickets at each of 10 other ski areas. NOTE: Prices will increase after November 3. NOTE: Mt. High has a bus trip to Schweitzer and to Stevens Pass this winter!
<b>Mountain Collective Pass</b> 2 lift tickets at each: Whistler/Blackcomb, Aspen/Snowmass, Jackson Hole, Alta/Snowbird, Mammoth Mt., and Alpine Meadows and Squaw Valley	--	--	12-time pass \$379	--	--	A 12-time pass, with a maximum of just 2 days at each destination, but additional days at each resort are \$50% off. No blackout dates. To make the most of it, visit as many ski areas as possible.
<b>Snowbomb Platinum Pass</b> 4 lift tickets total, 1 at each: Homewood, Sierra-at-Tahoe, Bear Valley, China Peak, all in California.	--	4-pack \$150	--	--	--	NOTE: This pass sells for just \$49 before September 1. You also get free rentals and tune-ups.
<b>Epic Pass (Vail Resorts)</b> Valid at Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Heavenly, Northstar, Kirkwood, The Canyons, Arapahoe Basin, Afton Alps and Mt. Brighton.		4-day \$369	7-day \$549	\$709	\$559	The adult full season pass (for \$709) is also valid Eldora, plus an additional 5 free days each at: Verbier (Switzerland), Arlberg (Austria), and Les 3 Valees (France). No blackout dates.



## MOUNTAIN HIGH

## Lift ticket deal

## SNOWSPORT CLUB

## Powder Alliance

How would you like to ski at 12 ski areas for the price of one? This is now possible, thanks to the alliance forged between 12 ski areas in the western USA. The deal is that anyone with a season pass from any of these ski areas receives not only unlimited skiing at their home ski area but also 3 free lift tickets at each of the other ski areas.

The Powder Alliance consists of the following 12 ski areas: **Timberline** (OR), **Mt. Hood Skibowl** (OR),

**Schweitzer Mt.** (ID), **Bridger Bowl** (MT), **Stevens Pass** (WA), **Sierra-at-Tahoe** (CA), **China Peak** (CA), **Mountain High** (CA), **Snowbasin** (UT), **Snowbowl** (AZ), **Crested Butte** (CO), and **Angel Fire** (NM).

In effect, you get 12 resorts, 123 lifts, 806 trails, and 26,782 vertical feet. All for the price of one season pass! There is no additional charge for the Powder Alliance deal. Just get a season pass (a Fusion Pass for Oregonians).



## What this means for Oregonians



For Oregonians to make use of the Powder Alliance deal they have to purchase the **Fusion Pass**, which by itself gives you unlimited skiing at both Timberline and Skibowl.

In addition, we will now also get **30 free lift tickets** to the other 10 ski areas (3 lift tickets to each of them). The only restriction to the other ski areas is that you cannot use this deal on Saturdays or holidays.

**Prices** will go up on **November 4**, so buy now:

**Adults under 65** will pay \$495 for this pass.

**Adults over 65** can purchase the pass for just \$249.

**Those over 71** get free skiing at Timberline, but not necessarily at all the other ski areas. Skibowl charges about \$50 for a season pass, and so do many other ski areas, so you might still consider purchasing the Fusion Pass to enjoy the Powder Alliance deal.

**Those planning to join us on our Mountain High ski trips** this year will be able to use all 3 free lift tickets at Schweitzer Mt. in January, and one free lift ticket at Stevens Pass in March.

**All Fusion Pass holders** also get a free shuttle bus between Timberline, Government Camp, and Skibowl, as well as other discounts.

Are you drooling yet? If not, see "A Personal View" in the column on the right.

## A personal view - by Emilio Trampuz



I normally never buy season passes, simply because I don't want to be tied down to just one single ski area all winter. But with 12 ski areas on a single pass, variety is built into the Powder Alliance deal and the whole equation changes.

I do usually buy the Timberline Spring Pass, valid in March, April and May, for \$110. So, let's subtract that from the cost of the Fusion Pass and see what else we would get for the remaining portion of the cost of the Fusion Pass.  $\$475 - \$110 = \$365$ .

If the average price of a lift ticket is, say \$60, then \$365 will buy you about 6 lift tickets.

But, instead of 6 tickets, the Powder Alliance gives you 30 lift tickets to 10 ski areas! And on top of that, you get unlimited skiing at Timberline and Mt. Hood Skibowl all winter long (with no blackout dates).

Since I will be going on at least two of the Mountain High bus trips -- to Schweitzer and to Stevens Pass -- this means I will be able to take advantage of at least 3 free tickets at Schweitzer and one at Stevens Pass.

But, hey, Sierra-at-Tahoe (CA) and Snowbasin (UT) are all within easy reach too.

Also, once in California, why not drive a bit farther south and visit China Peak in Central California and Mountain High in Southern California!



## TRIPS

Here are the ski trips planned for the upcoming 2013-2014 ski season.

Space in the newsletter is limited. More details are posted on our web site, on the TRIPS page.

Put these trips on your calendar!

Note that all 3 Mt. High trips will be bus trips. And remember the great Powder Alliance deal (see page 10). It can save you some money on two of our trips.

### FWSA Ski Week: Beaver Creek, CO



**Jan. 25 - Feb. 1, 2014.**

This is an annual week of skiing, bringing together ski clubs from all over the West. Only the location is different each year. See details at:

<http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/NAski/2014-FWSA-BeaverCreek/2014-FWSA-BeaverCreek.html>

**Included:** 7 nights lodging, Mountain Rally, Welcome Party, Races, Pub Crawl, Mountain Picnic, Banquet, Awards Après Party, Transportation to FWSA Events, 5 or 6 Day Lift Ticket good at 5 Colorado Resorts: Beaver Creek, Vail, Breckenridge, Keystone, Arapahoe Basin.

**Not included:** Air or airport ground transportation.

**Contact:** Christine Ciardi, [c2blondie@hotmail.com](mailto:c2blondie@hotmail.com)  
503-819-3128. Base price = \$1,229.

### FWSA Mini Ski Week: Snowbasin, UT



**Feb. 22 - 27, 2014.**

5 nights / 3 or 4 days. Lodging is at La Quinta Inn in Layton, Utah, about 25 minutes from the Snowbasin ski area.

**Price** = \$425 - \$475.

**Included:** 5 nights lodging, welcome and farewell parties, pub crawl, 3 or 4 days at Snowbasin, and shuttle bus from Layton to Snowbasin and back.

**Not included:** Air or transportation from airport.

**Trip Leader:** Gloria Raminha, 661-829-5996 [H], 661-800-8229 [C], [garski2011@gmail.com](mailto:garski2011@gmail.com).

**Details:** <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/NAski/2014-FWSA-Snowbasin/2014-FWSA-Snowbasin.html>

### Mt. High Idaho Panhandle Bus trip ==>



**Jan. 27 - Feb. 1, 2014.**

5 nights / 5 days skiing.

We'll ski and stay at **Schweitzer Mt.** for 3 days and nights to make use of the 3 free lift tickets (see Powder Alliance deal p.

10). Schweitzer Mt. is one of the few places in the US offering true ski-in/ski-out, and it has great powder.

Then we'll move to Kellogg, Idaho, where we will stay for 2 nights near the bottom of the gondola to **Silver Mt.** In addition to Silver Mt., we will also spend a day at **Lookout Pass**,

known as Idaho's number 1 powder place on the Idaho/Montana border, about 25 minutes east along I-90.



**The price** covers lodging, skiing, and bus transportation, as well as at least one dinner.

Regular = \$875. Senior (65+) = \$835.

If you have a Fusion Pass, you can save a lot on this trip thanks to the Powder Alliance deal (see p. 10)

Regular with Fusion pass = \$695.

Senior with Fusion pass = \$675.

Use our [Dough Transmittal Form](#) for all payments. Pay in full by December 27. No refunds after that.

Details on our web site. Contact: **Emilio**, 503-378-0171, [Emilio2000@earthlink.net](mailto:Emilio2000@earthlink.net)

### International Ski Week: Zermatt, Switzerland



**March 6 - 15, 2014.** A week in Europe.

**Price** = \$1,908 - \$2,908.

**Included:** 7 nights lodging in a choice of 3 hotels, welcome and farewell parties,

breakfast & dinner daily, airport ground transfers, tour escort, 2 apres ski parties with drinks & light snacks.

**Air-fare:** Additional \$1,109 + \$526 fuel surcharge + \$126 in departure taxes. Both fees might change.

**Not included:** Lift tickets, optional day tours, optional post-trip extensions to Barcelona and Madrid, Spain.

**Trip Leader:** Debbie Stewart, VP International Travel, 430 S. Church St., Visalia, CA 93277, 559-734-9294 [B] 559-737-0882 [C], [vpinternationaltravel@fwsa.org](mailto:vpinternationaltravel@fwsa.org)



**MOUNTAIN HIGH****Trips****SNOWSPORT CLUB****Mt. High****Mt. Bachelor Bus trip ==>**

**Feb. 21 - 23, 2014.**  
2 nights / 2 days skiing.

Our bus will leave Friday evening around 5:30 pm or so, and will return to Portland Sunday evening.

**Lodging** at the Bend Riverside Inn & Suites.

**Price:** Bus, lodging, lift tix: \$250, (\$135 without lift tickets.)

Seniors 65-69 : \$230

Super-seniors 70+ : \$205

Deposit: \$100. Details on our web site. Contact: **Debbi Kor**, 503-314-7078, [ijustwannarun1@comcast.net](mailto:ijustwannarun1@comcast.net)

**Mt. High****Leavenworth Bus trip ==>**

**March 21 - 23, 2014.** Bus trip.

2 nights / 2 days at:

1. **Mission Ridge.**  
2,250' vertical. 1 Express Quad, 3 Doubles. You can ski by a World

War II bomber that crashed there.

2. **Stevens Pass**, lots of tree skiing, front and back + lots of cruisers! 1,800' vertical on 3 sides of 2 different mountains, served by 3 Quads, 4 Triples, 3 Doubles.

**Lodging:** Obertal Inn, right in the middle of Leavenworth. Rooms with fireplace or jacuzzi available.

**Price:** Adult \$299 or \$250 (if you have Fusion Pass)

Super-seniors (70+): \$250

For room with fireplace: add \$23 pp.

For just 4 instead of 5 in townhome: add \$30pp

**The price** covers lodging, skiing, and bus transportation, as well as one dinner. But there are many variables on this trip, so please see more details on our web site.

Use our [Dough Transmittal Form](#) for all payments. Full payment due by February 20. No refunds after Feb. 20 unless you can fill your spot. Please specify if you want one of the special rooms.

**NOTE:** Only 38 spots available at the standard rate. After those 38 spots get filled, you'll only be able to sign up for the more expensive options

**Contact:** Trip leader [Linda McGavin](#), 503-652-2840, [Trips@mthigh.org](mailto:Trips@mthigh.org)

**Bergfreunde****Tahoe Sampler**

**Feb. 23 - Mar. 1, 2014.**  
Mt. High members are invited to join this flexible carpooling trip.

**Cost:** TBA but approx. \$320 (pp.do, land only)

based on last year's prices. Included:

- 6 nights lodging,
- A trip souvenir.
- Group dinner Tues. & Thurs.
- Hospitality room Sun, Mon, Fri.,
- Legendary Wed. night dinner dance cruise on the M.S. Dixie II paddle wheeler; and

**Lodging:** at the Bluelake Inn, within a few blocks of the casinos and the Heavenly gondola. Each room has a refrigerator and microwave.

**Skiing:** We'll be taking advantage of any lift ticket deals that are offered by the 16 different ski areas. Last year, we skied 5 areas for about \$200. This year, Sierra-at-Tahoe is part of the Powder Alliance (see page 8).

Note that this is also a cross-country and snowshoe trip.

**Contact:** Bob Burns: 503-524-5261 (phone/fax), [bob@inkjetman.com](mailto:bob@inkjetman.com).

Make checks payable to **Bergfreunde Ski Club**.

**Send payments to:** Bob Burns, 9980 SW Citation Place Beaverton, OR 97008. Include: Your name; club name; address; phone numbers; and email address.

**FWRA Championships**

**April 4-6, 2014.** Annual inter-club competition. This year, it will be held at Mammoth Mt., CA.

Slalom on one day and Giant Slalom on the other.

This is a great opportunity to experience what a real Slalom course feels like! All our PACRAT racers are automatically qualified to enter this competition.

Details have not been announced yet, but they should probably be published soon on the Far West Racing Association web site, <http://fwra.com/>

**Contact:** Bob Ellis, [rellis9681@aol.com](mailto:rellis9681@aol.com)



**MOUNTAIN HIGH****Contacts / Club info****SNOWSPORT CLUB****Man & Woman of the Year**

Our club's Man and Woman of the Year, are:

**Bruce Kuper**, who is also our new Racing Director, and

**Chris Brooks**, our former club Secretary, and also our ongoing hikes leader.

**Bruce Kuper****Chris Brooks****Mountain High Meeting**

Usually the last Monday.

**Sept. 30 (Mon.):** Open to all who want to get more involved with the club. Gather at **6:00 pm**. Start at **6:30 pm**.

**Location: Round Table Pizza, 10070 SW Barbur Blvd. (near Capitol Hwy.)**

**Mountain High snowsport club contacts:**

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**DOUGH TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Mail check payable to: Mountain High Snowsport Club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY: ☐ New membership ☐ Renewal

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Hm): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Wk): \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Hm): \_\_\_\_\_ Email (Wk): \_\_\_\_\_

By joining the Mountain High Snowsport Club, I acknowledge that I am responsible for my own safety and conduct. I hereby agree to be bound by all Mountain High Snowsport Club bylaws and regulations, including the Trip Cancellation Policy. I hereby release Mountain High Snowsport Club, and any of their agents (officers, directors, trip captains, and any other Club representatives) from liability for personal injury, property damage, or any other liability of any kind connected with my participation in any club-related activity. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify and hold the Club and any of their agents harmless from any and all liabilities of any kind which may be incurred or asserted against the Club or any of their agents in any way relating to my negligence or willful misconduct connected with my participation in the club's activities.

**Email Preferences:** - Newsletter (once a month): ☐ yes, link only ☐ yes, complete file ☐ no  
☐ No changes - Club news & events (between newsletters): ☐ yes ☐ no  
 (same as last year) - Other ski news (NWSCC, FWSA, ski areas, trips...): ☐ yes ☐ no  
 - Is it OK to share your email address with other club members? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please take my money, and apply it toward the following Ski Club fun stuff:

	Deposit?	Paid in full?
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Annual Membership</b> (Oct. 1, 2012 - Sept. 2013): Single (\$25); couple (\$40)	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>PACRAT Racing (2014)</b> \$95 for the whole season . Team: _____	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Idaho trip</b> (Jan. 27-Feb. 1). With/w/o Fusion Pass \$875 / \$695. Senior: \$835 / \$675	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mt. Bachelor</b> (Feb. 21-23). Adult: \$250, Senior (65-69): \$230, Over 70: \$205.	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Leavenworth</b> (Mar. 21-23). \$299 (or \$250 w/Fusion pass). Over 70: \$250.	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other:</b> _____	\$ _____	_____

Comments (For whom you are paying. Roommate requests,...): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

See our Trips cancellation policy on our web site: <http://www.mthigh.org/Documents/Trip-Cancellation-Policy.pdf>



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**Mt. High Membership**

Our club membership runs from October 1st to the end of September of the following year. So, it's about time to start renewing by mail.

Most people renew their

membership in person at one of our two main events:

1. **The Ski Fair**, Nov. 18, at the Airport Holiday Inn.
2. **The Mt. High Kickoff Party**, Nov. 20, at the Gray Gables Estates in Milwaukie, OR. Stay tuned!

When you renew in person, you will receive your membership card right away. Even if you renew by mail, please pick up your card at one of these events. We don't normally mail them out, except by special request to our Membership director, Terry Swan, 503-729-3435 [swans761@juno.com](mailto:swans761@juno.com)

**NWSCC****NWSCC News**

By being a Mt. High member, you are also automatically a member of the NWSCC.

The NW Ski Club Council holds meetings on the 3rd Wednesday approximately every other month. These meetings are open to every-

one. The next meetings will be:

**October 16 (Wed.) 6 pm.**

at a location to be announced. A featured speaker will be Brundage Mountain Resort, and the meeting topics will include Get Ready to Ski, Ski Fair, Ski Shows, and Club Membership.

**December 18 (Wed.) 6 pm.**

PACRAT racing bib pickup; PIE Auction, Safety, Learn to Ski.

Locations vary. See the NWSCC web site each time at: <http://www.nwskiers.org/>

See the monthly NWSCC Newsletter at:

[www.nwskiers.org/Newsletter/Newsletter.htm](http://www.nwskiers.org/Newsletter/Newsletter.htm)

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