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Re: Support of the Climate Declaration

Dear BICEP:

We are writing to express our support for the Climate Declaration launched last week by BICEP and your member companies. **One hundred and fifteen (115) ski resorts across twenty-four states support the Declaration** and stand behind your strong message to policy makers to pass meaningful energy and climate legislation now. Ski areas across the country are concerned about the issue of climate change and its impacts on rising sea levels, wildlife habitat, the health of our forests, and truly our way of life. It is obvious that the success of ski business operations depends greatly on climate. Resorts have made tremendous efforts to raise awareness of the issue of climate change with our guests and with policy makers over the past decade. We have also made great strides in our operations to reduce carbon emissions. We welcome legislative and regulatory initiatives that will reduce carbon emissions, incentivize renewable energy development and help improve our resiliency in the future.

Two years ago, the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) initiated the “**Climate Challenge**,” a voluntary program dedicated to helping participating ski areas reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and reap other benefits in their operations, such as reducing costs of energy use. Resorts who take the Challenge are required to complete a climate inventory on their resort operations, set a target for greenhouse gas reduction, and implement a new program or project annually to meet the reduction goal. Examples of some of the actions taken so far include lighting retrofits, development of on-site renewable energy including solar and wind and investment in high efficiency snowmaking equipment. Today, we have **20 resorts** that have taken the Challenge, including Alta Ski Area (UT), Arapahoe Basin (CO), Beaver Valley Ski Club (ON), Boreal Mountain (CA), Canyons Resort (UT), Copper Mountain (CO), Giants Ridge (MN), Gorgoza Park (UT), Grand Targhee (WY), Jackson Hole Mountain Resort (WY), Jiminy Peak (MA), Killington Resort (VT), Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard Resort (NV), Mt. Bachelor (OR), Mt. Hood Meadows (OR), Park City Mountain Resort (UT), Pico Mountain Resort (VT), Soda Springs (CA), Sugarbush (VT), and Telluride Ski & Golf Resort (CO).

Apart from the Climate Challenge, ski areas are developing renewable energy on site through the application of wind, solar, geothermal and micro-hydro technology. Ski areas are applying energy-efficient green building techniques, retrofitting existing facilities to save energy, replacing inefficient compressors in snowmaking operations, using alternative fuels in resort vehicle fleets, implementing anti-idling policies and providing or promoting car pooling or mass transit use by guests and employees. Ski areas are also supporting renewable energy by purchasing Renewable Energy Credits (RECs). The ski industry represents a relatively small source of greenhouse gas emissions, however, we are doing our part to set the example and unify all businesses behind the common goal of addressing the long term issue of climate change.

NSAA recently submitted testimony to the Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change to encourage action in Washington on the issue of climate change. Over the past decade, ski areas have supported a variety of energy and climate proposals in Congress, as well as proposed climate policies from federal agencies. We have advocated support for cap and trade, extending the Investment Tax Credit and the Production Tax Credit, adopting renewable portfolio standards (RPS) and cleaner fuels and cleaner vehicle emissions requirements, and EPA's establishment of protective carbon emission standards for new power plants.

All of the ski areas listed below applaud your action in launching the Declaration and are pleased to support it. If there is any additional information we can provide from the ski industry, our contact person is Geraldine Link ((720) 963-4205 or glink@nsaa.org) at NSAA.

Best Regards,

ALASKA

Alyeska Resort

CALIFORNIA

Alpine Meadows

Bear Valley

Boreal Mountain Resort

Dodge Ridge

Granlibakken Ski Area

Homewood Mountain Resort

Kirkwood Mountain Resort

Mammoth

Mountain High

Mt. Shasta Ski Park

Northstar California

Royal Gorge

Sierra-at-Tahoe

Soda Springs Ski Area

Squaw Valley

Sugar Bowl

COLORADO

Arapahoe Basin

Aspen Highlands

Aspen Mountain

Beaver Creek

Breckenridge

Buttermilk

Copper

Crested Butte Mountain Resort

Durango Mountain Resort

Echo Mountain

Keystone

Monarch

Powderhorn

Silverton

Snowmass

Sol Vista at Granby Ranch

Steamboat Ski & Resort

Telluride Ski & Golf Resort

Vail Mountain

Winter Park

IDAHO

Lookout Pass

Schweitzer Mountain Resort

Tamarack Resort

ILLINOIS

Chestnut Mountain Resort

INDIANA

Perfect North Slopes

MAINE

Camden Snow Bowl

Mt. Abram

Shawnee Peak Ski Area

MASSACHUSETTS

Catamount Ski Area

Jiminy Peak

Ski Butternut

Wachusett Mountain Ski Area

MICHIGAN

Crystal Mountain

MINNESOTA

Lutsen Mountains

Spirit Mountain

Welch Village

MONTANA

Bridger Bowl

Moonlight Basin

NEVADA

Heavenly Mountain Resort

Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard Resort

Mt. Rose

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Attitash

Cranmore Mountain Resort

Gunstock Mountain Resort

Loon Mountain

Mount Sunapee

Ragged Mountain Resort

Waterville Valley

NEW MEXICO

Pajarito Mountain Ski Area

Taos Ski Valley

NEW YORK

Bristol Mountain

Gore Mountain

Greek Peak Mountain Resort

Holiday Valley Resort

Holimont Ski Area

Hunter Mountain

Mt. Peter Ski Area

Whiteface

Windham Mountain

OREGON

Anthony Lakes

Cooper Spur Mountain Resort

Mt. Ashland Ski Area

Mt. Bachelor

Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort

Timberline Lodge & Ski Area

PENNSYLVANIA

Camelback Mountain Resort
Elk Mountain
Liberty Mountain Resort
Roundtop Mountain Resort
Whitetail Resort

UTAH

Alta Ski Area
Canyons Resort
Deer Crest Private Trails
Deer Valley
Park City Mountain Resort

VERMONT

Bromley
Burke Mountain
Killington
Okemo Mountain Resort
Middlebury College Snow Bowl
Pico Mountain
Smugglers' Notch Resort
Stowe
Stratton
Sugarbush

VIRGINIA

The Homestead Ski Area
Massanutten Ski Resort
Wintergreen Resort

WEST VIRGINIA

Snowshoe

WASHINGTON

49 Degrees North Mountain Resort
Crystal Mountain
Mission Ridge
Stevens Pass
Summit-at-Snoqualmie

WISCONSIN

Cascade Mountain
Granite Peak at Rib Mountain State Park

WYOMING

Grand Targhee Resort
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort