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

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- Arapahoe Basin
- Aspen Highlands
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- Beaver Creek
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- Durango Mountain Resort
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### 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

### 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
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