

## National Ski Council Federation Newsbeat December 2023

**Vail Resorts to Acquire Crans-Montana in Switzerland.** Vail Resorts has entered into an agreement to acquire Crans-Montana Mountain Resort in Switzerland from CPI Property Group (CPIPG), the majority owner of Remontées Mécaniques (French for “ski lifts”) Crans Montana Aminona (CMA) SA, which controls and operates all the resort's lifts and supporting mountain operations, including four retail and rental locations. [More.](#) SAM

**Vail’s Vision for \$16 Billion Rail Revival Gains Momentum.** A proposal to rejuvenate a passenger rail service is gaining traction among local officials. The plan aims to connect the Eagle County Regional Airport directly to the town of Vail. It is seen as a potential solution to the region’s growing transportation and environmental challenges. [More.](#) SnowBrains

**Park City and Deer Valley eye public-private partnership for Snow Park.** Deer Valley will pay \$15 million towards the creation of a regionally significant transportation and parking facility. These funds may also be used for affordable housing in connection with that facility. [More.](#) Park City Town Lift via NSCF

**Snowbasin Utah Forgoes Parking Reservation System.** Several major ski resorts, from Palisades Tahoe to Solitude Mountain Resort, have implemented parking reservation systems ahead of winter 2023-2024. However, after much deliberation, Snowbasin Resort, Utah, is marching to a different tune. [More.](#) Powder

**Fastest 6-Person Chairlift In North America To Open at Sunday River Maine.** According to officials at Sunday River, “the Barker 6, one of the most advanced and fastest 6-person chairlifts in North America.” It is a “Doppelmayr D-Line design, [featuring] ergonomic heated seats, an automatically lowering and locking restraining bar, weather-blocking bubbles....” [More.](#) Powder

**Park City court decision could open ski resorts’ secret formula for accommodating crowds.** A Utah court’s decision rejecting an appeal by Vail Resorts could finally expose the complicated calculus behind “comfortable carrying capacity,” the secret metric used by all resorts for managing crowds. [More.](#) *Colorado Sun* via Google Alerts

**Salt Lake Named Preferred Host for 2034 Winter Games.** The International Olympic Committee (IOC) yesterday named Salt Lake City as the “preferred city” to host the 2034 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Once a preferred host has been selected, no other cities are permitted to apply to host the same Games, making Salt Lake now the sole candidate for 2034. [More.](#) SAM

**Palisades Tahoe Employee Dies in Collision Involving a Snowmobile.** Palisades Tahoe employee Brian Gimbert, 34, of Tahoma, CA, died as a result of a collision involving a snowmobile early Thursday morning, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) reported. Officials at the resort said the accident happened during snowmaking operations on the Alpine side of Palisades Tahoe. [More.](#) SAM

**Death of 6-Year-Old Raises Questions About Lift Safety, Training.** The coroner’s report about the Jan. 29, 2023, death of a 6-year-old girl at Val Saint-Côme resort in Quebec calls into question ski area staff training and safety practices, as the investigation revealed several missteps during the accident. [More.](#) SAM

**Indy Pass, Entabeni, Unofficial Networks to Aid Hickory Ski Center NY.** Hickory Ski Center is getting a lifeline to fund payment for liability insurance that will allow the ski area to open its lifts for the first time since 2015. [More.](#) SAM

**Female Ski Patrollers at Palisade Tahoe, CA, Create Calendar to Help Raise Funds for 3 Worthwhile Causes.** The female members of the Ski Patrol at Palisades Tahoe, California, have created a beautiful calendar for 2024 that will raise funds for three worthwhile causes. [More.](#) SnowBrains

**These 10 U.S. States Have The Most Ski Resorts.** New York leads the way with 52 ski resorts, offering a variety of winter experiences near the bustling city. The best months for skiing are January and February. Michigan and Wisconsin are second and third. [More.](#) The Travel via Google Alerts

**Klaus Obermeyer is 104, and Still Telling Great Ski Stories.** Obermeyer turned 104 on Saturday. He was born just after the turn of the century in 1919. He has been skiing on snow for a century and has picked up hundreds of stories to tell. [More.](#) *Ski Magazine*