

Far West News *Flash*

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Far West Ski Association

POWDR LAUNCHES FAST TRACKS: Powdr is launching *Fast Tracks*, a daily ticket or season pass upgrade option for express lift access via dedicated lanes at four of its resorts: **Copper Mountain, Colo., Killington, Vt., Mt. Bachelor, Ore., and Snowbird, Utah.** *Fast Tracks* will be available to purchase in advance beginning Nov. 1, at the four resorts to all guests—day ticket holders, ticket pack holders, resort passholders, and Ikon passholders—and will be available every day until sold out. Guests can purchase *Fast Tracks* in advance, online, when buying a day ticket. Passholders can add it online for a specific date. It can also be added the day of on-site at the ticket window. Many local passholders, in the **Bend** area, have pointed out on social media that maximizing time for a select few could reduce on-snow time for others—like them. Some resent the fact that this new program was announced after they had bought their own season passes for the season. Some discourse over the program has prompted many opponents to the program, to sign a petition requesting that the program be abandoned. Stay tuned.

CHALLENGES AHEAD FOR SIERRA-AT-TAHOE: Significant damage sustained from the *Caldor Fire*—a 221,000-acre forest fire that tore through the Tahoe Basin in late August and September—will impact operations at Sierra-at-Tahoe for the coming season. The damage is far greater in scope than initially estimated. Fire-weakened trees throughout the property's entire 2,000 acres will need to be evaluated and potentially removed, particularly in areas around lift lines and ski trails. Sierra is also in the midst of repairs to several of its chairlifts—a task that global supply chain and shipping issues has made more difficult. The resort still intends to open this season but has told current passholders to look for an email regarding options related to their 2020-21 season pass.

SOLITUDE EXTENDS LIFT OPENING HOURS: Starting in mid-December, select chairlifts will have extended lift hours on weekends and holidays, opening an hour early. Then, in mid-March, lift operations for the whole mountain will “spring ahead” with daylight saving time all lifts will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day through the end of the season

NSCF VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION: National Ski Council Federation is excited to announce that the highly popular *NSCF Virtual Silent Auction* is back for 2021. It will go live online Nov. 15 at 12 noon and run to Dec. 30 at 5 pm EST. A flyer is attached that you can send to your members and put on your websites and in your newsletters. Anyone can bid, so pass it along to your family members and others. The auction is at this link: [NSCF Silent Auction](#).

FAR WEST TRAVEL

FWSA SKI WEEK 2022: *Aspen/Snowmass Resort* is the destination for the 2022 annual Far West Ski Week. Dates are **January 29 – February 5, 2022**. We will be staying in Snowmass Resort and participants have a choice of ski in/ski out lodging or units a short walk to the ski hill. The Snowmass base area has many new restaurants, lodging, and activities such as a climbing wall and ice rink. The *Alpine "Breath-taker" Mountain Coaster* now traverses the mountain slopes. Put the dates of this trip on your calendar, and contact your Council Trip Leader now for more information.

FWSA INTERNATIONAL SKI WEEK: ***Space Still Available, but you have to decide soon!!*** *Sölden, Austria* is the destination for the 2022 International Ski Week. Dates are **February 26 - March 5th**,

and will include 7 nights lodging at the 4-Star *Tyrolerhof Hotel*, including daily breakfast & dinner at the hotel. We'll be offering an optional day tour during the week if one chooses to explore the local culture. There will be an extension to the *Black Forest*, Germany, **March 5-11, 2022**. If one chooses to not go to *Solden*, but wants to do the *Black Forest extension*, we will fly you from the US to join us for the extension trip – we call this the “Stand Alone” trip. For more information, contact Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel: fwsainttravel@prodigy.net.

FWSA MINI SKI WEEK: We still have spots on the *Zermatt Utah Trip*. This will be a great trip and you don't want to miss out! Trip dates **March 20--25th** with prices starting at \$595 for 5 nights lodging, FWSA Happy Hours, and Farewell dinner. This is a flexible trip. Arrival and departure dates can be adjusted to fit your schedule. The *IKON* pass is good at Deer Valley and the *EPIC* pass is good at Park City. Free daily shuttle to both resorts. We will plan one day for a trip to Sun Dance Ski Resort. Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader: garski2011@gmail.com; 661-800-8229.

FWSA INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISE 2022: There's still time to sign up for the *Denali Tour and Alaska Cruise*. Participants can sign up for the *Denali Tour*, **June 21 – 25, 2022** or *Alaska Inside Passage Cruise*, **June 25 - July 2, 2022**, or for the combined two trips. The Denali Trip starts with two days in Fairbanks, AK, followed by two days in Denali, and ends in Anchorage for those doing this portion only. The Inside passage Alaska Cruise starts in Whittier and travels southward with stops in Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan before docking in Vancouver, BC. Trip information and registration available on the FWSA.org website or contact Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel, fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net; (530) 414-8261.

FWSA INTERNATIONAL “ADVENTURE TRIP”: Far Wests' Trip to *Croatia* will be **September 2 to September 11, 2022**. Departure date from the U.S. will be September 1st. Right now, we have a **waiting list**, but for further information, contact Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel: fwsainttravel@prodigy.net.

FAR WEST COUNCILS

SIERRA LEAGUE AND COUNCIL: Sierra Council is excited to be holding our annual winter party again this year after skipping 2020 because of the virus. It will be Sunday, Dec. 12 at La Bamba restaurant in Truckee. Everyone is invited to join us for a Mexican buffet, raffle and more. Details and reservation info is on the council website <https://www.sierraleague.com>. We are also excited to be racing again. There will be six races held in conjunction with the Bay Area Council's Singles and Open Leagues. The schedule is on the website.

FAR WEST FOUNDATION

FAR WEST FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH SEES CANDY: The Far West Ski Foundation needs your sweet support! We're selling yummy *See's Candies* for our year end fundraiser. The overarching objective of the Far West Ski Foundation is to sustain snowsport to ensure that the inspirational experiences of snowsport will remain for future generations. The Foundation has four missions: **BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE** – with its Athletic Sponsorship program, granting sponsorships to young junior racers aspiring to reach the U.S. Ski Team. **REHABILITATION AND RENEWAL** – with its support of adaptive snowsports programs, as a way to enhance restoration to vigor from injury or to animate the physically or mentally challenged. **PIONEERING WOMEN'S OLYMPIC SKI JUMPING** – with its support of the new generation of young women known as the Fly Girls who are taking up jumping. **PRESERVING THE LEGACY** – with its support of the legacy of the snowsports heritage by research, preservation, education and publication of snowsports history. Visit our shop to pick and choose your favorites and buy your candy online. It's that easy! Use the following link:

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/farwsf_far_west_ski_foundation70/candy?h=JAN_WYC1870&c=e_m4709. December 3 is the deadline for making a purchase. For additional information please contact: Jane Wyckoff, FWSA Past President, 949.933.9607, jnewyckoff1@cox.net.

FAR WEST SKIER'S GUIDE

FAR WEST SKIER'S GUIDE IS LIVE: The 2021-2022 Far West Skier's Guide is fully digital. Here are the links to access the magazine. *For the live link, click on:* [Skier's Guide](#).

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