

## 2015-2016 CRESTED BUTTE MOUNTAIN RESORT UPHILL AND NON-OPERATING HOURS USE POLICY

Crested Butte Mountain Resort ("CBMR") and the US Forest Service ("USFS") encourage use of public lands. Users should be aware that the public lands comprising Crested Butte ski area are under permit to CBMR by the USFS. While enjoying these permitted lands, users must abide by CBMR and USFS restrictions and recommendations.

Uphill Use by means of skinning and winter biking has gained popularity at Crested Butte in recent years. CBMR welcomes and supports individuals seeking to exercise and enjoy the quiet mountain setting. Uphill users can help preserve this opportunity by following these simple guidelines.

### General

- All uphill users are required to have an Uphill Use Ticket or Uphill, Peak or Peak Plus Season Pass in their possession. Tickets and passes are available at the Adventure Center during the resort's normal operating hours. Uphill users will be required to sign an acknowledgement and waiver prior to Uphill Use.
- All uphill users are required to adhere to and obey all posted information and to be aware of trail closures and other operational considerations. Be especially aware of other skiers and riders approaching from above or below when on-mountain. Snowmobiles, snow cats, winch cat cable, snowmaking hoses and other equipment may be encountered at any time; the uphill user assumes all risks.
- Updated route information can also be found on the Snow Report Hotline at 970-349-2323 or online at [www.skicb.com/cbmr/snow-report](http://www.skicb.com/cbmr/snow-report).
- **When the Ski Patrol is conducting early-morning avalanche control work, a red flashing light will be deployed on top of tower 3 of the Red Lady lift and at the base area. DO NOT CONTINUE UPHILL BEYOND YELLOW BRICK ROAD AT UPPER PARK for all skimmers OR THE TOP OF RED LADY LIFT for all bikers!**
- Use of all Terrain Parks is prohibited outside of normal operating hours.
- Before and after daylight hours, reflective clothing is recommended.
- Headlamps are required to be turned on while on the mountain before 9 a.m. and after 4:30 p.m.

### Operating Hours

- Uphill Use on the ski area is permissible before and after operating hours on allowed groomed trails. During operating hours Skiers, Snowboarders and Snowshoers can access the mountain via the designated Base to Umbrella Bar at Ten Peaks and Top of Red Lady Lift uphill route.
- All uphill travel must cease by 9:00 a.m. and may not begin again until 4:30 p.m., with the exception of the all-day route.
- Pre-season access is not allowed due to snowmaking and grooming operations.
- Post-season access is not allowed due to mountain operations such as road plowing.

### Dogs

- Dogs must be on a leash or kept under verbal control and owners must clean up all solid waste, failure to do so may result in removal of Uphill Use privileges.
- All dogs are required to wear a turned-on collar headlight while on-mountain.
- Dogs and owners must follow designated "dog routes", please see "Uphill Routes" below.
- Dogs are not permitted on-mountain from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Prohibited Trails

- All un-groomed trails are closed for Uphill Use.
- International, Buckley, and Championship trails are closed for Uphill Use.
- Upper Keystone and Triangle are closed to skimmers in the afternoon and evening due to the frequency of winch cat operations.
- Extreme Limits access roads (i.e. Schofield Pass, Phoenix Exit, Easy Out, Banana Exit, Bottom of Sock-It-To-Me) are closed at all times.

- The top of the Silver Queen is the highest access point for all skidders. No skinning above Silver Queen lift on Eflin's way.
- For bikers, all trails except for trails in those areas listed below under Uphill Routes.

### Uphill Routes

- All groomed trails are open to Uphill Use with the exception of "Prohibited Trails" listed above.
- Stay in the center of the trail for the best visibility.
- **Uphill skinning Routes**(see Uphill Use map):
  - Warming House Hill to Keystone to Upper Park to Yellow Brick Road to:
    - Upper Keystone to the Triangle to Windy Gap to top of Silver Queen lift.
    - Upper Ruby Chief to Silver Queen Road ("SQR").
- **Designated Dog Routes** (see Uphill Use map):
  - Warming House Hill to Keystone to Peanut to Houston Access to Forest Queen to Paradise Bowl to SQR to Lower North Star to the top of Silver Queen lift.
  - Warming House Hill to Houston to Houston Access to Forest Queen to Paradise Bowl to SQR to Lower North Star to the top of Silver Queen lift.
- **Winter Biking Routes** (see Uphill Use map):
  - Fat Biking is only allowed before and after lift operations; before 9am and after 4:30pm
  - Bike riders are allowed on all groomed terrain up to the top of Red Lady lift and the top of Painter boy lift. Bikers are not allowed on the upper mountain or to drop into Paradise Pod. They must stay on the front side of the mountain. Riders have access to all groomed terrain on Gold Link Lift and Prospect lift. Gunsight pass is closed to all bikers.
  - Riders should stay off all winter access roads for example Aspen tunnel which leads from the bottom of painter boy to the 5 way intersection
- **All-Day Route For Skinning and Snowshoeing Only** (see Uphill Use map):
  - Warming House Hill to Lower Keystone to Houston Canyon; at intersection of Houston Canyon and Splain's Gulch the route heads into the trees of Columbine Hill and meanders through trees to top of Homeowners trail at top of Painter Boy /Gold Link lifts and Umbrella Bar at Ten Peaks .
  - From Umbrella Bar at Ten Peaks you can continue on to the top of the Red Lady lift: staying on the skiers left of the Painter Boy Terrain Park pick up the snowshoe route through the trees to the top of the Red Lady lift.

### Descending Routes

- Downhill travel is restricted to open, groomed terrain with the exception of prohibited trails.
- "Dog Routes" – follow designated uphill dog routes in reverse, dogs are not allowed on other downhill trails.

### Avalanche Danger and Explosives

- Avalanche danger may exist at any time along many of the uphill routes. Following **ANY** amount of new snow, or wind, the Ski Patrol may be conducting avalanche control work, including the use of explosives.
- Avalanche control updates will be posted on CBMR's Snow Report at 5 a.m.
- **When the Ski Patrol is conducting early morning avalanche control work, a red flashing light will be deployed on tower 3 of the Red Lady lift and at the base area. DO NOT CONTINUE UPHILL BEYOND YELLOW BRICK ROAD AT UPPER PARK OR THE TOP OF RED LADY LIFT (Based on Activity)!**
- Any other specific closures may be noted on the Snow Report.
- During early season avalanche control work mornings, please do not proceed uphill past the Red Lady lift top terminal if the Upper Park trail is not open.

### Hazards

- Participants must also beware of, and avoid mountain hazards. These include, but are not limited to:
  - Snowmaking hoses – *Danger, high pressure! Do not ski over hoses!*
  - Snowmaking hydrants – *Do not fall in open sites!*

- Snowmobiles – *Stay in the middle of trails and don't get hit!*
- Snow Cat grooming – *Give cats a wide berth and make yourself visible to operators, do not assume they see you!*
- Winch Cat operations – *Dangerous cable!* **Under no circumstances may anyone access any area within the Resort where winch cat operations are taking place.** Such work will involve cables stretched tightly across the terrain and is very dangerous. Skiing into them could result in serious injury or death. Respect strobe lights and signage.
- Other hazard areas, operations or conditions may exist on-mountain.