

What's New in Colorado Ski Country USA

Winter 2018-19



New Lifts- Across the state, Colorado Ski Country ski areas are making significant investments to improve and enhance the guest experience with faster lift rides and shorter lift lines.

- **Winter Park Resort** will welcome a new \$16 million 10-person gondola in its base area to replace the well-known 4-person Zephyr chairlift. This new gondola will increase uphill capacity by over 1,000 guests per hour, reducing wait times by 15 minutes during peak season and providing access to a new daily après offering at the Lodge at Sunspot. It is part of a \$28 million investment at the resort this year.
- **Copper Mountain** will replace two lifts in its base area for the 2018-19 winter season. The 4-person American Eagle chairlift will be replaced with a high-speed telemix, a combination of 8-person gondola cabins and 6-person chairlifts, increasing uphill capacity over 40 percent. On the west side of the base area, the 4-person American Flyer lift will be replaced with a 6-person bubble chairlift providing protection for guests on windy or colder days and increasing uphill capacity 33 percent.
- **Loveland Ski Area** will replace Lift 1 with the ski area's first high speed detachable quad chairlift, part of \$5 million in investment over the summer. This will cut ride time down from eight minutes to under three minutes. After over 3,000 public entries in a naming contest, the lift will be named Chet's Dream after legendary owner Chet Upham, who was the inspiration behind Loveland's original Lift 1 in 1956.
- **Arapahoe Basin** will open the Beavers lift for the 2018-19 winter season, a new 4-person chairlift that will service the new intermediate and expert Beavers terrain at the ski area.
- **Wolf Creek Ski Area**, known for receiving the most snow annually in Colorado, will open a new lift for the 2018-19 season, the Charity Chairlift. The high-speed 4-person chairlift will provide access to 55 acres of beginner and intermediate terrain and provide improved access to 900 acres of intermediate and expert terrain.

New Terrain- Arapahoe Basin will complete a two-year project to add 468 acres of new intermediate and expert terrain in the Beavers and Steep Gullies. This will include 34 new runs served by the new Beavers lift in 2018-19, while the Steep Gullies terrain will remain hike-back, expert only terrain. In the southern part of the state **Wolf Creek** will welcome 55 acres of previously underutilized beginner and intermediate terrain. **Monarch Mountain**, near Salida, CO, will have a new 450-foot tubing hill in its base area for the 2018-19 season. **Echo Mountain**, 50 minutes from Denver, will also add a new tubing hill and expand its snowmaking operation for the winter.

Lodging- Aspen Snowmass will open its new 99-room Limelight at the base of Snowmass. The Limelight is part of a larger \$600 million base redevelopment project that features a central plaza, a community center and residential condominiums. At **Sunlight**, the award-winning Ski, Swim and Stay package, which features skiing, hot-springs and lodging deals, now includes new lodging properties.

Dining- Steamboat Resort will debut two brand new dining experiences this winter. A new base area restaurant, Timber & Torch, will feature bistro-inspired food and both indoor and heated outdoor dining spaces, while the Taco Beast, an on-mountain roaming snowcat, will serve tacos across the mountain. **Sunlight** will introduce the Compass Mountain Grill, an on-mountain food stand for walk-up skiers and riders. **Wolf Creek** will open the Alberta Grill with a south of the border themed menu that also offers more traditional grilled items. **Copper Mountain** will debut Downhill Duke's, a new dog-friendly restaurant in the Center Village. Several resorts will offer luxury on-mountain, night-time dining experiences including **Arapahoe Basin's** Moonlight Dinner series, **Winter Park's** five-course gondola-served dinners at The Lodge at Sunspot, and **Copper Mountain's** Moonlight Dine + Ski fine-dining buffet dinner. At **Aspen Snowmass**, the famed Cloud Nine Alpine Bistro has recently undergone a \$1.1 million remodel including a refreshed dining space, kitchen enhancements and a new fireplace.