

# Far West News *Flash*

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## Far West Ski Association

### WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2020-2021

**“NEWS”! ON YOUR MARK! GET SET! SKI!!** Mammoth is open! Sun Peaks is open! So are several Colorado ski areas (Aspen Mountain, Breckenridge, and Keystone). With the current pandemic, please take heed and “Know Before You Go,” ...long a backcountry mantra that will apply to all skiers and riders this year. Guests should visit ski area websites, social media and other channels to ensure they have the most up-to-date information on any COVID-19 protocols and understand what is expected during their visit. [Colorado Ski Country's COVID-19 webpage](#) will be updated throughout the winter with tips, information and the most up-to-date resort protocols.

Many ski areas will be requiring prepurchase of lift tickets, ski school reservations, rentals and other activities and guests should check with the ski area they plan to visit before and leading up to their arrival. Ski parties will be allowed to load lifts and gondolas together at full capacity. Parties that are not together will have at least one seat between them on lifts. Up to two unrelated parties can load a gondola together up to 50 percent capacity. Parties that are uncomfortable riding with other parties will be allowed to ride as a single party. Again, check the website of the ski area you are planning to visit so that you “know before you go”!

**“NEWS”! TELLURIDE SKI RESORT:** Telluride will welcome **NEW** air service this winter with Southwest Airlines and Jet Blue adding flights into Montrose Regional Airport (MJT) starting in mid-December. Southwest will fly 2-3 times daily from Denver (DEN) and Saturdays and Sundays from Dallas Love Field (DAL). Jet Blue will operate from Boston Logan Airport (BOS) on Saturdays and select Wednesdays during the season. For additional information, visit [www.tellurideskiresort.com](http://www.tellurideskiresort.com). Telluride resort will feature 20 refurbished gondolas offering dining options in Mountain Village as well as expanded yurt and outdoor dining services across the mountain. Specific COVID-19 information can be found on Telluride's website.

**FAR WEST CONVENTION – 7 MONTHS AND COUNTING:** The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs is busy, busy, making plans for the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Far West Convention. The dates are set for June 10-13, 2021, at the *San Diego Marriott Mission Valley*. We will have some interesting Educational Seminars and are currently seeking Public Affairs speakers and a Keynote speaker. One of our favorite events, our Annual Pub Crawl, will be our “*Taste of San Diego*”, sponsored by *Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp.* We will be showcasing great local foods, paired with a drink at each station. Dessert will be from *Scoops of La Jolla* who has Van Leeuwen Artisan Ice Cream. They specialize in Organic and Vegan Ice cream with very unique ice cream flavors.

## FAR WEST TRAVEL

**FWSA SUN VALLEY SKI WEEK 2021:** ***Still Happening!*** FWSA Councils are selling the 2021 Sun Valley Ski Week January 30—February 6th. Contact your Council Trip Leader to reserve your lodging. We are selling hotel rooms at Sun Valley Inn and Sun Valley Lodge, as well as 2 & 3-bedroom Lodge Apartments. Trip package includes lodging and FWSA and Council parties. Additional costs for lift tickets, group air/ground, and Council Challenge races. Free shuttle to town, ski hill, and activities for non-skiers/boarders! Space is limited so sign up now. NO FWSA fees to cancel prior to October 10<sup>th</sup>. Go to: [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org), for Trip Leader contact information or contact Nancy Ellis, [fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net).

**FWSA 2021 ZERMATT MINI SKI WEEK:** *Registration Open.* Sign-ups are now being taken for the *Zermatt Utah Resort* Mini Trip March 21--27, 2021. This resort is located in Midway, Utah. Participants have the option to ski/ride *Deer Valley, Park City, and Sundance Resorts*. There's a lot to do for non-skiers such as art classes at Sundance Resort, shopping, tubing, ice skating, snowmobiling, sleigh rides, or soaking in a 10,000-year-old Crater Hot Springs. Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader: [garski2011@gmail.com](mailto:garski2011@gmail.com); 661-800-8229. For further information, click onto: [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org).

**FWSA 2021 INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISE TO ALASKA:** *Still Happening!* There's plenty of time to sign up for the *Denali Tour and Alaska Cruise* June 19--30, 2021. Participants can sign up for the Denali Tour or Alaska Cruise 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](mailto:fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net); (530) 414-8261.

**FAR WEST 2021 DIVE TRIP:** *Coming Up!* The 2021 Dive Trip has been contracted and will be October 9-16, 2021 to the wonderful *Anthony's Key Resort* in *Roatan, Honduras*. We have great pricing for their top of the line Key Deluxe lodging, meals, and 6 days of 3 tank boat dives. The registration forms and additional information are available on the website.

**"NEW" FWSA SKI WEEK 2022:** *Aspen/Snowmass Resort* will be the destination January 22—29, 2022 for the annual Far West Ski Week. 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 the trip on your calendar and watch for sign up information to be available in March 2021.

## FAR WEST MEMBER BENEFITS

**"NEW" FWSA BENEFITS:** *Aspen/Snowmass* is offering a 25% discount off adult lift tickets with this ski package: **4-day lift ticket purchase plus 3 nights lodging in Aspen/Snowmass.** For more info, click onto the *Member Benefits Page*: [www.fwsa.org/membercorner/benefits](http://www.fwsa.org/membercorner/benefits). **REMEMBER....**as a member of Far West Ski Association, you also have access to any discounts offered through the National Ski Council Federation. A link on our website will take you there.

## FAR WEST COUNCILS

**NORTHWEST SKI CLUB COUNCIL:** *Northwest Ski Club Council* is planning a Council-wide Zoom meeting Wednesday, November 18th. *Tiana Anderson*, from *Crystal Mountain*, and *John Burton*, from *Timberline Ski Area*, have been invited to join us, to let us know what is going on at their respective ski areas this coming year. We will continue to have Zoom meetings through the end of this year, with guest speakers from local resorts.

**SAN DIEGO COUNCIL:** The weather has stayed warm, and that has allowed some of the clubs to open up and have live meetings in local parks. Masks and social distancing are the order of the day. Some clubs have planned ski trips to Mammoth and Salt Lake City for the coming season.

**INTERMOUNTAIN SKI COUNCIL:** Intermountain Ski Council has a new Leader...Jennifer Coutts, from Mountain Green, Utah is their new president. The council will also be changing its state of incorporation from Idaho to Utah. With the formation of the new board, the council has created a new website ([intermountainskicouncil.com](http://intermountainskicouncil.com)) and new Facebook pages. The first meeting of the new board will take place on Dec 3rd, 2020 via Zoom. The ISC trip to Sun Valley, ID is still planned for Jan 3-13, 2021.

*stay safe! stay healthy!*