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A BIT LATE BUT NOT LEAST – WINTER OFF TO SNOW-FILLED START AT MT BACHELOR

Over 10 feet of snow in December has Skiers and Riders enjoying soft conditions over the Holidays

(Bend, Ore) – Mt Bachelor’s December snowfall to-date of 123.5 inches has brought holiday fun to Alpine and Nordic skiers, tubers, snowshoers, and snowmobilers. While some rebuke Mother Nature for the impressive weather systems, thousands are arriving at Mt Bachelor every day to enjoy the ample new snow. Season total snowfall at the mountain is nearing 200” and the current base depth stands at 68” at an elevation of 6300 feet.

ODOT has been working 24 hours per day to keep the road to the mountain plowed. Peter Murphy, public information office for ODOT Central Oregon says, “The resort is an important economic engine for Central Oregon and the mountain road is a vital corridor for the folks who are able to spend time up there.”

Additional snowfall is expected in the coming days which will allow the ski area to expand terrain parks and available lifts. “A little break overnight in the pattern, but the satellite images show the next system approaching from the west. In fact, a series of systems with a moist westerly flow will continue through much of the coming week,” said Mt Bachelor’s staff meteorologist Joe Nicholls in his forecast discussion on Friday. Temperatures are expected to moderate throughout the coming week allowing for comfortable skiing and riding conditions.

Mt Bachelor has enjoyed numerous breaks in the snowy pattern unveiling breathtaking conditions. These sunny days have allowed on-mountain crews to conduct preparation work on the Northwest face of the mountain. The locals-favorite Outback Express lift opened on Dec 24th as a result. The Northwest Express is likely to be next to open as the crews’ efforts continue.

“We’re open from Rainbow to Outback right now, and we’re underway getting Northwest ready. The coverage out there is good down low, but has been impacted by winds up high due to the low density of the snowfall. We’ve been pushing and track-packing out there so it should be ready to open after one more high visibility day.” said Tom Lomax, director of mountain operations.



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For Nordic skiers, the trails are open and fully tracked for both skate and classic skiing. Tubing, snowshoe tours and sled dog rides are on the move bringing winter recreation to non-skiers and boarders. For guests who are new to snowsports, Mt Bachelor is offering the Carrousel learning lift free this season. More information about that and current conditions is available at MtBachelor.com.

About Mt. Bachelor:

Celebrating its 50th anniversary during the 2008-2009 season, Mt. Bachelor is the sixth largest ski resort in North America, offering 3,683 acres of lift-accessible terrain. New this year, the connection of the back catch lines offers additional expert bowl and glade terrain to be explored. The mountain features 10 lifts, seven of which are Express Quads, plus two tubing lifts and wonder carpet and an average annual snowfall of 370 inches. Mt. Bachelor also features terrain parks, 56K of groomed and tracked cross country trails, snowshoeing, tubing and sled dog rides. For weather conditions, news and events visit www.mtbachelor.com.

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