



PRESS RELEASE: New Grooming Manager

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MT BACHELOR ANNOUNCES NEW GROOMING MANAGER RYAN GAGE



Bend, Oregon, October 29, 2007 – Mt Bachelor is pleased to announce Ryan Gage as the new Grooming Manager. Gage brings sixteen years of experience in many aspects of ski area operations including trail preservation, lift maintenance and snow cat operations. With a passion for outdoor activities, Gage has worked at Mt Hood ski areas and begins

his 8th season at Mt Bachelor.

Ryan reports to the Director of Mountain Operations, Tom Lomax, and is responsible for overseeing and implementing the entire grooming program including terrain operations. Among some of Gage's responsibilities are training new operators; recurrent training of returning operators and inspection of the product surface to ensure it is the best surface that the grooming team is able to create. "Ryan has many years of experience as an operator and has a great ability to look for creative solutions in working with the ever-changing weather to deliver the best slope conditions possible on any given day. Ryan is actively involved in ski racing and this experience gives him excellent qualifications to work in slope management," says Tom Lomax.

With two new Prinoth 350 snow cats on the fleet this year, Ryan expects to produce improved grooming conditions. "We have adjusted our grooming strategies to allow for more consistency of our product, with additional attention to the cross country trails," says Gage.

“I am also pleased to be working with Hames on the new parks program. Hames will lead our two departments in a collaboration to alter the terrain parks on a rotation giving our skiers and riders new challenges every other week.”

Gage also serves as president of the Bend Ski Club and as an Alpine Ski Coach for the non-profit Mount Bachelor Sports Education Foundation (MBSEF) where he coaches children ages thirteen and up. His coaching platform focuses on enhancing skill and fitness level, self-esteem and character-building.

High resolution photograph available upon request

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Mt. Bachelor will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year. With 3,683 acres accessible by lifts, the mountain accommodates 7 Express Quads, 3 Triple Chairlifts, 2 Tubing lifts and a Wonder Carpet. Average annual snowbase is between 150 and 200 inches. The resort features four terrain parks, 56K of groomed and tracked cross country trails, snowshoeing, tubing and dog sled rides. Mt. Bachelor Resort is the fifth largest resort in North America with development and enhancements conducted annually. Recent improvements include hands-free RFID ticketing, two wind-powered high speed quads, two new grooming cats and a new parks program.

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