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AUTUMN AT MT. BACHELOR: MOUNTAIN BIKING AND CHAIRLIFT RIDES TO CONTINUE

BEND, Ore. (September 8, 2015) – Mt. Bachelor today announced that it will keep two chairlifts and its mid-mountain lodge open for downhill bikers and sightseers through September and into October.

Labor Day marked the end of Mt. Bachelor's traditional summer operating season. It was a very successful summer for the resort, with mountain biking visits growing 53% from the previous summer. New trails recently opened and momentum remains strong headed into the fall season.

"We built it, and they came," said Drew Jackson, Mt. Bachelor's marketing and communications manager, referring to the increase in both the number of bike trails and the number of visitors. "The bike park is only two years old, but it has quickly established itself as a destination for downhill biking enthusiasts in the Northwest."

If the weather allows, the resort will remain open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through October 11. Operating hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition to offering downhill mountain biking, scenic chairlift rides and lunch at Pine Marten Lodge, the resort's Gravity Sports retail shop will feature new 2015-2016 winter gear and large discounts on last year's remaining inventory.

September is an ideal time to experience Mt. Bachelor's bike park, as the trails are firm and the crowds are minimal. To encourage aspiring riders to visit this month, the resort is offering discounted beginner clinics on Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 20, from noon until 2 p.m.

The clinics are targeted towards new bikers who want to gain confidence in a downhill environment. Participants get two hours of instruction and a full day Sunshine lift ticket for \$24. A package that includes the clinic, Sunshine lift ticket and a Norco Range rental bike is available for \$69. Space is limited and pre-registration is encouraged, online at www.mtbachelor.com.

After fall operations conclude, Mt. Bachelor will focus on preparing for its 58th winter skiing and snowboarding season, tentatively planned to begin on November 25. Season passes are on sale at the resort's website, with a purchase deadline of September 30 for the lowest available prices.

About Mt. Bachelor: Mt. Bachelor is the largest ski resort in the Cascade Range, offering 3,683 acres of lift-accessible terrain. The mountain features 10 lifts, seven of which are Express Quads, plus two tubing lifts and two beginner carpets and an average annual snowfall of 462 inches. Mt. Bachelor also features 5 terrain parks, a superpipe, 56K of groomed and tracked cross country trails, snowshoeing, tubing, sled dog rides and summer attractions including downhill mountain biking. For weather conditions, news, and events visit www.mtbachelor.com. ###