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SLOPES: Perisher Safety Alerts - Peak Festival Lodge Managers Tickets

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Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

These emails from Perisher/Vail and the Peak Festival are forwarded for your information.

Regards

Frank Zipfinger
President
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PERISHER/VAIL

From: **Stewart, Monica** <monica.stewart@perisher.com.au>
Date: 8 June 2018 at 09:55
Subject: Perisher Safety Alerts

Hi Frank

I hope you are well and enjoyed summer. Official Season is underway; as such please find attached Perisher Safety Alerts for SLOPES Members.

Kind regards

Monica

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PEAK FESTIVAL

From: **Secretary** <secretary@perisherresortschamber.com.au>
Date: 7 June 2018 at 15:43
Subject: SLOPES LODGE MANAGERS/Peak Festival tickets

Hi Frank
Please advise all SLOPES members that their lodge managers are eligible for a discounted 4 day Peak Festival ticket, only \$89!
They must present a letter from their lodge on letterhead stating their position, to the Festival Ticket Office in the Perisher Skitube Office.

Regards
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Safety Alert

Winch Grooming

8 June 2018

Perisher operates four dedicated Winch Grooming Machines (Winch Cats). Winch Cats can operate on medium to steep terrain using a large winch and rope mounted on the back of the machine to attach to anchor points at various locations throughout the resort.

The winch and the rope assist the machine to climb uphill and therefore groom more effectively. Winching operations generally take place at night and early morning but may, in special circumstances, be carried out during normal lift opening hours.

During winching operations the winch rope can be extended up to 1000 metres in length. At times, the Winch Cat operator will be unsighted and unable to see the full length of the rope.

During winching operations the winch rope will at times be under tension and taut, however please be aware that it will move and whip vertically and horizontally at great speed.

WARNING

- **BEING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A WINCH CAT OR THE WINCH ROPE DURING WINCHING OPERATIONS COULD CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH.**
- **WINCH CATS MAY OPERATE ON ANY RUN AT PERISHER**
- **WINCH ROPES MAY CROSS OVERSNOW ROUTES**

ALL OVERSNOW VEHICLE AND SNOWMOBILE OPERATORS NEED TO BE AWARE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF WINCH CATS AND WINCHING OPERATIONS OCCURRING AND THE EXTREME DANGERS INVOLVED BEING IN AND AROUND THESE OPERATIONS.

Winch Cat operators will notify all Perisher two way radios when winching operations are in progress and will install signs and flashing orange lights at major oversnow route crossing points. All winch cats are fitted with flashing lights and a flashing orange light will be installed at the anchor point when the winch rope is connected.

Any oversnow vehicle or snowmobile operator who is authorised to cross a route where winching operations are taking place must never approach a Winch Cat or a winch rope when it is operating.

Wait at the crossing point until you make visual or radio contact with the Winch Cat operator and then only cross the route when the operator gives you clear indication that it is safe to proceed.

The Office of Environment and Heritage issues all oversnow vehicle permits and operator licenses to operate on designated oversnow routes and Perisher would like to take this opportunity to remind all oversnow vehicle/snowmobile operators that all other access to the ski area requires Perisher's prior authorisation.

David Milford
Safety Systems Manager



Safety Alert

Uphill Access

8 June 2018

Background

In recent years there have been more persons accessing the ski area and not using lifts. Non-lift access/uphill access ("uphill access") such as uphill snowshoeing hiking or "skinning" may present high danger of personal injury to participants or others.

The ski area is not maintained for uphill access and trails are not patrolled outside normal ski area operating hours, therefore emergency services may not be available. Ski area operations take place 24 hours, 7 days a week in winter and users may encounter vehicles, slope and trail maintenance activities, snowmaking operations and other hazards not typically present during operating hours.

Policy

1. Uphill access is only permitted outside of public operating hours – From 5.00pm to 8.30am. All uphill users must be clear of the ski area by 8.00am
2. Avoid areas where machinery is operating. Winch grooming operations may be in progress. Strobe lights mean stay clear and avoid the area altogether. Runs that are commonly and regularly winch groomed include: Towers, Zali's, Excelsior, Lower Roller Coaster, Cleft, Dogleg and Olympic however winch grooming may occur in any place in the resort
3. Stay off all runs and areas signposted as closed. Stay off advanced (black diamond) terrain. Stay off all Terrain Park features and jumps.
4. Obey all signage.
5. Stay towards the centre of the trail.
6. Maximise your visibility – position yourself so that you are visible from above; wear reflective or brightly coloured clothing.
7. Stay clear of all snowmaking equipment as it may commence operating at any time.
8. Be vigilant for early morning ski/snowboard race training when crossing ski slopes.
9. Please note that fat tyre biking and / or mountain biking is prohibited within the ski area during the winter season, both during daytime and night time operations.
10. Third party (i.e. non-Perisher) snowmobiles are prohibited within Perisher's ski area at all times, save for where the use has been authorised by Perisher's Operations Director.

Persons engaged in uphill access of Perisher Ski Resort assume all risks associated with access.

David Milford
Safety Systems Manager