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#### **MONDAY, MAY 14**

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Grooming Demos 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Free Ski/Ride Prinoth Fireside Chat Dinner and Burton Welcome Party

Breakfast

The Jib Factory

**BigAirBag Lunch** 

Afternoon Break

Breakfast

ROI of Terrain Parks

Block 1: On-hill Building

Groomer Technology

Block 2: On-hill Building

Block 3: On-hill Building

Park Challenge Park 1

**PistenBully Lunch** 

**Roundtable PODs** 

Afternoon Break

Block 4: On-hill Building

Manager's Roundtable

Step Down/Hip Measurement

Parks on Trial: Mock Depositions

Prinoth Dinner & Annual Trip to Windells

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 15**

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. 10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Morning Break 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Risk Management: State of the Industry 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. 2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

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Breakfast Block 5: On-hill Building Terrain Park Checklists **HKD Snowmakers Lunch** Block 6: On-hill Building **Timberline Park Tours** Nap Time Leica Geosystems Final Night Awards Dinner and Slideshow

PistenBully Dinner & Annual Game of Sleds & Sumos

#### FRIDAY, MAY 18

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Final Breakfast Free Ski/Ride

**ARAPAHOE BASIN, CO** Austin Fellenz, Terrain Park Ranger Paul Markow, Terrain Park Supervisor

**BEAVER MOUNTAIN, UT** Jake Roghaar, Terrain Park Manager Cameron Madsen, Park Groomer

**BIG SKY, MT** Adam West, Terrain Park Manager Zach Johnson, Terrain Park Supervisor

**BIG WHITE SKI RESORT, AB** Zack Dayman, Terrain Park Groomer

**BOGUS BASIN, ID** Corey McDonald, Terrain Park Director Cody Johnston, Park Crew

**BOREAL, CA** Joey Lippien, Groomer/Builder Matthew Ybarra, Grooming & Parks Manager Matthew Baird, Director of Mountain Ops

**BOYNE HIGHLANDS, MI** Trey Schorfhaar, Terrain Park Supervisor

**CYPRESS MOUNTAIN, BC** Mac Whillans, Terrain Park Manager

**DEVIL'S HEAD, WI** Alex Stoick, Terrain Park Manager

DISCOVERY SKI AREA, MT Ben Hoppe, Terrain Park Byron Bloemeke, Terrain Park & Lift Maintenance Chase McChesney, Terrain Park and Grooming **FALLS CREEK, BC** Michael Kurts, Terrain Park Supervisor

**GRAND TARGHEE, ID** Erik Clark, Terrain Park Supervisor/ Groomer

**GRANITE PEAK, WI** Jacob Halverson

**GREAT DIVIDE, MT** CJ Spinola, Assistant Manager

**GROUSE MOUNTAIN, BC** Marcus Cartwright, Terrain Park Manager Hamish Taitoko, Grooming Supervisor

**KINOSOO RIDGE, AB** Cody Warman, Operations Groomer Sean Somcher

LAKE LOUISE, AB Devan Mathers, Terrain Park Grooming Foreman Andrew Paszt, Terrain Park Groomer

**LITTLE SKI HILL, ID** Colby Nielsen, General Manager Preston Woods, Terrain Park Mangaer

LITTLE SWITZERLAND, WI Ryan Ruffing, Marketing Coordinator/ Operations

**LOON MOUNTAIN, NH** Chad Lohmiller, Terrain Park Manager

MOUNT ST. LOUIS MOONSTONE, ON

Decker Beard, Groomer Chris Connell, Groomer Craig Burley, Park Manager



**MOUNT SNOW, VT** Rob Black, Assistant Terrain Park Manager

**MOUNTAIN CREEK, NJ** Kristopher O'Rourke, Operator

**MT. HUTT SKI FIELD, N.Z.** Andre Genest, Snowcat Operator

**MT. SPOKANE, WA** Zachary Lingo, Terrain Park Manager

MT. HOOD MEADOWS, OR Brian Ross, Day Crew Lead

**OBER GATLINBURG, TN** Trevor Needham, Terrain Park Manager

**OKEMO, VT** Mark Fiori, Parks and Pipes Manager

**SILVERSTAR, BC** Daton Keir, Terrain Park Supervisor Paul Kenward, Events/Terrain Park Manager

**SNOW KING, WY** Brandon Wood, Grooming Manager AJ Smith, Groomer

**SMUGGLERS' NOTCH, VT** Arlo Pouliot, Grooming Manager

**SNOW VALLEY, CA** James Renick, Snow Surfaces Manager David Olivieri, Snowmaking Supervisor Charley Traweek, Snow Surfaces Supervisor

**SNOWBASIN, UT** Mike McCain, Terrain park Groomer/Builder

**SNOWBIRD, UT** Evan Cole, Terrain Park Supervisor Jason Fuller, Terrain Park Groomer **SNOWSHOE, WV** Evan Cole, Terrain Park Supervisor Jason Fuller, Terrain Park Groomer

**STEAMBOAT, CO** Charlton Greenberg, Shaper/Operator Alec Parker, Lead Builder

**STEVENS PASS, WA** Brad Hendrickson, Lead Builder Dennis McCracken, Grooming Supervisor

**SUMMIT AT SNOQUALMIE, WA** Joe Pope, Park Director Jeff Cragin, Park Day Crew Manager Josh Rogers, Park Grooming Manager

**SUNLIGHT MOUNTAIN RESORT, CO** Colin Scholz, Terrain Park Supervisor

**THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT, MN** Andy Peterson, Park Keeper Travis Peterson, Park Technician

**TROLLHAUGEN, WI** Adam Mahler, Asst. Mtn. Manager

#### WATERVILLE VALLEY / WATERVILLE VALLEY ACADEMY, NH

Dan Shuffleton, Operator Chase Shaw, Snow Surfaces Manager Taylor Stout, Terrain Park Manager

**WHITEFISH, MT** Tyler Stanley, Terrain Park Supervisor Kenneth Reece, Terrain Park Supervisor

**WOODWARD AT ELDORA, CO** Andrew Roy, Operator & Fabricator

YOUNG MOUNTAIN, AUSTRIA Karl Sanderson, Park Builder / Operator







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# MONDAY, MAY 14

10:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.	Barlow Room	Attendee Registration
12:00 p.m 4:00 p.m.	Outside of Ullman Hall	<b>Grooming Demos</b> Reps from PistenBully, Prinoth, SNOWsat, and Leica will be on hand to provide demos and answer questions about their latest grooming machines and snow depth technology.
10:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.	On-Hill	<b>Free Ski and Ride</b> Campers are welcome to ski and ride Timberline and check out the Timberline parks. Your badge will serve as your lift ticket and get you rental gear.
5:00 p.m 6:00 p.m.	Raven's Nest Krush Kulesza Snowboy Productions; Landon Taylor, SPT; Nick Roma, White Industries; Elia Hamilton, Peak Resorts	Prinoth Fireside Chat Our panelists have worked on some of the biggest events in the world, from the Olympics to the Dew Tour to X Games and Holy Bowly. Hear about the behind-the- scenes from these events, including lessons learned; most challenging build; design process for signature events; determining spacing and flow for competitors, and much more. You don't want to miss this one!
6:00 p.m 11:00 p.m.	Barlow Room and Blue Ox Bar	Dinner and Burton Welcome Party Good cheer and cold beer.

THE MISSION OF CUTTER'S CAMP IS TO FOSTER DISCUSSION WITH OTHERS IN YOUR FIELD, SHARE LEADING PRACTICES, AND BE INSPIRED TO RUN SUCCESSFUL TERRAIN PARKS.







# TUESDAY, MAY 15

7:30 a.m 8:30 a.m.	Cascade Dining Room	Breakfast
8:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.	Ullman Hall Patio	<b>ON-HILL BUILDING: BLOCK 1</b> Campers who are signed up for Block 1, please meet your coach out- side Ullman Hall on the patio promptly at 8:00 a.m. You will discuss your on-hill goals for a few minutes before heading out on-hill.
8:30 a.m 9:30 a.m.	Ullman Hall Mike Bettera, Effective Edge; Brian Norton, Boyne Resorts; Jesse MacDonald, Timberline	<b>The Jib Factory</b> Ledges, rails, boxesthe history of jibs in terrain parks runs deep. Heavily influenced by street skating, snowboarding took the sport's lead and started experimenting with jibs on snow. Rails, boxes, wall rides, and organic elementsmade out of everything from wood to metalhave pushed jib features to new heights. What are today's current trends? What are customers demanding? And what's the best material for your climate and maintenance concerns? A panel of experts led by Mike Bettera of Effective Edge will dive into these questions, along with current industry data and best practices.
9:30 a.m 11:15 a.m.	Ullman Hall Nick Roma, White Industs- ries; Floreain Eder, Prinoth; Caroline Tyra, Leica; Josh Nelson, PistenBully/ SNOWsat	<b>Groomer Technology</b> Advances in technology are changing the way terrain parks are designed, built, groomed, and managed. It gives operators and man- agers more accuracy, accountability, and efficiency. In the classroom and in demos on-hill, we will take a closer look at all the technolo- gies and tools available.
10:15 a.m 10:30 a.m.	Morning Break	Morning Break
11:15 a.m 12:15 p.m.	Ullman Hall	<b>Risk Management: State of the Industry</b> In preparation for the upcoming mock deposition session, Insurance
	Tim Yates, Safehold Special Risk; Mary Bozack, MountainGuard; Tom Scully, Safehold Special Risk; Ruth Nielson, Keating, Bucklin & McCormack; Richard Jolley, Keating, Bucklin & McCormack	representatives of Safehold Special Risk and MountainGuard, ASDA attorneys and risk management specialists will discuss the five most common theories of liability brought against resorts in terrain park cases: negligent design, negligent construction, negligent mainte- nance, failure to warn, and failure to educate. Campers are invited to bring ideas and examples of resources used at their resorts to mitigate these theories.
12:15 p.m 1:15 p.m.	Special Risk; Mary Bozack, MountainGuard; Tom Scully, Safehold Special Risk; Ruth Nielson, Keating, Bucklin & McCormack; Richard Jolley, Keating, Bucklin &	representatives of Safehold Special Risk and MountainGuard, ASDA attorneys and risk management specialists will discuss the five most common theories of liability brought against resorts in terrain park cases: negligent design, negligent construction, negligent mainte- nance, failure to warn, and failure to educate. Campers are invited to bring ideas and examples of resources used at their resorts to

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2:30 p.m 2:45 p.m.	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break
2:45 p.m 3:45 p.m.	Ullman Hall Mike Bettera, Effective Edge; Elia Hamilton, Peak Resorts; Logan Stewart, Timberline; Jay Scambio, Loon Mountain	How to Measure Your Terrain Park's Financial Success And Why You Should Throughout the years, terrain parks have evolved from a testing ground to a well-managed department with consistent practices. Metrics and cost tracking related to all resort departments, including terrain parks, have become easier to measure. Thus the expectations resort operators hold Terrain Park Managers accountable for have increased as well. What variables do your resorts track, what areas should you be tracking, and where is there future opportu- nities? Our panel of expert resort personnel will dive into why they track, and how they are defining success and evaluating the ROI of their parks.
5:15 p.m 9:00 p.m.	Windells BUSES LEAVE PROMPTLY AT 5:15PM FROM IN FRONT OF THE LODGE.	<b>Prinoth Dinner and Fun at Windells</b> We head to Windells, the "Funnest" place on earth, where your options are to skateboard, trampoline, BMX, and par- ticipate in the annual Prinoth Dodgeball Tournament If you can dodge a snow- cat, you can dodge a ball!

# WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

7:30 a.m 8:30 a.m.	Cascade Dining Room	Breakfast
8:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.	Ullman Hall Patio	<b>ON-HILL BUILDING: BLOCK 3</b> Campers who are signed up for Block 3, please meet your coach outside Ullman Hall on the patio promptly at 8:00 a.m. You will discuss your on-hill goals for a few minutes before heading out.

8:30 a.m 9:30 a.m.	Ullman Hall Elia Hamilton, Peak Re- sorts; Jay Scambio, Loon Mountain; Mike Bettera, Effective Edge	<b>Jump &amp; Hip Measurement Procedures</b> Ever pin the tail on a donkey? What about a terrain park feature? Our park experts will lead the group through measuring two life- size terrain park featuresa step down and a hip. Attendees will participate in this hands-on workshop to discuss best practices and tools used for jump measurement best practices.
9:30 a.m 10:15 a.m.	Ullman Hall Elia Hamilton, Peak Resorts; Ken Gaitor, Snowshoe; Jay Scambio, Loon Mountain; Mike Bettera, Effective Edge	<ul> <li>Park Challenge Part I</li> <li>Campers will be divided into four teams to complete a specified park challenge. Coaches will provide an overview of the challenge, and teams will work to create a solution.</li> <li>The challenge will present curve balls that the teams must work through. Team members will work together to address a list of objectives. During part one, teams will brainstorm creative solutions, which they will then present to the group in Part II.</li> </ul>
10:15 a.m 10:30 a.m.	Morning Break	Morning Break
10:30 a.m 11:15 p.m.	Uliman Hall	<b>Park Challenge Part II: Presentations &amp; Group Discussions</b> Each of the four teams will present its solutions/recommendations to the group, followed by a Q&A with the coaches.
11:15 a.m 12:00 p.m.	Ullman Hall Chris Hargrave, Hargrave Coaching Innovations	<b>The Progression of Progression Parks</b> This session will cover some of the most important design considerations when planning progression features and parks. We will look carefully at how the look and feel of terrain parks can cause users to reach for their goals or retreat all together. Come prepared to try something new in this session, review some of the more progressive "progression park" features, and contribute your own ideas.
12:00 p.m 1:00 p.m.	Raven's Nest	PistenBully Lunch
12:45 p.m 4:45 p.m.	Ullman Hall Patio	<b>ON-HILL BUILDING: BLOCK 4</b> Campers who are signed up for Block 4, please meet your coach outside Ullman Hall on the patio promptly at 12:45. You will discuss your on-hill goals for a few minutes before heading out.
1:00 p.m 2:30 p.m.	Uliman Hall	<b>Breakout PODS</b> The topics on the facing pages will be arranged in small breakout pods led by industry leaders. Campers choose topics of interest and get answers to their burning questions. Lightning round setup ensures that campers get a chance to hit four of the pod discus- sions.

# WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

#### **BREAKOUT PODS**

#### **EVENTS & PARTNERSHIPS**

Whether it's a small, local contest or a full-scale competition, planning and preparation are key to success. Marketing and event specialists will share ideas on how to facilitate events of all sizes.

#### DOCUMENTATION/LOGS

Best practices in documentation during daily operations. Compare levels of techniques, tools, and innovations for park documentation.

#### **GROOMER TECHNOLOGY/SNOW DEPTH MANAGEMENT**

Advances in technology are changing the way terrain parks are built, groomed, and managed. These advances give operators and managers more accuracy, accountability, and efficiency. Take a close look at the technologies and tools available.

#### **FEATURE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION**

Take-offs and landings. Spacing and flow. Pipes and walls. Working the snow for consistency and longevity. How to begin (the set-up) and how to finish your feature.

#### PROGRESSION

Building a clear progression plan--including feature design and flow that creates a fun, stressfree experience so guests come back--is a key element to a successful park program.

2:45 p.m 3:30 p.m.	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break
3:30 p.m 5:00 p.m.	Raven's Nest <i>Ken Gaitor, Snowshoe</i>	<b>Terrain Park Manager's Roundtable</b> Come prepared to share with the group in this facilitated, but informal, discussion for park managers. This year's discussion will focus on staffing and team management.
6:00 p.m 11:00 p.m.	Wy'East Day Lodge	<b>PistenBully Dinner</b> Do you have what it takes to compete in the PB Games? Can you hang with PB in agility and reflexes? And what about your gambling skills? Show us what you got!

## THURSDAY, MAY 17

7:30 a.m 8:30 a.m.	Cascade Dining Room	Breakfast
8:00 a .m 12:00 p.m.	Ullman Hall Patio	<b>ON-HILL BUILDING: BLOCK 5</b> Campers who are signed up for Block 5, please meet your coach outside Ullman Hall on the patio prompty at 8:00 a.m. You will discuss your on-hill goals for a few minutes before heading out.
8:30 a.m 10:00 a.m.	Ullman Hall Elia Hamilton, Peak Resorts; Ken Gaitor, Snowshoe; Jay Scambio, Loon Mountain; Benny McGinnis, Mount Snow; Jesse MacDonald, Timberline	<b>Terrain Park Pre- and Post-Season Game Plan</b> Do you make checklists for pre- and post-season planning and maintenance? Campers will experience a deep-dive into pre-season preparation for park design, opening procedurces, staffing, maintenance and events. This real-life scenario will take campers through in-depth post-season and pre-season planning and work together to develop strategic checklists to help run a safe and successful terrain park.

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12:00 p.m 1:00 p.m.	Ullman Hall Patio	HKD Lunch
12:45 p.m 4:45 p.m.	On Hill	<b>ON-HILL BUILDING: BLOCK 6</b> Campers who are signed up for Block 6, please meet your coach outside Ullman Hall prompty at 12:45. You will discuss your on-hill goals for a few minutes before heading out.
1:00 p.m 3:00 p.m.	On Hill	<b>Park Tours</b> Take a tour of Timberline's parks with the park crew. If available, campers will also be able to check out the course from last week's Holy Bowly event.
3:00 p.m 6:00 p.m.		Nap Time
6:00 p.m 11:00 p.m.	Ullman Hall	Leica Geosystems Final Night Dinner Leica will treat us to a feast as we reflect on the week. We present our camp awards and the annual Cutter's Camp Education Grant presented by Safehold Special Risk.

## FRIDAY, MAY 18

30 a.m 9:00 a.m.	Cascade Dining Room
00 a.m 3:00 p.m.	On-Hill

7:3

Breakfast

Free Ski/Ride



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#### Michael L. Bettera | Effective Edge

Michael has worked closely with resort partners to keep them current with regard to industry trends, as well as through the creation of new, innovative projects and terrain park risk management, for the past two decades. His specialty is signature resort projects and programs, including the Squaw Valley Peace Park, The Streets at Seven Springs, Global Burton Stash parks, and Burton Progression Parks. He has worked with more than 50 resorts around the globe, is a former head coach at Waterville Valley, NH, and has served as a judge at events including the Burton U.S. Open. His career in the resort industry started in 1988 as one of the first snowboard instructors and members of AASI. mike@effectiveedge.com

#### Florian Eder | Prinoth

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Florian started his grooming career 15 years ago and pretty much grew up on winch cats. He started at his hometown hill, Jenner, in Bavaria, Germany. Over the last 15 seasons he's worked in Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Norway, Russia, and Canada. His first position with park building was during the '07-'08 season while working at Whistler/Blackcomb. He's been part-time for Prinoth since 2013 and started full time in 2017. He is now responsible for the training program and Prinoth-supported events. Florian has been part of many large event builds over the past 10 years, including the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, 2013 test events in Sochi, World Cup ski/snowboardcross builds, Big Air Ski and Snowboard Festival in Whistler, and many other Europa Cup-level race events. Florian.Eder@prinoth.com

#### Elia Hamilton | Peak Resorts

Elia began building jumps for his Tonka trucks as early as he can remember. He was eventually kicked off the school ski team in '92 for skipping practice to build jumps, and started building professionally at Mount Snow in 1998. Elia became the director of freestyle terrain for American Skiing Company in 2003, and in 2005 became the mountain manager at Mount Snow. Elia was appointed director of freestyle terrain for Peak Resorts in 2011, and is now VP of terrain development. He's doing his part to change the way people experience snow resorts. In his spare time Elia volunteers as the director of the board for the Vermont Royal Pigeon Racing Association. His racing pigeon, Eeyore, is the reining Northeast champion five years running. He's training his flock of racers and is desperately looking to hire an assistant to help groom his next champion. Email resumes to ehamilton@peakresorts.com.

#### Mary Bozack | MountainGuard

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Mary Bozack joined the claims department at MountainGuard in September 1998. She was promoted to vice president of claims in July 2002. Mary conducts investigations of losses, handles claims and directs litigation, conducts loss control surveys of ski resorts (winter and summer activities), and provides loss control training for our insureds and the ski industry. She has been an instructor/presenter for ski areas and regional and national associations, covering an assortment of industry related topics. Prior to joining MountainGuard she was the Patrol Director/Risk Manager with Stowe Mountain Resort, Stowe, Vermont. mary.bozack@amwins.com

#### Ken Gaitor | Snowshoe

Ken grew up playing on the mountains of West Virginia and started skating everything he could in 1985. He moved to the Northeast for college and began building small parks wherever possible. In '97, he moved West and became Brighton's park manager, working there for six years. In '03 he moved back East, working as Mount Snow's freestyle terrain manager until 2009. In 2010, Ken returned to wild and wonderful West Virginia to become Snowshoe's director of operations. In this role he oversees the building of its five terrain parks, as well as snowmaking, grooming, lifts, vehicle, and patrol departments. Ken's beard is the only hair on his head, besides his eyebrows, that can grow--the result of a real but unfortunate medical condition. It's taken him many years and careful grooming to grow it to its current length. He's embarrassed by all this, so please don't ask him about it. Elia strokes it for good luck each morning, but that's their secret. kgaitor@snowshoemountain.com

#### Chris Hargrave | Hargrave Coaching Innovations

Chris is a 25-year industry veteran and is best known for his passion for teaching people. He has worked in various roles in ski school leadership, park design, and management, progressing to developing specialty programs like the summer freestyle camps and parks at Mt. Hood, Woodward training facilities, the Burton Snowboard Academy, and Terrain Based Learning with SNOW Operating. He coaches Olympic-level athletes and travels the country training instructors and terrain builders to develop learning terrain and park programs. He has been an instructor and examiner with PSIA and AASI, has helped author freestyle manuals for PSIA, and has worked on NSAA task forces to help develop safety education for terrain parks. Most recently he was president of the Windells Academy and VP of operations at High Cascade and Windells camps. He has transitioned into his own consulting business and is developing specialized parks and programming in China and throughout the US. ctrides@msn.com

#### Todd Hermsen | Leica Geosystems

Todd Hermsen is the U.S. technical lead for Leica Geosystems Machine Control Division. Todd has been employed in the industry for eleven years. For the last eight years, he has worked with machine guidance systems for Leica. Todd is dedicated to partnering with clients to maximize productivity by implementing cutting-edge positioning technologies. todd.hermsen@leicaus.com

#### Stephen Lawlor | Mountainguard

Stephen Lawlor joined the MountainGuard team in May 2010. His responsibilities include resolving liability- and property-related claims and providing loss control services for the ski resorts he serves. He works primarily with ski areas in the western and midwestern United States and western Canada. Prior to joining the MountainGuard team, Stephen worked at American International Group for 10 years performing various underwriting, loss control, and claims management activities. In addition, Stephen managed the environmental compliance program at Stowe Mountain Resort, an AIG-owned company. Stephen.Lawlor@amwins.com

#### Josh Nelson | PistenBully

Josh Nelson has worked for Kässbohrer All-Terrain Vehicles Inc. (PistenBully) for 15 years in multiple roles and territories. Currently the SNOWsat manager for North America based out of Reno, Nev., Josh has experience working with customers large and small to install, implement, and support the SNOWsat system. He believes the employment of new technologies is key to the growth, sustainability, and success for the ski industry. JNelson@pistenbullyusa.com

#### Brian Norton | Loon, N.H.

Brian started working at Loon in 2001. He began as a part-time liftie, and within his first season transitioned into a role within the terrain park. He became park manager in 2006. In addition to the day-to-day operations of manager, Brian and his team have also taken part in several major photo and video shoots, including five trips to *Snowboarder* Magazine's Superpark. Currently, Brian is the director of mountain sports development for Boyne Resorts, where he looks after the terrain parks and mountain biking along with being involved in snowsports and winter operations at all nine of the company's resorts. Bnorton@boyneresorts.com

#### Krush Kulesza | Snowboy Productions

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Starting skiing at the age of 22 months with his parents, Nick has spent his entire life on snow, and quickly learned that life on any mountain brings him true happiness. He started his career at Sunday River in 2002 where he honed his skills by building events such as the Heat Harvest, the Down Town Showdown, and Dumont Cup. In 2005 he became the terrain park manager and in 2009 moved west to become the terrain park manager at Steamboat Resort, Colo., for three seasons. Nick is currently the director of operations, project lead and head builder for White Industries. Since 2012 Nick has been dedicated to the Ski and Snowboard Cross World Cup Tour where he has been designing, building and participating in more than 40 different international venues. He's a three-time Olympic builder, two-time World Championships builder, and has built 30 World Cup venues. info@whiteindustriesltd.com

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#### Jay Scambio | Loon Mountain

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Jay has been working in the ski industry for nearly 20 years, starting as a snowboard instructor at Loon Mountain Resort, N.H., then moving on to other operations at the resort, primarily focused on managing its world-class terrain park program. He most recently oversaw all terrain parks, snow sports, and adventure sport operations as the director of mountain sport development for Boyne Resorts before taking the reigns at Loon Mountain as president and general manager. In addition to his role within Boyne Resorts, he is an active member in NSAA, working closely with several committees and focus groups to improve terrain park, snow sports, and mountain bike operations at resorts nationwide. Jay is still getting used to his new role as general manager and so is on the hunt for the perfect pair of khakis. He's not really a khaki guy, so if you have any suggestions he will welcome your ideas. jscambio@loonmtn.com

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#### Tyler Wike, Terrain Park Manager

Tyler is the terrain park manager at Timberline. He started his career working at the neighboring resort, Skibowl. After a couple years working as the night ski shift supervisor, he landed a job on the park staff at Timberline in 2010 and worked as a park attendant before accepting the park supervisor position for another two years. In 2012 he became a freestyle/park groomer, and in 2014 Tyler accepted the position as park manager. Since then he has managed the Timberline Terrain Parks, enjoying all aspects of terrain parks—raking, training, grooming, building, and designing—with help from his day staff employees and the builders/groomers.

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#### Steve Kruse, General Manager

Steve came to the ski industry after he lost his bid to get men's synchronized swimming recognized by the Olympic Committee. His aquatic background has served him well, as it developed his ability to hold his breath for a long time while smiling. You may find him demonstrating this skill throughout most of Cutter's Camp. Remove your hat when in his presence. skruse@timberlinelodge.com

#### **Ricky Hower, Marketing Manager**

The marketing manager every park crew wishes they had: someone who has done it. Like Drake, Ricky started at the bottom, literally in the poo, cleaning toilets at Timberline. The one-time park digger then worked his way up to his current spot. Ricky has a deep knowledge of the ski industry, covering both ski resorts and the "industry side" thanks to his time as Airblaster's Regular Guy. Ricky's dedication to our industry feeds his addiction to living a life of short shorts and sweet nectar powder boarding. rhower@timberlinelodge.com

#### Jesse MacDonald, Grooming Manager

Jesse started his career as a snowboard instructor at Smugglers' Notch, Vt., from 2000 to 2003. And after many years ripping all suitable hills around on his black snow 135 legend se (that's special edition for the uninitiated), Jesse headed west from New York in search of the endless winter. His first stop was Mt. Hood Skibowl, where he became the terrain park manager in 2004 and then bike park manager as well starting in 2006. In 2012 he moved across the street to Timberline and worked as a grooming operator for three years before becoming the grooming manager in 2015. He and his crew humbly try to uphold the flame handed down from pioneers previous, and not catch dysentery along the way. jmacdonald@timberlinelodge.com



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