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Silver Rapids: First Indoor Waterpark at a Western Ski Resort

Silver Mountain Resort opens 42,000-square-foot indoor waterpark on May 30

KELLOGG, Idaho – Surf Idaho is quickly becoming the new motto for skiers and snowboarders in the know. Rated as one of "Skiing's Biggest Secrets" by SKI Magazine, Silver Mountain Resort in Kellogg, Idaho is bringing the best of wave riding and indoor family waterpark fun to its high-country home in the Northern Rockies. Opening May 30 as the only indoor waterpark at a ski resort in the West, Silver Rapids will transform Silver Mountain into an all-season destination.

The new waterpark, called Silver Rapids, will offer more than 42,000 square feet of the latest aquatic attractions for all ages, nearly the size of a football field. The centerpiece of Silver Rapids is the FlowRider™ Surf Wave, a continuous wave surfing machine that combines the thrills of surfing, skateboarding and snowboarding in a safe indoor environment. The FlowRider gives visitors to Silver Mountain Resort the opportunity to hit the slopes and surf giant waves all on the same day.

In addition to the FlowRider, Silver Rapids also features the following attractions:

- Moose Sluice – family raft ride with a twisting and turning waterslide.
- Gold Rush and Prospector Plunge – two enclosed tube slides that can be braved alone or with a friend.
- Cubs Club – an interactive spray deck that toddlers will love, complete with fountains, bubblers and misters.
- Miner's Island – a themed multi-level play structure with interactive water valves and sprays. It comes complete with a giant tipping bucket and two body flume waterslides.
- North Fork Lazy River – a 315-foot-long water trail that surrounds Miner's Island and moves guests along with a gentle current.
- Hoop Lagoon – an activity pool complete with basketball hoops and a warm 83-degree water court.
- The Crossing – features floating lily pad obstacles that the nimble-footed can cross with the help of an overhead cargo net.
- Trestles – a true "wet bar" located on the second floor mezzanine overlooking the waterpark. Guests can soak in the hot tub and enjoy a cool drink while watching the FlowRider action.

"Silver Rapids marks the next phase in the resort's development from its beginning as a historic Idaho mining operation to one of the hottest year-round resort destinations for outdoor recreational sports," said Jeff Colburn, general manager of Silver Mountain Resort. "There's nothing else in the West like it, especially now that Silver Mountain offers the best of snow and water activities for vacationers."

In addition to the debut of Silver Rapids indoor waterpark, Silver Mountain Resort offers a plethora of activities for outdoor adventurers during the summer. For downhill mountain bikers, there are 3,500 vertical feet of trails easily accessible, thanks to the world's longest gondola located at the base of the resort. The Silver Mountain area is also a mecca for fly-fishermen, with



close access to tranquil Northern Idaho lakes.

Also on tap for this summer is the the Sunday Race Series for mountain bikers, and the 13th Annual Microbrew Festival on August 9, bringing together the best beer brewers in the Rockies. The popular Concert & Village party series will feature top national touring acts including Jonny Lang on July 12, Ted Nugent on July 27, High School Musical's Corbin Bleu on August 2 and the Parrot Fest Jimmy Buffett tribute band on August 30.

Silver Mountain Resort has singlehandedly put the town of Kellogg back on the map. The economic hardships the town endured from thousands of jobs lost in the closing of Bunker Hill Mine paled in comparison to the environmental issues it faced. With an estimated 100 million tons of waste from a century of discharges and emissions, Kellogg became a top-priority Superfund site. A massive cleanup effort helped the town recover, allowing it to move forward with plans to create another viable source of revenue – tourism. Two decades later, instead of turning into a ghost town, Kellogg is now prospering and continues its ongoing growth as a top destination for downhill skiers and snowboarders in winter as well as hikers, mountain bikers and boaters in summer. Along with opening Silver Rapids, the resort is currently developing the Galena Ridge golf course community, which will feature an 18-hole championship course.

About Silver Mountain Resort

Rated by SKI Magazine as one of "Skiing's Biggest Secrets," Silver Mountain Resort is one of the nation's most accessible four-season destinations. Located off northern Idaho's I-90, the resort's Gondola Village is only one quarter-mile off the highway, an hour's drive east from downtown Spokane, Wash. Offering 1,600 acres and 73 trails of varying terrain, more than 300 inches of snowfall annually and more than 2,200 vertical feet of the region's finest skiing and snowboarding, Silver Mountain Resort also serves as a popular summer destination for world-class mountain biking, scenic rides on the world's longest gondola, concerts and cool alpine escapes to a high-mountain playground.

JELD-WEN Communities, one of the most respected companies in the Pacific Northwest, is leading Silver Mountain's historic transformation. With a proven track record of creating successful resorts in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, JELD-WEN Communities is committed to the vision of the new, year-round attractions at Silver Mountain Resort. For more information about Silver Mountain Resort and upcoming events, visit www.silvermt.com or call 800-204-6428.