



# MISSION RIDGE

## SKI & BOARD RESORT

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### **MISSION RIDGE SKI AND BOARD RESORT ANNOUNCES RECORD SNOWFALL**

*YEAR-TO-DATE SNOWFALL AT WENATCHEE VALLEY SKI AREA IS OFFICIALLY 109 PERCENT  
OF 40 YEAR AVERAGE*

**Wenatchee, Wash. (January 28, 2010)** - Mission Ridge officials have announced a record year to date snowfall total for the season. As of Thursday, January 28, 2010 "Mission Ridge is at 109 percent of our 40 year average snowfall," said Mark Milliette, General Manager for the ski area. "January is not over yet, but as of today we are at 124 percent of our average snowfall received this month alone!"

That will certainly help the area prepare for the full calendar of events this season including the Washington State 2010 Winter Special Olympic Alpine Events as well as the United States Men's Olympic Slalom Team. Ted Ligety, the 2006 Gold Medalist and returning team member Bode Miller will be at Mission Ridge this February to train before competing at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games. Other probable members of the 2010 United States Men's Olympic Slalom Team include Jimmy Cochran and Tim Jitloff.

The training, taking place between February 21-25, 2010 for three days will prepare the athletes for the slalom race at Whistler, B.C. on February 27, 2010.

"This validates that it (Mission Ridge) is a great place to train," said Ryan Shorter, program director for the Mission Ridge Ski Team.

Men's U.S. Alpine Ski Team Head Coach Sasha Rearick said officials also considered Mount Bachelor in Oregon, Crystal Mountain in Washington and Schweitzer Mountain in Idaho.



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"Typically that time of year the weather at Mission Ridge is more stable than at those other areas," said Rearick, who will be on hand in Wenatchee, too. He also added that the fact that Mission Ridge can inject water into the base of the runs for a foundation- as will be the case at Whistler-is a "big reason we're going there." With the most advanced snow making capabilities in the state, Mission Ridge will be able to most closely replicate the slalom course built for the Olympic race.

Many area hotels will offer stay and ski packages this year that include two Mission Ridge lift tickets, one-night accommodations and breakfast. Rates range from \$119 to \$179. For details on lodging, area attractions and events, please visit [www.wenatcheevalley.org](http://www.wenatcheevalley.org).

### **About Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort**

Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort is located in North Central Washington, 12 miles south of Wenatchee. The resort's winter operations typically run from late November through mid April. Summer operations center around the Base Area facilities for meetings, weddings and receptions. The ski area operates in partnership with the USDA Forest Service, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. More information about the resort is available at [www.missionridge.com](http://www.missionridge.com).

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