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ANGEL FIRE RESORT IS SET TO OPEN FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON THIS WEEKEND

Resort to Open Trails This Friday

ANGEL FIRE, NM - (December 6, 2016) – A slow but steady return to winter has made its way to the Southern Rockies of New Mexico, dropping nearly two feet of snow in the past couple of weeks at Angel Fire Resort. The resort has been taking advantage of the colder temperatures throughout the past few weeks making snow in anticipation of this year's opening, set for this Friday, December 9. The additional natural and man-made snow will allow the resort to open three full-mountain trails, several stash parks and begin prepping for a permanent boarder-cross structure in its popular terrain park.

"We've been able to keep the systems running throughout the night since early November and our crews are working consistently to get as much out of the cold temperatures as possible," Andy Whitacre, mountain operations manager, Angel Fire Resort. "Clearly the more natural snow we can add in is great, but in the meantime, it's our job to get the mountain ready, so we are focusing our efforts on snowmaking and grooming the best trails for our 50th winter season."

Starting December 9, Angel Fire Resort will offer skiing top to bottom on three trails including "Heading Home," "High Road" and "Ridge Run" and a 16-inch base of snow. There will be 5 'stash parks' open along "Heading Home" for riders and skiers to try out features. The resort will have two of the main lifts open, as well as, the Angel Fire Ski School creating a vast landscape for those just learning the sport. The resort plans to open more intermediate and expert terrain, as well as the Tubing Hill by the end of next week. The new boarder-cross will be completed in time for the holiday season.

EXPANDED TERRAIN PARK – NEW MEXICO'S FIRST SEASON-LONG BOARDER-SKIER CROSS COURSE:

Under the direction of terrain park designer, Jon Eppler, Angel Fire Resort's Liberation Terrain Park is expanding for the second season in a row. Eppler, who has created parks for major events including The Winter X-Games and The Burton U.S. Open, completely redesigned Liberation Park last winter and is now developing plans for a new boarder-

skier cross course for the park.

“Boarder-cross courses are the fastest growing areas of interest for skiing and snowboarding families,” explains Jon Eppler, slope operations manager, Angel Fire Resort. “We did an experiment and left the course up that we built for the USASA Boarder-Skier X Games for our guests to try out and it was so popular we are now creating New Mexico’s first and only season-long, lift-accessed boarder-skier cross course.”

The course is expected to be open in time for the holidays.

ANGEL FIRE RESORT 50TH ANNIVERSARY:

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary season, Angel Fire Resort will host a weekend-long celebration January 19-22, 2017. To mark the resort’s Golden Anniversary, a select number of lift tickets will be just \$5.50 each on Saturday, January 21 and Sunday, January 22, 2017. This is the same price the lift tickets were when Angel Fire Resort first opened, back in 1966 and is limited to the first 550 skiers/boarders each day.

NEW DEDICATED PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES:

Angel Fire Resort continues improvements to its full-service Children’s Ski School and on-site day care, known as Snow Bear Camp. Several programs are in place to help parents get the most of their time on the slopes while their children are actively engaged learning to ski and board.

- **The Parenting Pass** – This interchangeable pass allows two parents to take turns coaching and skiing with their child, or it also allows parents to take turns on the mountain in a single day while the other stays behind to care for an infant or toddler who is too young to ski.
- **PreSki Program** - For the tiniest of tots just learning how to ski the resort offers an additional unique program for three – five-year-olds. The PreSki Program offers little ones a short private lesson, lunch and snacks plus snow play and activities at Snow Bear Camp.
- **‘Lil Chile Poppers Snowboard Program** - This is a full day Snowboard Program for five-year-olds. Lessons will incorporate Burton Riglet Boards and “Feature Enhanced Learning.”
- **5th Graders Ski Free** – Offers all 5th graders a free lift ticket with their report card and completed form.
- **Kids 6 and under and Seniors 75 and over Ski Free.** Seniors 70-74 ski for just \$29 a day.

Angel Fire continues to focus on being the most family friendly resort in the Rockies by offering extensive beginner runs, development terrain parks, a sledding hill, and day and night snow tubing on the Polar Coaster tubing hill complete with a moving carpet. Angel Fire Resort also is the only New Mexico resort to offer night skiing.

For more details about Angel Fire trail opening updates, winter rates, and reservations go to www.angelfireresort.com or call 855-923-7387.

Snow updates and 24-hour live webcams can be accessed here:

<https://www.angelfireresort.com/snow-report/>

MEDIA:

NEW WINTER PHOTOS CAN BE ACCESSED HERE. PLEASE COURTESY “ANGEL FIRE RESORT”:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B2DaG8Er2C17RW95NU9CWXPbDg>

WINTER ACTIVITY BROLL:

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About Angel Fire Resort

Angel Fire Resort is a top year-round mountain resort destination in New Mexico. Angel Fire Resort was named “America’s Most Affordable Ski Town” by Realtor.com and ranked a Top 25 “Best Family Ski Resort in North America” by Dream Vacation Magazine in 2016. Situated at over 8,600' elevation in the Southern Rocky Mountains, Angel Fire strives to offer the best value and choice for family outdoor recreation activities to its members, guests and visitors--including skiing, snowboarding, tubing, sledding, golf, mountain biking, zipline, tennis, fishing, hiking and more. For additional information on Angel Fire Resort, resort membership, or opportunities for real estate investment in Angel Fire, please call (855) 923-7387 or visit the resort's website at www.angelfireresort.com.