



U.S. Forest Service Ski Area Program



- Of the 473 downhill ski areas in the U.S., 122 operate under special use permit on National Forest System (NFS) lands.
- Ski areas are permitted on 58 National Forests; in seven Forest Service Regions; and in 12 States.
- Ski areas under permit occupy 182,095 acres – about .09% of the 193 million acres of NFS land.
- Ski areas operating on NFS lands return about \$26 million dollars annually to the U.S. Treasury. Among Forest Service activities, only the timber program contributes more to the Treasury.
- About one-half of U.S. skier visits occur at ski areas that are located at least partially on NFS land.
- The National Visitor Use Monitoring program indicates that about 16 percent of visitors listed downhill skiing and snowboarding as their primary reason for coming to the National Forest.

STATE	NUMBER OF SKI AREAS	Number of Water Rights			TOTAL
		OWNED BY SKI AREAS	OWNED BY FOREST SERVICE	JOINTLY OWNED	
Arizona	3	0	1	0	1
Colorado	22	112	4	1	117
California	25	3	14	1	18
Idaho	10	6	8	1	15
Montana	11	15	14	1	30
New Mexico	7	2	3	0	5
Nevada	3	1	1	0	2
Oregon	11	6	7	0	13
Utah	6	11	0	0	11
Washington	10	4	6	1	11
Wyoming	8	8	7	5	20
TOTAL	116	168	65	10	243