

# Super, Natural<sup>®</sup> **British Columbia** Ski Guide 2010

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# THE STAGE IS SET FOR THE 2010 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES



From the silence of gliding on fresh powder to the roar of the crowd cheering on champions. This ski season, British Columbia sets the stage for memories that will last a lifetime. The Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games will have the world watching. And 13 world-class ski resorts spread

across numerous ranges will have friends and families skiing. So start turning these pages and discover a winter wonderland of infinite powder and wildly diverse terrain. For all types of skiers, from toddlers to medal winners.

British Columbia, Home of the Vancouver 2010  
Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games

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# DISCOVER THE DIVERSITY OF BC SKI RESORTS & AREAS

## BC SKI RESORTS

Resorts may include lodging options, restaurants, and various amenities and services.

- 1 Whistler Blackcomb
- 2 Big White Ski Resort
- 3 Sun Peaks Resort
- 4 Fernie Alpine Resort
- 5 Panorama Mountain Village
- 6 Silver Star Mountain Resort
- 7 Apex Mountain Resort
- 8 Mount Washington Alpine Resort
- 9 Kicking Horse Mountain Resort
- 10 Kimberley Alpine Resort
- 11 Red Mountain Resort
- 12 Whitewater Winter Resort
- 13 Revelstoke Mountain Resort

## BC SKI AREAS

Ski areas can range in level of amenities from basic ski lifts to resort-type offerings.

- A Cypress Mountain
- B Grouse Mountain
- C Mount Seymour
- D Shames Mountain
- E Hudson Bay Mountain
- F Murray Ridge Ski Area
- G Powder King Mountain Resort
- H Bear Mountain Ski Hill
- I Tabor Mountain Ski Resort
- J Purden Ski Village
- K Troll Ski Resort
- L Mount Timothy Ski Area
- M Mount Cain
- N Hemlock Resort
- O Crystal Mountain
- P Harper Mountain
- Q Summit Lake
- R Fairmont Hot Springs Ski Area
- S Manning Park Resort
- T Mount Baldy
- U Phoenix Mountain
- V Salmo Ski Hill



✈ Airport





# 1 WHISTLER BLACKCOMB



Imagine hanging in the sky between two snow-covered peaks, looking through a glass floor at fir trees 436m (1,427ft) below. Welcome to Whistler Blackcomb's world record-breaking **PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola**. Blackcomb Mountain has some seriously steep chutes and endless glacial descents, while Whistler Mountain is a succession of heavenly powder bowls. There's also **Whistler Village** with more than 200 shops and 90 restaurants. Consistently ranked #1 resort in North America, this official alpine skiing venue for the **2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games** has something for everyone.

<b>RUNS:</b> 200
<b>VERTICAL:</b> Whistler: 1,530m (5,020ft) Blackcomb: 1,609m (5,280ft)
<b>TERRAIN:</b> 3,307ha (8,171ac)
18% Beginner
55% Intermediate
27% Advanced

[whistlerblackcomb.com](http://whistlerblackcomb.com)

# 3 SUN PEAKS RESORT



Ski some of Canada's driest snow while basking in the sunshine. Can life get any better? The arid climate and an average of 2,000 hours of annual sun at Sun Peaks produce deep, dry powder for outstanding skiing and boarding. Try a self-guided **"Three Mountain Tour"** where your family can hit all three peaks in a day on BC's second largest ski area. Or swap skis for skates or snowshoes, or a snowmobile or **horse-drawn sleigh** or dogsled... you get the idea. When that's over, you can kick back with a cold one or savour a hot chocolate in the **charming pedestrian village** at the base of the mountains. This is what ski dreams are made of.

<b>RUNS:</b> 122
<b>VERTICAL:</b> 881m (2,890ft)
<b>TERRAIN:</b> 1,488ha (3,678ac)
10% Beginner
58% Intermediate
32% Advanced

[sunpeaksresort.com](http://sunpeaksresort.com)

# 2 BIG WHITE SKI RESORT



There couldn't be a better name for this resort than Big White. Every year, they get over 7m (24ft) of champagne snow over 100 cruising runs and spacious alpine bowls. Big White is also the home of Canada's longest 6-passenger chair, aptly named the **Snow Ghost Express**, that whisks you and your family up 1,887m (6,190ft) in under 6 minutes. From there, BC's second largest resort village has trails to satisfy every level of skier and boarder from novice to expert. Take a break and drop off the kids at Canada's largest totally **ski-in/ski-out** resort village. There's an award-winning **Kids Centre** with childcare, ski school programs, carnival nights, skating parties and more.

<b>RUNS:</b> 118
<b>VERTICAL:</b> 777m (2,550ft)
<b>TERRAIN:</b> 1,119ha (2,765ac)
18% Beginner
54% Intermediate
28% Advanced

[bigwhite.com](http://bigwhite.com)

# 4 FERNIE ALPINE RESORT



Does the idea of big mountain skiing with a small town vibe appeal to you? Then Fernie is your resort. This powder paradise features **5 massive alpine bowls**, endless chutes, cliffs and glades. Even *Rolling Stone* called Fernie "the **coolest place** in North America". These peaks often receive more snow than any major resort in Canada. It's a place where the beginner feels right at home and the expert can find nirvana. Beyond the stellar slopes, try a dogsled or snowmobile, or a **snowshoe safari**. This is a destination you'll never forget.

<b>RUNS:</b> 113
<b>VERTICAL:</b> 857m (2,816ft)
<b>TERRAIN:</b> 1,013ha (2,504ac)
30% Beginner
40% Intermediate
30% Advanced

[skifernie.com](http://skifernie.com)

## 5 PANORAMA MOUNTAIN VILLAGE



Care for a boutique resort with remote wilderness? You'll find it nestled between the Canadian Rockies and ancient Purcell Mountains. The compact village and the fact that almost half the runs are intermediate is what make this place so family-friendly. But there's also almost 405ha (1,000ac) of **backcountry-style terrain** and some of North America's biggest verticals for the more serious skier. You can even try **heli-skiing** – they specialize in taking out first-timers. And don't forget the Nordic skiing and **dogsledding**. No matter what you do, an after-slope soak is a must in Canada's largest slope-side hot pools. Ahhh, this is something you could get used to.

<b>RUNS:</b> 120
<b>VERTICAL:</b> 1,220m (4,000ft)
<b>TERRAIN:</b> 1,152ha (2,847ac)
20% Beginner
55% Intermediate
25% Advanced

[panoramaresort.com](http://panoramaresort.com)

## 7 APEX MOUNTAIN RESORT



Heavy precipitation and low humidity. For a mountain resort smack-dab in the centre of the Okanagan Valley, that weather combination is a recipe for the best snow you can hope for. Bowls, chutes, glades and impeccably groomed cruising runs flow perfectly from the resort's impressive peak. **Double black diamonds** leave you breathless. And **3 terrain parks** with tables, rails and sliders make it a no-brainer destination for boarders. There's also a NHL-sized hockey rink, a **12m (40ft) ice tower** and even a tube park. And the ski-in village features everything from licensed childcare to 4-star dining.

<b>RUNS:</b> 67
<b>VERTICAL:</b> 610m (2,000ft)
<b>TERRAIN:</b> 450ha (1,112ac)
16% Beginner
48% Intermediate
36% Advanced

[apexresort.com](http://apexresort.com)

## 6 SILVER STAR MOUNTAIN RESORT



Feel like an ant on a massive hill – this huge mountain with three very distinct faces is perfect for the whole family. From meticulously groomed cross-country tracks to deep powder, this is the resort that has it all. Award-winning **Nordic trails** mix with some of the best tree-skiing in Canada. And for boarders, the dry **Okanagan powder**, mild temps and sunshine are just what you need. At mid-mountain, it's like you've stepped back in time to a colourful ski-in/ski-out **Victorian-style village**. Kids will love the tubing, skating, sleigh rides, and even fireworks. This winter wonderland almost seems too good to be true.

<b>RUNS:</b> 115
<b>VERTICAL:</b> 760m (2,493ft)
<b>TERRAIN:</b> 1,240ha (3,064ac)
20% Beginner
50% Intermediate
30% Advanced

[skisilverstar.com](http://skisilverstar.com)

## 8 MOUNT WASHINGTON ALPINE RESORT



Ski or board some of the deepest fresh tracks on the West Coast. How much snow? How about a staggering annual average of 10.5m (35ft)? Take in unbelievable 360-degree **ski-to-surf views** of the Pacific Ocean and towering mountains of Vancouver Island from the **mile-high summit**. Explore over 50km (31mi) of **cross-country trails** nestled in one of BC's oldest and most stunning parks. Don some snowshoes and trek a further 20km (12mi) of gentle slopes and rolling hills. The vibe here is totally island living and with so much to do and take in, every day has endless possibilities.

<b>RUNS:</b> 60
<b>VERTICAL:</b> 505m (1,657ft)
<b>TERRAIN:</b> 647ha (1,600ac)
20% Beginner
35% Intermediate
45% Advanced

[mountwashington.ca](http://mountwashington.ca)



## 9 KICKING HORSE MOUNTAIN RESORT



Renowned as a destination for those who love big mountain skiing, Kicking Horse is nestled amongst 3 mountain ranges. **6 immense national parks** flow in every direction, providing views that leave thrill-seekers breathless. Take in an awe-inspiring mix of chutes, glades and steepes – all set in soft, deep powder. The massive vertical means **top-to-bottom skiing** is the order of the day but you also have the chance to ski groomed beginner slopes too. And there's the **Eagle's Eye Restaurant** with spectacular views from an eye-popping elevation of 2,350m (7,710ft). When you put the skis away, make sure to skate or tube with your family at the base of the mountain.

<b>RUNS:</b> 106
<b>VERTICAL:</b> 1,260m (4,133ft)
<b>TERRAIN:</b> 1,113ha (2,750ac)
20% Beginner
20% Intermediate
60% Advanced

kickinghorseresort.com

## 11 RED MOUNTAIN RESORT



Known as the big mountain with the small town feel, tree skiing is what puts this laidback resort on the map. Follow the sun all day long with **360-degree fall lines** spread across 2 mountains. Ski amazingly diverse terrain with famous vertical, **powder-packed bowls** and groomed runs. There's enough big lines, glades and chutes to keep all levels of skiers and boarders busy. Try your daredevil skills on a gravity-defying 6m (20ft) wall – just one challenge at the **terrain park** filled with jumps, rails and an amazing boardercross course. Or slow the pace a little with plenty of winding cross-country and snowshoe trails. The fun doesn't stop here – after so much fresh air it's time to celebrate and meet people from all over the world at easygoing après ski bars and restaurants.

<b>RUNS:</b> 87
<b>VERTICAL:</b> 880m (2,887ft)
<b>TERRAIN:</b> 682ha (1,685ac)
15% Beginner
40% Intermediate
45% Advanced

redresort.com

## 10 KIMBERLEY ALPINE RESORT



In the heart of Kimberley lies the ultimate family-friendly alpine destination. It's a magical place to forget city life, relax and recharge in the Purcell Mountains. Beginner skiers and boarders will instantly bond with the meticulously groomed powder trails on the front side of the mountain. Tree-lovers will enjoy the hundreds of acres of **gladed skiable terrain**. Consistent snow conditions, incredibly short lift lines and seemingly endless sunny days make this a **skier's playground**. To top it off, **dogsledding**, ice skating, snowshoeing and live music will lure you to one of many ski-in/ski-out accommodations in this charming family resort.

<b>RUNS:</b> 80
<b>VERTICAL:</b> 751m (2,464ft)
<b>TERRAIN:</b> 728ha (1,800ac)
20% Beginner
42% Intermediate
38% Advanced

skikimberley.com

## 12 WHITEWATER WINTER RESORT



Skiing and boarding at Whitewater aren't just sports, they're a way of life. As soon as you hit Nelson's **Victorian streets** here you realize this is as authentic a ski town experience as it gets. Cut fresh tracks of deep, virgin powder. The short lift lines mean you get to experience more of the epic steepes, bowls, glades and twisted lines. Experienced skiers can have the **ride of a lifetime** while beginners can relax on gentle groomed runs and friendly bowls. Mellow and down to earth describes **friendly locals**. By the way, the cafés and food have become almost as legendary as this utopian mountain setting.

<b>RUNS:</b> 48
<b>VERTICAL:</b> 396m (1,300ft)
<b>TERRAIN:</b> 478ha (1,180ac)
20% Beginner
40% Intermediate
40% Advanced

skiwhitewater.com

# 13 REVELSTOKE MOUNTAIN RESORT



What will it be today? This is the only destination where you'll find the highest lift-served vertical in North America, snow-cat and heli-skiing from the same starting point. No matter what you decide, **infinite powder** and endless vertical will more than satisfy. The terrain options are endless. Ski majestic alpine bowls, legendary tree glades, a continuous fall line and lofty rolling groomers. Still need more? Feel your pulse start to race with another half-million acres of snow-cat and **heli-skiing** terrain. The town of Revelstoke offers **restaurants, shops and boutiques** to round out this destination that has an undeniable love of the shred. This mecca for adventure skiing is waiting for you.

RUNS: 52

VERTICAL: 1,713m (5,620ft)

TERRAIN: 1,227ha (3,031ac)

10% Beginner


43% Intermediate


47% Advanced

[revelstokemountainresort.com](http://revelstokemountainresort.com)

## PLAN YOUR BC SKI VACATION ONLINE

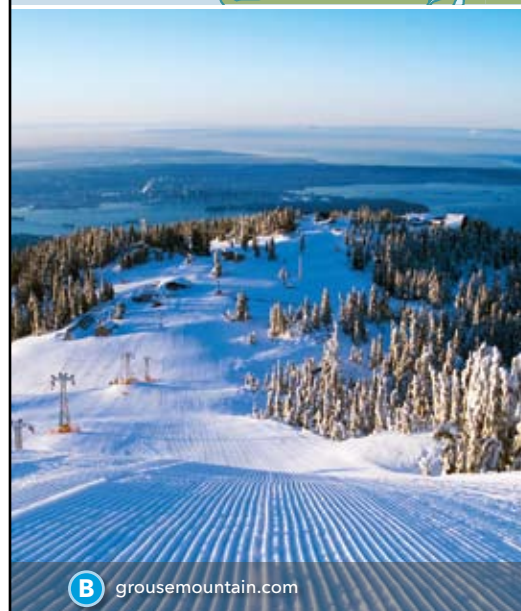
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## LOCAL VANCOUVER SKI AREAS

In Vancouver and need a quick fix of riding before or after a day on the town? There are multiple ski destinations to hit in less than 35 minutes. Don't limit yourself to just one mountain - all 3 have good times and impressive views. On powder days, ski **Grouse Mountain's** great fall lines on the back runs. 2 terrain parks are also must-hits. **Cypress Mountain** is abuzz with excitement leading up to its debut as the freestyle skiing and snowboard venue for the 2010 Winter Games. It has a spanking new day lodge, the most terrain and the greatest vertical of Vancouver's hills. And don't miss **Mount Seymour**. It's a local rider's favourite for snow-filled adventure. Wall hits, hips and drops easily flow from the lift. And the Snow Tube Park is a must-hit for family fun.



**B** [grousemountain.com](http://grousemountain.com)



**A** [cypressmountain.com](http://cypressmountain.com)



**C** [mountseymour.com](http://mountseymour.com)



## BC SKI AREAS

BC has many other ski hills and resorts scattered throughout the province. These hills are playgrounds waiting to be discovered. Take a road trip and seek out a brand new adventure.

MAP	SKI AREA	LOCATION	WEBSITE
<b>D</b>	Shames Mountain	Terrace	shamesmountain.com
<b>E</b>	Hudson Bay Mountain	Smithers	hudsonbaymountain.com
<b>F</b>	Murray Ridge Ski Area	Fort St. James	murrayridge.com
<b>G</b>	Powder King Mountain Resort	Mackenzie	powderking.com
<b>H</b>	Bear Mountain Ski Hill	Dawson Creek	dcmha.ca/bearmntnskihill.htm
<b>I</b>	Tabor Mountain Ski Resort	Prince George	tabormountain.com
<b>J</b>	Purden Ski Village	Prince George	purden.com
<b>K</b>	Troll Ski Resort	Quesnel	trollskiresort.com
<b>L</b>	Mount Timothy Ski Area	Lac la Hache	skitimothy.com
<b>M</b>	Mount Cain	Woss	mountcain.com
<b>N</b>	Hemlock Resort	Agassiz/Mission	hemlockvalleyresort.com
<b>O</b>	Crystal Mountain	Westbank (Kelowna)	crystalresort.com
<b>P</b>	Harper Mountain	Kamloops	harpermountain.com
<b>Q</b>	Summit Lake	Nakusp	skisummitlake.com
<b>R</b>	Fairmont Hot Springs Ski Area	Fairmont Hot Springs	fairmonthotsprings.com
<b>S</b>	Manning Park Resort	Manning Provincial Park	manningpark.com
<b>T</b>	Mount Baldy	Grand Forks	skibaldy.com
<b>U</b>	Phoenix Mountain	Grand Forks	skiphoenix.com
<b>V</b>	Salmo Ski Hill	Salmo	skisalmo.com

## SKI ACTIVITIES

In BC, skiing isn't just skiing. There are many different types beyond downhill. They all share a few things in common - fresh BC mountain air, phenomenal snow and views, and are best enjoyed with your favourite ski buddies (friends and/or family).

### HELI SKIING



90% of the world's heli-skiing takes place in BC and it's not because we have more helicopters. The glacial climate, vast wilderness and abundance of powder snow, make this area absolutely ideal. In BC, the sky is literally the limit.

### CAT SKIING



First tracks take on a whole new meaning when cat-skiing in BC. They could be the first tracks ever. Your licensed guide will transport you to high alpine slopes with spectacular views. After a day of cat-skiing you might have a tough time getting that smile off your face.

### BACKCOUNTRY SKIING



Leave the lifts behind for snow that's untracked, super dry and waiting. BC has more than two-dozen backcountry huts and commercially operated lodges with plenty of wilderness areas to explore. Before skiing on backcountry trails, it's important to follow all necessary safety procedures. Expert guides who know the terrain are the way to go for worry-free thrills.

### CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING (NORDIC)



The problem with downhill skiing is that you're going too fast to take in all the amazing scenery. And there's lots of it. BC features amazing views, encounters with all kinds of wildlife (the cute kind) and a whole lot of quiet.



## HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

### WHAT THEY'RE SAYING:

#### **MOUNT WASHINGTON ALPINE RESORT:**

Top Bets for Best Powder  
*Ski Canada Magazine (2009)*

#### **KICKING HORSE MOUNTAIN RESORT:**

One of Top 5 Biggest Vertical (West)  
*Ski Canada Magazine (2009)*

#### **KIMBERLEY ALPINE RESORT:**

Favorite Overall Resort in the  
Pacific Northwest  
*Onthesnow.com Visitors Choice  
Awards (2009)*

#### **RED MOUNTAIN RESORT:**

Best Authentic and Funky Resort Experience  
*SBC's 2008-2009 Ski and Snowboard  
Resort Guide*

#### **WHITEWATER WINTER RESORT:**

Top Bets for Best Powder  
*Ski Canada Magazine (2009)*

#### **REVELSTOKE MOUNTAIN RESORT:**

Best Downhill Terrain in the Pacific Northwest  
*Onthesnow.com Visitors Choice  
Awards (2009)*

Want to know what others  
are saying about skiing  
in BC, or share your own  
experience? Submit a blog  
at [HelloBC.com/blogs](http://HelloBC.com/blogs) and  
join the conversation.

## OFF THE SLOPES



After a big day at the slopes, it's time for  
a big night out. BC's 13 resorts are home  
to some of the best après ski you'll ever  
experience. Join the fun as the evening  
kicks into high gear—or shake off the day's  
excitement by slipping into something more  
relaxing. Either way, you're sure to enjoy an  
après ski adventure that's as celebrated as  
our slopes.

### **MORE REASONS TO PLAY IN THE SNOW**

Our slopes are awash with a mix of exhilarating activities and family fun.  
Strap on a pair of snowshoes and make fresh tracks on tree-lined trails.  
Have a tubing race or go tobogganing. Or plough through powder,  
Nordic style, in a dogsled.

### **SKI, SNOWBOARD AND...SHOP**

Browse through boutiques, or shop non-stop till you drop. Check out  
everything from souvenirs to sporting equipment, fresh produce to  
Aboriginal art and trendy urban wear that is the latest in ski chic.

## OFF THE SLOPES



### THE PAMPER AFTER THE POWDER

Need to recover from the day's adrenaline-pumping action? Escape to a luxury spa. Let your tiredness slip away as expert therapists pamper your mind, body and spirit with an array of rejuvenating treatments—like massages, full body wraps and acupuncture.

### ALL THAT SKIING WILL LEAVE YOU HUNGRY FOR MORE

The restaurants that dot our village streets offer feasts for your taste buds as well as your eyes. Take your pick from award-winning restaurants with global wine lists to hearty local fare at street side cafés (with complimentary mountain views provided by Mother Nature).



### HOT NIGHT SPOTS TO WARM YOU UP

Trade in your ski boots for dancing shoes and join revellers, friends and fellow skiers for a party to remember. On the other hand, if you'd prefer a relaxing wine or chilled cocktail—you could hang out at a local pub after hanging up your skis for the day.



### SKI TOWNS THAT FEEL LIKE A WINTER FAIRY TALE

Catch breathtaking views of snow-kissed mountain peaks as you stroll down our charm-laden village streets. Check out restaurants, pubs, markets and shops that are a mere snowball's throw away from one another.



## HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Each one of our 13 ski resorts has had accolades bestowed upon it from the world's premier ski and travel publications. So you're sure to end up with an award-winning resort—no matter which one you choose.

### WHAT THEY'RE SAYING:

#### WHISTLER BLACKCOMB:

Voted Best Overall Resort in North America for 13 consecutive years  
*Skiing Magazine (2009)*

#### BIG WHITE SKI RESORT:

Voted Best Snow in North America by readers  
*Condé Nast Traveler (2008)*

#### SUN PEAKS RESORT:

2nd Best Ski Resort in Canada  
*Condé Nast Traveler (2008)*

#### FERNIE ALPINE RESORT:

One of North America's Top 15 Ski Resorts  
*Outside (2008)*

#### PANORAMA MOUNTAIN VILLAGE:

Best Air Buddy in a New World (Show Off Terrain Park)  
*Ski Canada Magazine (2009)*

#### SILVER STAR MOUNTAIN RESORT:

Best Ski-in/Ski-out Villages  
*Ski Canada Magazine (2009)*

#### APEX MOUNTAIN RESORT:

Best Gem of a Resort  
*Ski Canada Magazine (2009)*

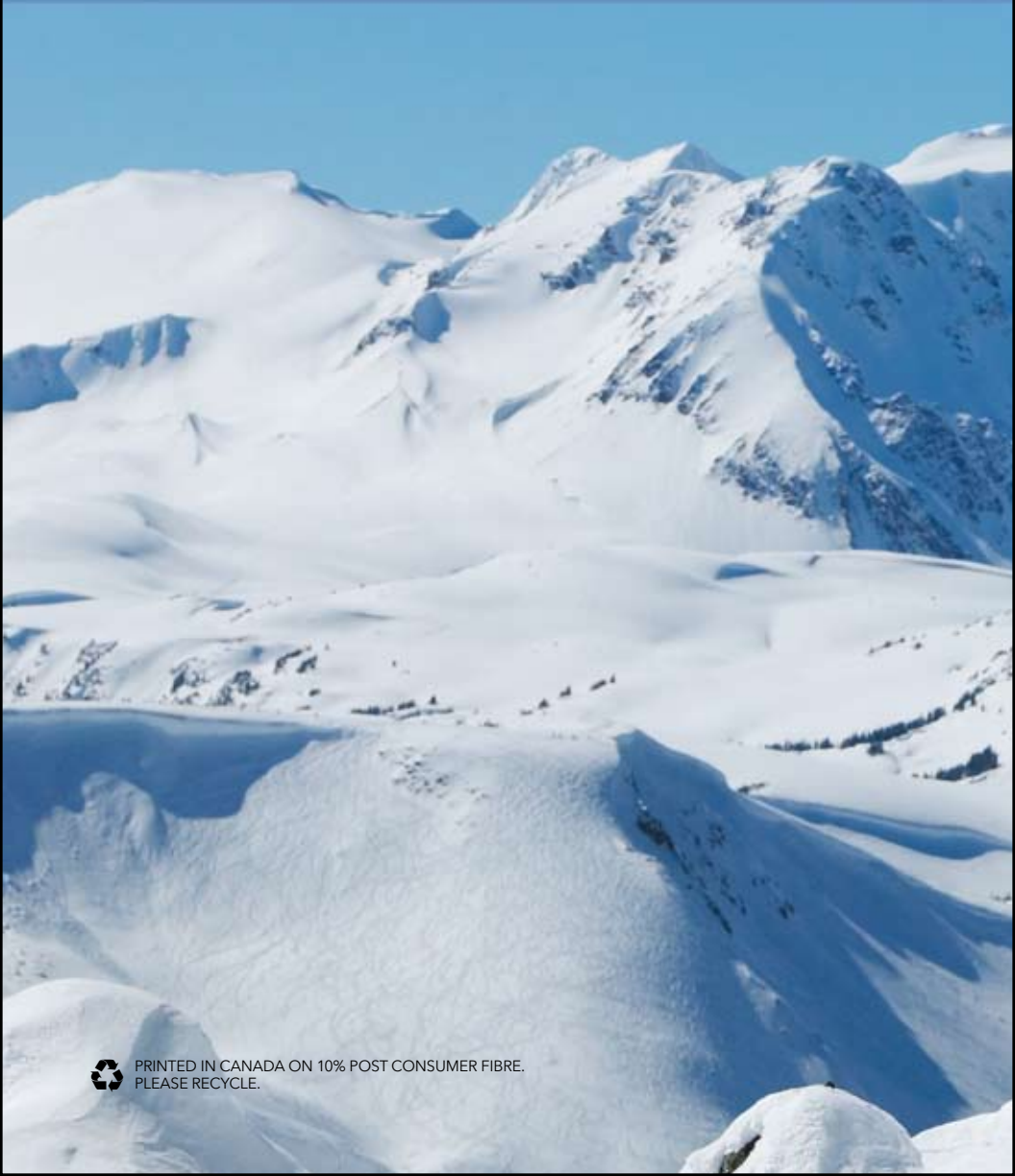




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