Crested Butte Mountain Resort Opens for the 2018-19 Winter Season

•Paradise Express Lift is set to open on earliest date on record, Opening Day, Nov. 22.
•Crested Butte will open with 130 acres of terrain on Opening Day, marking the most skiable terrain to start the season in 20 years.
•Last chance to purchase the 2018-19 Epic Pass and other Epic Season Pass options extended to Sunday, Dec. 2.

MT. CRESTED BUTTE, Colo. – Nov. 21, 2018 – Today marks the start of the 2018-19 winter season at Crested Butte Mountain Resort. With ideal snowmaking conditions and favorable natural snowfall, Crested Butte Mountain Resort (CBMR) is offering skiers and snowboarders the most early-season terrain in years.

Today is the third annual Donation Day at CBMR benefiting the Crested Butte Snowsports Foundation (CBSF). Skiers and snowboarders each received a lift ticket valid for today only after making a $15 donation toward the CBSF, and had access to terrain accessible by the Red Lady Express and Peachtree Lift. Open trails include beginner terrain such as Lower Keystone, Houston and Augusta, among others.

Beginning on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018, skiers and riders will be able to enjoy approximately 130 acres of intermediate- and beginner-level terrain accessible by the Paradise Express, Red Lady Express and Peachtree Lift. Open trails include Paradise Bowl, Forest Queen, Ruby Chief, Upper Park, trails accessible off of the Red Lady Express, Peachtree Lift and base area magic carpets. Terrain park features are available in the Keystone Jib Park.

This season marks the first time that CBMR has been able to open the Paradise Express on snowmaking alone, underscoring what a remarkable early season it has been and the excellent snowmaking capabilities at the resort.

All skiers and snowboarders must observe all posted signs, closures and slow zones, especially during the early-season. Closed trails may contain hazards due to early-season snow coverage. Accessing closed terrain is a violation of the Colorado Ski Safety Act and will result in the loss of skiing privileges and could involve prosecution and a fine.

Epic Pass: Last Chance to Purchase Extended to Sunday, Dec. 2

The last chance to purchase the 2018-19 Epic Pass and other Epic Season Pass options – including the Epic Local, Epic 7-Day and Epic 4-Day – is Sunday, Dec. 2. The Epic Pass provides skiers and riders with the greatest multi-resort pass value in the ski industry, offering access to more than 65 resorts in eight countries for $949. New for the 2018-19 winter season, the Epic Pass will now feature unlimited, unrestricted skiing and riding at 19 mountain resorts including Crested Butte, plus seven days at Telluride, in addition to unlimited access to Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin. The remaining lineup of passes is available for purchase at epicpass.com.

Kids 12 and Under Really Do Ski Free – No Strings Attached

Kids are encouraged to buckle up their boots at Crested Butte Mountain Resort this winter. From Nov. 22 – Dec. 13, 2018 and March 30 – April 7, 2019 all children age 12 and under ski or ride for free. No strings attached, no lodging stay or parent ticket required, simply a free ticket for the littlest rippers – and a sweet surprise for mom and dad. We're also proud to say, kids ages 6 and under ski free at CBMR all season long.

Three Ways to Save on Lodging

- Guests are encouraged to escape to Crested Butte with early season deals featuring lodging only steps from the slopes. For stays between Nov. 20 – Dec. 20, 2018, guests can **save 50 percent off lodging** at The Grand Lodge, The Lodge at Mountaineer Square, The Plaza and other CBMR condominium properties.

- Families do not need to break the bank for a Christmas ski vacation. Crested Butte Mountain Resort is offering a **Grandest Christmas** promotion that includes four nights of lodging at The Grand Lodge and three days of skiing – for up to a family of four, two adults and two kids under age 17 – for $1225. The Grandest Christmas promotion is available for four-night stays from Dec. 14-26, 2018.

- Crested Butte is giving thanks to all guests with steep lodging discounts for Cyber Week, including **rooms starting at $99** per night.

Each of these promotions must be booked by Nov. 27, 2018. To learn more about each deal, visit skicb.com/cyberweek or call a Crested Butte Vacations on-site expert at 844-993-9545.

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