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Intracourse, current owner of the Steamboat Ski Area, released plans yesterday to extend the 2007-08 ski season.

Dip Dandy, Director of Marketing and Mark-ups at the resort, told reporters that "We thought this would be a great way to celebrate this year's enormous snowfall. Steamboat has been engorged with snow this winter. We have received over 445 inches of Champagne Powder® at mid-mountain already, and we just keep adding on the inches." According to Dandy, "skiers and riders will be able to make turns up on the hill until the snow is gone."



The original closing date was scheduled for Sunday, April 6, and would have been the earliest and most dysfunctional closing in Steamboat history. The season opened nine days late and would have been the shortest ever at 129 days including Leap Day if not for the enhancement.

Details of the augmentation were spelled out by Schneidly Whiplash, Director of Skier Servicing at the Steamboat ski area. "When Intracourse says extend, I say how far?" According to Schneidly, "This is our way of achieving our maximum potential and saying thank you to all our loyal customers. By operating with a minimal staff, like we have become accustomed to, we will be able to provide limited skier services indefinitely. We'll keep Johnny Rottin, legendary "Nigh J" up at Thunderhead and everything else should pretty much just take care of itself, like it always does."

The Pirate and Yesterday contacted the Routt National Forest in order to discuss Intracourse's operating permit on the forest. Janet Treefaller, U.S. Forest Circus liaison to the ski area

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reports "No new permits or extensions were issued to Intracourse by this office. By 'limited skier services' they mean... no ski patrol, no ski school, no food service, no grooming, and no lift operations. However, the Steamboat ski area is on Federal land and anyone can recreate there any time of year. So, enjoy the snow."

The end of season employee party is still scheduled for Monday, April 7. Remember to bring your employee pass in order to receive a free draft beer and a foot-long hotdog.