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CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN TO OPEN WITH 4 CHAIRLIFTS THIS WEDNESDAY

Crystal Mountain, WA – It's official, the 2009/2010 ski & snowboard season starts this Wednesday, November 11th, 2009. Crystal Mountain will open with limited operations; the Discovery, Chinook Express, Forest Queen & Quicksilver lifts will run from 9am-4pm. Lift tickets will be reduced to \$30 for adults, \$25 for youths & seniors. Kids 10 and under are free and will be all season long.

There's 20 inches of snow at the base area and 30 inches at the higher elevations.

This is the 5th earliest opening in two decades. Last year Crystal Mountain opened December 13th, 2008.

"This is very exciting and a bit surreal. We're thrilled when we can get open by Thanksgiving, so opening over a week before is a major bonus," said Tiana Enger, spokeswoman for Crystal Mountain. "Employees mountain-wide are happy to be starting work this soon, this is good for everyone," she added.

The upper mountain, including Rainier Express and Green Valley, is slated to open on Thursday. Lift ticket rates for Thursday are subject to change.

Crystal Mountain is nestled on the Northeast corner of Mount Rainier National Park. Located just 76 miles from Seattle, 67 miles from the SeaTac International airport and 64 miles from Tacoma. The turn off to Crystal Mountain is 33 miles east of Enumclaw on Highway 410.

Crystal Mountain is a proud partner of the USFS offering equal opportunity recreation. Crystal Mountain is operated by Boyne Resorts, overseen by the Kircher family since 1947. Seattle-based family member John Kircher, President of Boyne Resorts Western operations, is President and General Manager of Crystal Mountain. Along with operating The Summit at Snoqualmie, WA; Brighton, UT; Cypress Mountain, B.C.; Loon Mountain Resort, N.H., Gatlinburg Sky Lift, TN; Sunday River Resort and Sugarloaf USA, ME, Boyne USA Resorts owns and operates Big Sky Resort, MT; Crystal Mountain, WA; Boyne Mountain and Boyne Highlands Resorts, MI, totaling ten resort properties in all. Boyne Resorts is the largest privately owned resort network in North America (www.boyneresorts.com).

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