

Tommi Tyndall Nomination

Big Sky, MT

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The Tommi Tyndall Award is presented to an industry member that has made a distinguished contribution to skiing this year or in prior years. We are honored to nominate **Big Sky Resort** for this award, in recognition of its' outstanding support of the skiing public, local community, the environment, and the Far West Ski Association.

Conceived and built by the late NBC newscaster, Chet Huntley, Big Sky Resort opened to the public for skiing in December, 1973. In 1976, Boyne USA Resorts, a family-run Michigan-based corporation, purchased the resort and has owned and managed it ever since.

Under Boyne Resorts Leadership, Big Sky Resort continues to set standards for skiing in Montana, and in the Rockies. With 17 lifts transporting skiers and snowboarders over 3,800 skiable acres, the resort has set the standard for crowd-free slopes and non-existent lift lines. In 1995, the Lone Peak Tram was built, hoisting skiers and boarders to 11,150 feet, giving Big Sky one of the nations' largest total vertical drops at 4,180 feet.

Big Sky's continued support of the Far West Ski Association, councils and clubs has remained solid. Big Sky ranks well among our industry partners in their financial support of the Association's industry programs. This year's Convention will mark Big Sky's 17th year of participation in our Annual Silent Auction. In support of FWSA's sponsorship programs, Big Sky Resort sets an industry standard in excellence. Big Sky co-hosted the Awards Banquet Wine at the 2007 Convention, and the Continental Breakfast in 2008.

Big Sky played host to this years' Far West Ski Week, January 24th-31st, 2009. The generosity of the Big Sky Resort lodging properties, and its member resorts, along with the hospitality and quality of food throughout the week was noted by many participants, setting the bar extremely high for future Far West Ski Weeks.

For its outstanding support of the snow sport public, and the Far West Ski Association, councils and clubs, Big Sky Resort embodies the spirit of the Tommi Tyndall Award and is deserving of recognition as this year's recipient.



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