Sandia Peak Ski Area reopens

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Skiers and snowboarders can once again take to the slopes on the Sandia mountains.

Sandia Peak Ski Area is up and running after a significant hiatus. It is the first time the ski area has been open since 2022.

Lift 3 will provide access to top-tobottom skiing beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday. Opening weekend will feature a "first chair" event at the bottom of Lift 3 at 9 a.m. All skier services including ski school, food and beverage and rentals will be available. Food and beverage options and rental equipment quantities are limited, according to a news release from Mountain Capital Partners.

Sandia Peak Ski Area will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday. The ski area also will be open for Presidents' Day, Feb. 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to the news release.

Skiers will have access to 300 skiable acres on 35 trails with beginner-friendly access being limited.

"The reopening of Sandia Peak was never an 'if' but a 'when' for this team," Scott Leigh, Sandia Peak and Mountain Capital Partners project manager, said in the news release. "And we are tremendously proud to give skiers and snowboarders in Albuquerque and throughout the region the freedom to ski."

Sandia Peak Ski Area lift tickets



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Sandia Peak Ski Area is back open starting Saturday. The ski area had been closed since 2022.

will start at \$79 on Saturday and Sunday. Select dates throughout the season will be available starting at \$19. All tickets, ski school lessons and rentals must be pre-purchased online at sandia.ski. Guests ages 12 and younger can sign up for Power Kids, which is a free season pass that provides unlimited access to Sandia Peak plus Mountain Capital Partners' additional 11 ski areas and bike parks.

additional 11 ski areas and bike parks. Sandia Peak Ski Area is also introducing a new season pass lineup that's headlined by Mountain Capital Partners' flagship product, the Power Pass. Power Pass Core guests will get unlimited access to Sandia Peak, Sipapu and Pajarito, with lim-

ited access at Purgatory Resort and other ski areas.

All season passes will be available to use for the remainder of the 2024 season and the entire 2024-2025 season.

In Fall 2023, Sandia Peak Ski Company announced a joint venture agreement with Mountain Capital Partners for the operation of Sandia Peak Ski Area. Mountain Capital Partners recently said it will assume both ownership and management of Sandia Peak Ski Area. Sandia Peak is the company's third New Mexico ski area, bringing the total portfolio to 14 ski, bike and golf resorts across the Southwest, Oregon and Chile.