



New Howelsen Hill Chairlift Firmly Establishing Foothold

\$3M SkyTrac Triple Chairlift Soars Through Partnership with Smartwool/VF Foundation, Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club & City

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-August 12, 2021-Crews have been busy throughout the summer installing the foundation footprint for the new SkyTrac triple chairlift across the historic Howelsen Hill Ski Area.

“There’s been so much in the works on the hill from a number of companies laying the groundwork for the actual lift installation later this fall,” commented Matt Barnard, Parks Project Manager. “The project remains on schedule and the community will really start to see the shape of the new lift in the coming months.”

Lift manufacturer, SkyTrac, is working on foundations for the five lift towers which requires installing reinforcing steel to each tower base. In addition, foundation and concrete work continues both on the lower and upper terminals and the new lift line has been cleared. Over the past weeks, tower steel, the two bull wheels, chair hangers and other steel elements for the lift have arrived at the ski area.



Joining SkyTrac on the hill is GeoStabilization International, a slope stabilization contractor. Crews have been installing soil anchors above lift towers 3, 4, 6 & 7 on the hill. In addition, micro-piles up to 40-foot deep are underway. These will be connected directly to the lift towers foundations to increase stabilization.

As work moves through August, the community can expect to see work on the tower foundations finish up. Geotech crews will return to torque the mesh and existing anchors on the slope. Lift towers and load and return steel installation will start in mid-September. Electrical components will also start to be tied in that same month.

“The new lift is just one of the new amenities that guests will see at the ski area this winter,” said Howelsen Hill Ski Area & Rodeo Manager Brad Setter. “While the experience continues to improve and evolve, the authentic downhome spirit and historic legacy will always remain at the forefront!”

The new \$3M SkyTrac triple chairlift is made possible through a unique partnership between Smartwool/VF Foundation, the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club, and the City of Steamboat Springs. The new lift is on schedule to whisk skiers/riders to the top of the historic ski area this winter.

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