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**FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION 2009 SKI
WEEK AT BIG SKY, MONTANA**

BIG SKY, MT: The Far West Ski Association held its 2009 Ski Week January 24th to 31st at Big Sky Resort in Montana. The Far West Ski Association, founded in 1930, is a volunteer non-profit organization representing 180 affiliated ski clubs located throughout eleven regional councils in the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The Association conducts active programs in public affairs, skier safety, ski heritage, athletics, racing, communications, travel, council development, ski industry, and community outreach.

Approximately 360 participants enjoyed the fresh snow, great terrain and amenities offered at this 3,800 acre resort in southern Montana. Three races were held with Modesto Ski Club named the top club and Bay Area Snowsports Council winning the Lake Louise Council Trophy. In addition, Los Angeles Ski Council won the council challenge race. At the farewell dinner dance, special guests included Anton Hilts, Macaulay Lyon, and Jake Perkins who were FWSA Athletic Scholarship recipients and were in Big Sky competing in the J2 & J1 national qualifiers. The FWSA Athletic Scholarship program donated \$6,000 this past year to deserving junior racers in Arizona, California, Oregon, and Washington.

The Far West Ski Association is appreciative of the many sponsors who were a big part of the success of the FWSA ski week. Sponsors included: Schure Sports USA (manufacturer of the Karbon brand of technical ski wear), Big Sky Resort, Black Bear Bar & Grill, C&P Grocery, Big Sky Oxygen Bar, The Cabin, The Corral Restaurant & Bar, Moonlight, Lone Mountain Guest Ranch, Bucks T4, Big Sky Sports, Big Horn Boutique, and Lone Mountain Sports.

The 77th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention is scheduled for June 4-7, 2009 at the Peppermill Resort Casino in Reno, Nevada, hosted by the Sierra Council. For additional information regarding the Far West Ski Association, please visit www.fwsa.org.

Photos available upon request