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**Routt County Democratic Precinct Committee Person** Marlyn Myers, top right in blue turtleneck, explains the straw polling process to caucus-goers at Steamboat Springs High School on Tuesday night.

**Obama wins big**  
 Romney edges McCain in crowded Routt caucuses

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Barack Obama won overwhelming support from Democrats and Mitt Romney edged John McCain among Republicans in Tuesday caucuses that drew hundreds to precinct locations across Routt County.

Sen. Obama drew 428 votes

of support compared to 148 for Sen. Hillary Clinton. Obama won in every region of Routt County, including a resounding victory among Steamboat Springs caucus-goers. Local Republican sentiment was much more evenly split between the two GOP front-runners, former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney and U.S. Sen. John McCain. Romney edged

the Arizona senator by just three votes of support in Routt County, 113 to 110.

Colorado's participation with 23 other states in Super Tuesday — the most widespread single-day caucus and primary event in the nation's history — spurred unprecedented turnouts at local caucuses. In 2004, when Colorado caucused in April, a total of

115 Democrats participated in Routt County. Tuesday, about four times that number registered just at Steamboat Springs High School, which hosted caucuses for Steamboat area voters.

County Republicans also praised their turnout.

"People were here at 6 o'clock waiting for me," said

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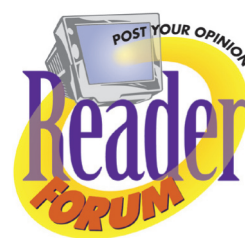
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**SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT**

Steamboat Ski Area			
New snow — Mid-mountain*	5 in.	Total snow†	343 in.
New snow — Summit	3 in.	Trails open	163/165
Base — Mid-mountain	81 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	95 in.	Conditions	Powder

\*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 18 as measured at mid-mountain FOR UP-TO-DATE ROAD CONDITIONS, INCLUDING RABBIT EARS PASS, call 511 or visit: [www.cotrip.org](http://www.cotrip.org)



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