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Steamboat Springs skier Jay Trousil goes head over heels while skiing Monday at the Steamboat Ski Area. Last weekend's snow has many local skiers anxious to see more terrain, but until such openings, Trousil and his friends are making the most of the terrain park set up near the base area.

Unemployment help on hand

Emergency compensation program extended as jobless rates increase

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Unemployment is increasing steadily in the state and Routt County, but more relief is available for those who are eligible.

The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment announced in a news release Monday that some people could get as many as seven more weeks of Emergency Unemployment

Compensation. The extension of the program, passed in July, is a result of legislation President George W. Bush authorized Nov. 21.

The state Labor Department will send letters next week to those eligible for the extended compensation.

"We're hoping that helps people here at least get through to the winter, so they can pick up some new jobs if the snow comes," said Brian Bradbury, an employment specialist at

the Steamboat Springs branch of the Colorado Workforce Center.

At the center, interest in unemployment benefits has continued to increase, Bradbury said.

"It's increasing daily," he said. "And we are having people come in; they have heard about the extension, so people who have run out of benefits are calling in about that."

Routt County's unemployment rate increased 0.8 per-

centage points from September to October, from 3.2 percent to 4 percent. That figure is not seasonally adjusted, which means it does not take into account the typical shift of employment patterns as seasons change.

Routt's unemployment still is below the state unemployment rate.

"When comparing it with the state as a whole, instead of

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	5 in.	Total snow†	45 in.
New snow — Summit	N/A	Trails open	7/165
Base — Mid-mountain	22 in.	Lifts open	2/20
Base — Summit	N/A	Conditions	Packed powder

*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 21 as measured at mid-mountain FOR UP-TO-DATE ROAD CONDITIONS, INCLUDING RABBIT EARS PASS, call 511 or visit: www.cotrip.org

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