



## STEAMBOAT SPRINGS



### Downturn could go on

Ski Corp. president says city must focus on service, retention in coming years

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## SPORTS



### Streak ends for girls

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### Correction

Virgie DeNucci's name was misspelled in a photo caption on page 4 of Friday's *Steamboat Today*.

## Winter returns



**Brigid Horigan, of Steamboat Springs,** makes her way through the slush downtown en route to a bus stop and a ride to the mountain.

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# Flight issues loom

### Ski season air travel program dipping into reserves

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Steamboat Ski and Resort Corp. Airline Program Director Janet Fischer told a group here Friday that within two winters, the resort community could face a funding shortfall as it tries to maintain current levels of ski-season jet service.

"Our cost rose substantially this winter, and we are forecasting our funding will be short of supporting current levels in 2011," Fischer said. "Next winter (2009-10) will deplete a lot of our reserves."

The impact could be felt in the winter of 2010-11, she said.

Fischer was speaking before an audience of 45 people at the Steamboat Smokehouse during the first of a bi-monthly series of short speeches and networking gatherings called Good Morning Steamboat. It is sponsored by the Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association.

Yampa Valley Regional Airport and the Steamboat resort community will see 162,500 arriving airline seats this ski season. They are provided by six airlines flying direct from nine cities with connections from 200 more cities.

In order to secure the flights, the business community has put together a funding package

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## SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

### Steamboat Ski Area

|                          |        |             |         |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------|---------|
| New snow — Mid-mountain* | 10 in. | Total snow† | 202 in. |
| New snow — Summit        | 10 in. | Trails open | 165/165 |
| Base — Mid-mountain      | 56 in. | Lifts open  | 16/18   |
| Base — Summit            | 70 in. | Conditions  | 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](http://www.cotrip.org)



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