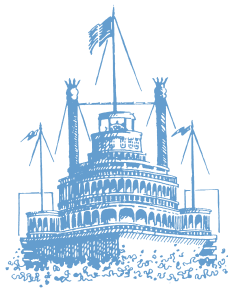


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**Gas prices**  
Cost of a gallon of regular unleaded fuel on Sunday

Fuel Stop	\$1.71
West Kum N Go	\$1.67
7-Eleven	\$1.70
Western Petro	\$1.83
Bob's Conoco	\$1.82
Hilltop Sinclair	\$1.79
Anglers Kum N Go	\$1.67
Ski Haus	\$1.79
Mount Werner Sinclair	\$1.71
Shell	\$1.79
Shop & Hop	\$1.71
State Average	\$1.68
National Average	\$1.84

## STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

# A look at improvement

Steamboat Springs School Board officials will review educational data today

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## SPORTS



# Tricking out Howelsen

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MATT STENSLAND/STAFF

Nicole Horst, a landscape architect with Wenk Associates, speaks to, from right, City Planning Services Manager John Eastman, Rocky Mountain Peddler owner Timm Harmon and local development consultant Peter Patten during a tour of the base at Steamboat Ski Area on Friday.

# Promenade plans advance

## Torian owners' approval critical to continued base area improvements

**Brandon Gee**  
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

### STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

Plans for an all-seasons promenade along the immediate base of the Steamboat Ski Area took a major step forward Friday but remain at the mercy of a vote by business and condominium owners in Torian Plum Plaza.

In a 7-1 vote Friday, the city's advisory committee for public improvements at the base of the

Steamboat Ski Area approved a proposed alignment and grade for the promenade. Negotiating the details of the promenade as it passes Torian Plum Plaza has been the largest challenge in moving forward with what is considered the flagship project of the base area urban renewal authority created by the city in 2005. As the URA's funds dry up, one city official said a positive vote from Torian not only would move the promenade project along but also may spur

### On the 'Net

To download an artist's sketch of a planned promenade at the base of the Steamboat Ski Area, visit this story on [www.steamboatpilot.com](http://www.steamboatpilot.com).

city officials to allocate enough money to keep the URA alive past March.

Design professional Peter Patten cast the dissenting vote at Friday's meeting of the advisory committee, known as URAAC. The meeting began

with a site visit and walk along the proposed promenade route. Among Patten's concerns is a segment of the promenade that would narrow to eight feet and take a sharp turn toward the interior of Torian Plum Plaza after passing Terry Sports.

"I think our promenade basically disappears here," Patten said. "I don't think this works with the rest of the promenade. ... I think we've got to be real-

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## SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

### Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	11 in.	Total snow†	222 in.
New snow — Summit	17 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mountain	68 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	80 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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