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Eric Irwin scrapes ice off the window of his car at Howelsen Hill on Wednesday before heading to a meeting. Irwin, who works as a crew leader at the downtown ski area, needed to clean several inches of snow off his vehicle before making the trip. **For a story about the winter storm, see page 5.**

Bill could bring windfall

Rep. Baumgardner proposal to boost county mineral lease funds

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A bill sponsored by freshman state Rep. Randy Baumgardner, R-Hot Sulphur Springs, could bring a major windfall to infrastructure projects in Northwest Colorado but at the expense

of some money allocated to school districts, higher education and state grants.

Baumgardner didn't make any fans among officials in the region with his initial version of the proposal, House Bill 1051. While it still has opponents in the region, a complete rewrite of the legislation may soon

earn the support of Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado. The bill would send 10 percent of the state's total federal mineral lease revenues — about \$17.5 million in the fiscal year beginning July 1, according to projections — directly back to the counties they originated from for con-

struction projects.

Moffat and Routt counties would receive an additional \$2.1 million and \$658,652, respectively, in the next fiscal year if the bill passes, according to the projections in a fiscal note prepared by the Colorado

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area	
New snow — Mid-mountain*	8 in.
New snow — Summit	8 in.
Base — Mid-mountain	74 in.
Base — Summit	83 in.
Total snow†	231 in.
Trails open	165/165
Lifts open	16/18
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

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