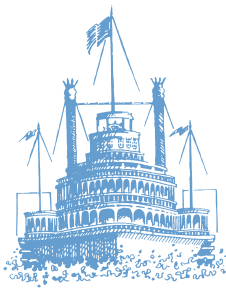


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Jim Temple talks about the early days of the Storm Mountain Ski Area, which later became Steamboat Ski Area, during a 2007 interview at his home outside of Boulder. Temple died Monday at the Doak Walker Care Center.

The determined dreamer

Ski area founder Jim Temple dies at 82 at Doak Walker Care Center

Tom Ross
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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

James Wood Temple, the single-minded dreamer who built the first ski runs at the base of Storm Mountain and who first visualized what would someday become the modern Steamboat Ski Area, died early Monday morning at the Doak Walker Care Center in Steamboat Springs. He was 82.

Temple's son, Jeff, said his

father enjoyed attending the Cowboy Downhill at the ski area Jan. 20 and was later pleased at being received in Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp. President Chris Diamond's office with a gathering of ski area executives and managers.

Temple grew up on a ranch on the Colorado/Wyoming border and returned from serving in the Navy to become a long-time ski patrol director in Sun Valley. He assembled a few men to form the Storm Mountain

Ski Corp. in January 1958 and became its president and chairman of the board. That summer, with a single bulldozer, Temple and a few helpers began felling trees and clearing the first trails beneath the future Bear Claw Chairlift, now known as the Christy Chairlift.

Diamond, who has presided over the construction of many trails and lifts in the modern era, put Temple's undertaking in perspective.

"It was a different world in

a lot of ways," Diamond said. "When you consider what the challenges must have been, you realize the single-mindedness it would have taken to pull something off like that. They were making everything up as they went along. That's what is so stunning."

With the first chairlift under construction in the winter of 1960-61, Temple opened the ski area's first lift on the Headwall

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	15 in.	Total snow†	250 in.
New snow — Summit	15 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mountain	71 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	82 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

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