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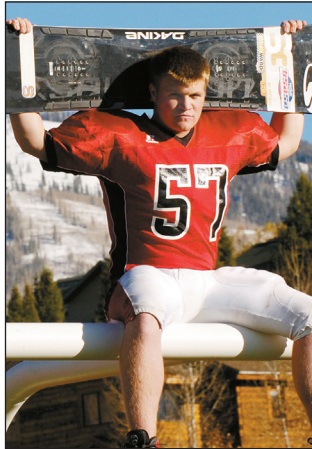


### Ski area bookings up

Ski Corp. president speaks about trends, economy during breakfast panel

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### Aiming for the top

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#### Correction

Jon Winkelblech scored the first goal for Steamboat Springs High School in Saturday's 7-2 hockey win against Coronado. The game's official scorer gave the goal to Jim Whelihan, which was reported in a story on page 3C of Sunday's *Steamboat Pilot & Today*.



TOM ROSS/STAFF

**Wildlife technician Brad Neuschwanger**, of the Colorado Division of Wildlife, scoops up 20 pounds of young rainbow trout Wednesday to transfer to fisheries biologist Billy Atkinson for stocking in the Yampa River. Atkinson went before the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday night to seek a recommendation in favor of an ordinance prohibiting private tubing above the Fifth Street Bridge. **For more about stocking trout in the Yampa River, see page 4.**

# Tubing ban suggested

## DOW plan would prohibit tubers' access above Fifth Street Bridge

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There was little enthusiasm Wednesday night for a Colorado Division of Wildlife proposal to substantially restrict the popular summer activity of floating the Yampa River on inflatable

plastic tubes.

The Steamboat Springs Parks and Recreation Commission tabled its consideration of the plan — which would prohibit tubers from entering the river from city property above the Fifth Street Bridge downtown — to a March work session and directed city employees to

return with a variety of other options including steps less strict than the DOW proposal.

“Personally, I don’t know if we’ve studied this enough,” commission Chairman Curtis Church said. “Limiting might be the answer in the future after additional public input.”

The DOW’s frustration with

tubing reached a head on a busy Fourth of July weekend last summer, when crowds of people overwhelmed the Chuck Lewis Wildlife Area two miles upstream of city limits and ignored wildlife officers who told them a \$10 habitat stamp

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## SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area			
New snow — Mid-mountain*	5 in.	Total snow†	266 in.
New snow — Summit	6 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mountain	72 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	85 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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