



# ANNUAL REPORT

Providing affordable and accessible year-round mountain recreation, training, and educational opportunities, with a focus on youth and beginners.

# LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

**Dear Donors, Volunteers, Patrons, and Friends of Antelope Butte Foundation,**

Well, another very successful year has passed since I last wrote to you and we are finally at the finish line of our “Open Antelope Butte” Campaign!

First and foremost, you should know that the 2020/2021 winter season was a great success. Antelope Butte Mountain Recreation Area (ABMRA) entertained just over 11,000 guests - the fourth most in our history-and we accomplished this without the lodge being open (more on the lodge below).

The really exciting thing is that over 1,500 of these guests were part of one of our ever-expanding programs that serve our mission of providing “...affordable and accessible mountain recreation...”

Another exciting accomplishment is that we’ve acquired the funds necessary to complete the lodge renovation and work is proceeding at a very rapid pace. Barring some kind of rare, unforeseen event, the lodge will be open for the 2021/2022 winter season!

The re-opening of the lodge is the critical final step in our Open Antelope Butte campaign (which gets us back to where the resort once was, although much more up to date). Re-opening the lodge means that:

- our rental operations will move into the lower level of the lodge (opening up the old garage for expansion of the ski patrol area),
- you’ll be able to enjoy warm & comfortable indoor seating with amazing views,
- you’ll be able to enjoy indoor bathrooms, and
- we’ll be able to provide food and beverage services.

(NOTE: Full kitchen operations might not be available on opening day, so please be patient with us as we get our food service operation going.)



Completing this final step in our Open Antelope Butte campaign, allows us to begin thinking about the future of ABMRA, especially summer operations. We’ve already formed a committee that has begun work on our Master Development Plan (which is required by the US Forest Service) which will be a blueprint for our next 40 years. We’ll be engaging the communities on both sides of the Bighorns because we want to hear from as many people as possible about their thoughts on how we can improve and expand our services.

Lastly, we’re about \$230,000 short of our fundraising goal for the Open Antelope Butte Campaign (campaign total = \$4,800,000), so please help us close out this campaign by giving whatever you can afford. Remember that you can make a long-term commitment and pay annually if you choose. We also have a few naming opportunities available for those who can afford to give a bit more.

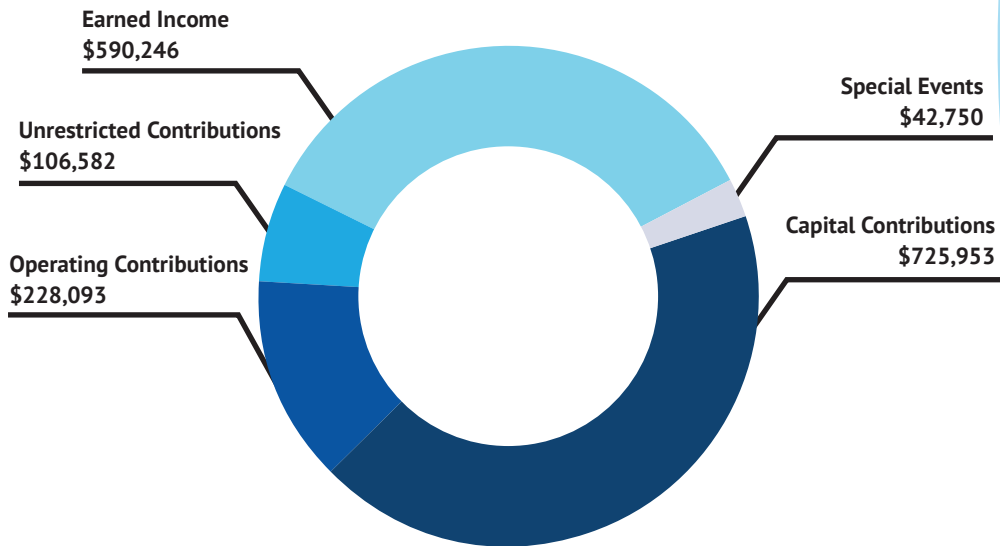
All in all, we’re stoked about not only the coming winter season, but about the years to come! Thank you to all of you who have given your time, your support, and your dollars to help make this a reality.

See you on the hill!

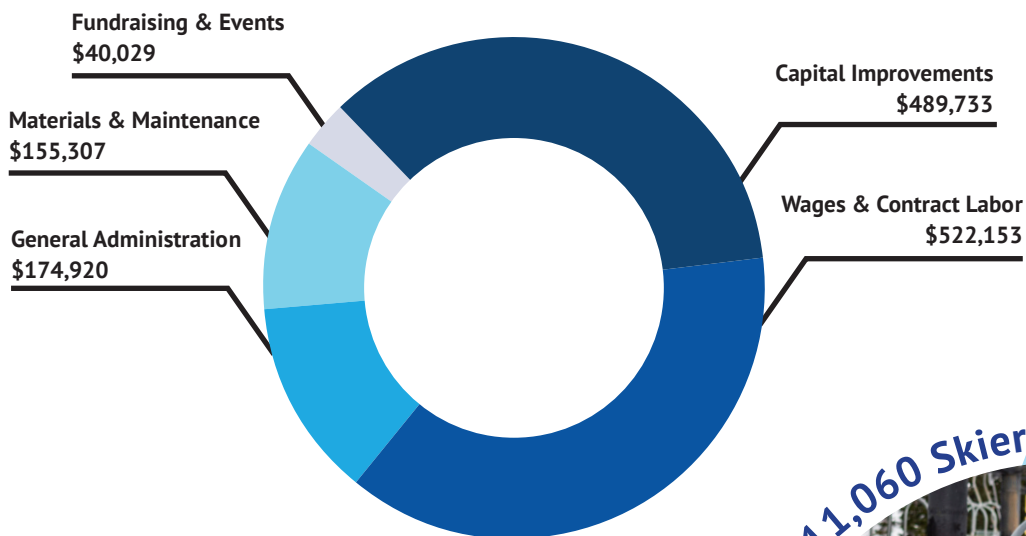
**Jeff Grant, President**  
**Antelope Butte Foundation**  
**Antelope Butte Mountain Recreation Area**



## REVENUE SEPTEMBER 2020- AUGUST 2021



## SPENDING BY CATEGORY



## Top Skier Visits Per Year Throughout History

1998-1999: 11,256 Skiers



1990-1991: 11,197 Skiers



1995-1996: 11,065 Skiers



2020-2021: 11,060 Skiers



“Great to have the Butte back open!  
I taught my girls to ski here and now I’m back  
skiing with my grandsons. What a wonderful,  
down to earth family oriented ski area!”

-Winter Feedback Survey Response

# PROGRAM IMPACT



## SNOWSPORTS SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS

105

First Chair Program

36

Second Chair Program

20

Little Bear Ski Club

544

Introduction to Snow Sports  
PE Program

210

Snowsports Development  
Middle and High School  
Programming

81

Private Lessons

369

Group Lessons

1448  
**TOTAL**

Revitalized the Little Bear Ski Club.



Successful first year of the Antelope Butte Youth Recreation Corps Program. AmeriCorps members lead outdoor youth programming in our community for 8.5 months.

First Year of AmeriCorps



Expanded the Introductions to Snowsports PE Program to the Greybull/Basin area.

Middle School Bike Club



Introduced students to the lifelong healthy benefits bicycling provides through a Middle School Bike Club in Sheridan and Big Horn.

### Fostered numerous new and existing program partnerships including:

Sheridan County YMCA, Tongue River Valley Community Center, Wyldflower Learning Community, Wyola School, Holy Name School, Sheridan County School District 1, Sheridan County School District 2, Big Horn County School District 4, Wyoming Wilderness Association, Rooted in Wyoming, The Food Group, Sheridan Recreation District, Habitat for Humanity of the Eastern Bighorns, Museum at the Bighorns, 307 Discovery Center, Sheridan Community Land Trust, Bomber Mountain Cycling Club

# LODGE UPDATE

**From the Executive Director, John Kirlin:**

This summer has been busy finishing the major systems along with lots and lots of drywall. But, we are now in the final stages of completing lodge construction! What exactly does that mean you might ask?

This means a warm place to put on your boots, a cozy spot to visit your friends from across the mountain, or just an opportunity to put your feet up by the fire while the kids are out shredding the slopes.

We plan to have basic mountain operations in the lodge for this winter season. This will include rentals, ticketing, retail, limited food and beverage services, and most importantly, flushing toilets!

To help us get in the building, we would love help with trim painting, flooring, and installing equipment and furnishings. Please contact Brad Nielsen at [brad@antelopebuttefoundation.com](mailto:brad@antelopebuttefoundation.com) if you're interested in helping us complete the lodge.

Lodge Prior to Repairs



## Lodge Legacy

### Remaining Naming Opportunities:

- Rentals- \$100,000
- Locker Room- \$100,000
- Fire Pit- \$100,000
- Ski School Yurt- \$100,000
- Stage- \$100,000
- Park Lift- \$250,000
- Sun Kid Lift- \$250,000



Lodge 2021



“ We were initial donors and I grew up at AB. This is the first year I have skied AB since its closing. It brought back so many good memories. The snow was amazing this year and I am looking forward to seeing the lodge open. ”

-Winter Feedback Survey Response



THANK YOU 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR DONORS!

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# MOUNTAIN LEGACY



## Heaven's Door



All three of the Doerr brothers (Tim, Tony and Todd) grew up in Basin, Wyoming. Antelope Butte was our year-round playground. When we didn't do day trips, we would often stay at Bear Lodge or Meadowlark campground. We fished for Brook trout in the summer and hunted in the fall. Our fondest memories, however, were skiing Antelope Butte in the winters.

At that time, Antelope Butte had only a T-bar lift and three runs: "A" (currently Last Tango), "B" (currently Trail #6) and "C" (currently Suz Moose). We also had an unofficial and out-of-bounds run we called "D". "D" was the bottom of current Trails # 10 and 11, but instead of returning on lower "C", we would ski down to Highway 14. This was always the last run of the day, as there was no way to get back to the resort from the highway. Every weekend, one of us would take turns getting the car before the last run and meet up with those skiing "D" to the highway, before our drive back to Basin. Because "D" wasn't an official run, it always had untracked powder and great chutes. Although Antelope Butte did not have a freestyle team, the un-groomed trails with moguls and natural rock features to jump off made the ski run an ideal place for us to hone our freestyle skills.

The run with the best natural jumps was the old "B" (current Trail #6), with the most infamous jump being the rock at the top; which, in our day, had a cable between the trees to try and dissuade you from hitting the rock. In order to hit that rock, you had to lie down on your back to get under the cable, and then try to stand up before you launched (which was not possible). Our parents, Dr. Eugene and Vicki Doerr (pronounced "Door") passed away in 2016, so when we found out that the old "B" was still available to name, we jumped at the chance to name the run **"Heaven's Door"**; in memory of our parents, who made Antelope Butte our local haven.

-The Doerr Family

Heaven's Door Trail Dedication



### Remaining Trail Naming Opportunities:

- Trail #12- \$100,000
- Trail #25- \$25,000



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**The Antelope Butte Foundation  
was incorporated 10 years ago  
on August 10th, 2011.**

Since the day we became a nonprofit, we have been thankful for every ounce of community support. Antelope Butte wouldn't be opening the lodge doors this winter without the overflowing support from donors, supporters, volunteers, patrons, staff, and board members!

Thanks to you, the past 10 years have been full of so many memorable moments and achievements!

If you are in a position to support the Antelope Butte Foundation, please consider a donation to the **Annual First Chair Youth Program Fund**. Funds will be utilized to help reduce the costs for program participants and provide scholarships for participants in need.

**All donations support our mission of:**  
*"providing affordable and accessible  
year-round mountain recreation, training,  
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