A summer update from Bluewood,

I want to take a moment to provide an update on a few of the major projects and circumstances shaping what has been a unique summer here at Bluewood. We know there have been a lot of questions surrounding the lift, mountain biking, and current operations, and we appreciate everyone's patience as we work through the details.

Fires in the Area: As many of you may know, the wildfires throughout our region have impacted many communities this summer, and more recently, the Paradise Fire has begun to affect operations here at Bluewood. The Forest Service has established our parking lot as a base for air support operations, and because of this, Bluewood's boundaries will remain closed to the public until further notice as we also prepare for potential impacts from the fire. This closure gives fire crews and our team the space they need to operate safely, effectively, and efficiently. We are incredibly grateful to the firefighters, pilots, and support crews working tirelessly throughout our region to protect our communities.

Lift Update: We know many of you have been asking questions about the lift, both on social media and in our inboxes, and we are aware that our responses have been limited. Sharing information throughout this process has been tricky for us, and we understand how frustrating it has been not to have regular updates.

That said, we are continuing to make progress. Two of the four remaining shipping containers have now arrived, including the gearbox and additional tower components. We expect the haul rope to arrive within the next 2 weeks, while the top and bottom bull wheels are unfortunately due to arrive mid-September. Because of that, we cannot confidently say there will be enough time to complete the installation ahead of the 2026–27 winter season.

We are still actively moving forward with several other aspects of the lift project this summer which will prepare us for a planned installation beginning after the 2026–27 season. Our completion is targeted for September or early October 2027.

Mountain Biking Development: We're excited to share that development of our mountain bike trail network is officially underway, and we have received approval from the Forest Service to move forward with the project. We are working with Tamarack Trail Works on the development and construction of the trail network, with the trail on Green Giant already beginning to take shape and three additional trails planned for continued buildout.

Our goal is to have all four of these trails ready for an initial mountain bike preview following completion of the new lift, providing riders access to 20+ miles of trails, for all ability levels.

Aside from these projects, I'd also like to say that there is a lot happening at Bluewood, both on and off the mountain, and not all of that work makes it onto our social channels. A great deal happens behind the scenes to keep these projects moving forward. We truly appreciate the patience, support, and excitement our community continues to show. The supportive messages and comments we receive mean more to us than you know and remind us that we are all rooting for the same thing, a mountain we love heading into an exciting new chapter.

For now, we're looking forward to one last ride with our beloved lift and to welcome everyone back to the mountain soon. We have some exciting things planned for our passholders this season and we're looking forward to sharing more about that soon. Things have been looking encouraging across the Southern Hemisphere this winter, and we'll gladly take that as a good sign for what could be ahead for us here at Bluewood.

Best,
Pete Korfiatis, General Manager