

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

SUBJECT: Acknowledgement of Donation – Granite Peak Ski Area

Granite Peak Ski Area donated \$1,655,000. This donation will be used to grow and enhance the seating areas around the chalets in order to provide needed and improved seating space for their customers and remodel the kitchen, bathrooms, and lower level of the Historic Chalet at Rib Mountain State Park, Marathon County, WI.

FOR: June 2022 Board Meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Cole

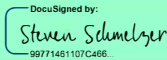


SUMMARY:

The Historic Chalet at Granite Peak Ski Area was built by Civilian Conservation Corp members in 1939 to serve a growing alpine ski community at Rib Mountain State Park. At the time of its construction, the chalet offered minimum customer service features, and a number of improvements have been added by succeeding alpine operators over the past 85+ years. No substantial changes to seating, bathrooms, or the kitchen have occurred despite significant growth in outdoor participation and programming at Granite Peak Ski Area. The chalet currently lacks an adequate kitchen size to serve its growing array of outside and inside seating, leading to slow service times for guests.

Granite Peak wishes to grow and enhance the seating areas around the chalets in order to provide needed and improved seating space for their customers. This project consists of multiple elements including: a new staircase, expansion of Historic deck, renovations of another small deck.

The Historic Chalet remodel consists of three parts: a kitchen remodel, restroom enhancement, and update to the lower-level lounge. The kitchen remodel project consists of removing the small bathrooms and a small hallway on the upper floor of the Historic Building and expanding the kitchen from its current 500 sq footprint to 1400 square feet. The new kitchen will be capable of serving approximately 625 seats, both inside and outside. The bathroom remodel project consists of adding additional toilets to the area in the lower historic chalet which currently houses a locker room area and current small bathrooms. This project will allow for more toilets in both men's and women's rooms as well as an area for guests to wait. Granite Peak will also be updating the area on the east side of the lower level of the Historic Chalet with new lighting, a new bar, and bar equipment as well as some minor electrical and plumbing enhancements.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board acknowledge the generous donation of \$1,655,000 from Granite Peak Ski Area.

| Approved by | Signature | Date |
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| Steven Schmelzer, Director Bureau of Parks and Recreation |  | 5/16/2022 3:52 PM CDT |
| Diane Brusoe, Deputy Administrator Division of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks |  | 5/16/2022 5:03 PM CDT |
| For Preston D. Cole, Secretary |  | 5/20/2022 11:41 AM CDT |

cc: Board Liaison - AD/8

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Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its June 2022 meeting, the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board gratefully acknowledged a gift of \$1,655,000.00 from:

Granite Peak Ski Area

This donation will be used to grow and enhance the seating areas around the chalets to provide improved seating space for customers and to remodel the kitchen, bathrooms, and lower level of the Historic Chalet at Rib Mountain State Park, Marathon County, WI.

Our expression of appreciation on behalf of Wisconsin's citizens is hereby recorded in the official records of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board. We acknowledge this generous contribution.

Wisconsin Natural Resources Board

Greg Kazmierski, Chair

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