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**RED LODGE MOUNTAIN RESORT WORKS TO REPAIR SNOWMAKING POND**

**Red Lodge, MT – October 13, 2009** – On October 9, 2009, extreme early winter conditions caused the resort's snowmaking pond to overflow. With close to 4 feet of snow falling in less than 10 days, the pond became overly full due to excessive precipitation and snowfall. Since the spill-over, staff at Red Lodge Mountain Resort have taken measures to maintain water levels in the pond so additional spillage doesn't occur.

As a result of the runoff from the pond, some of the adjacent terrain/soil was disturbed. Resort staff have taken immediate steps to repair the affected terrain by filling in the eroded areas where skier traffic occurs. Long-term repairs will be scheduled as needed when the snow-melts. Access to Cole Creek and all other areas of the resort have not been impacted and will function normally.

Red Lodge Mountain Resort's snow-making pond, which fuels the largest snowmaking system in the State, has not been impacted and is currently functioning at normal capacity for all snowmaking activities. With 40+ inches of new snow at the resort, Red Lodge Mountain will open and operate as scheduled starting November 27, 2009, kicking off the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year.

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