



# Bogus Basin Ski Club

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### Jackson Hole, Grand Targhee & Snow King—Video & Story

Gather 'round, fellow snow enthusiasts and adventure seekers! I've got a story to tell about our epic journey with the Bogus Basin Ski Club from Boise, ID, to the snow-covered wonderland of Jackson, WY. Strap in, 'cause this tale is as thrilling as a black diamond run! Forgoing the photos, enjoy this awesome [video](#). Hang on to you skis and boards while you jump on board the Targhee/Jackson Hole/Snow King adventure [HERE](#).

We loaded up our gear and hopped aboard the luxurious bus that would be our chariot to snowy paradise. The mood was electric as we cruised through picturesque landscapes, sharing stories, and gearing up for the adventures ahead. Our first stop was Grand Targhee Resort, where the slopes were covered in snow, though sadly, there was no fresh powder in sight. Undeterred by the lack of fresh snow, we tackled the groomed runs with gusto, carving smooth turns and enjoying the breathtaking views of the Tetons. While some of us explored Grand Targhee, a few adrenaline junkies from our crew couldn't resist the allure of Snow King Mountain. And let me tell you, it was an epic decision! At Snow King, we found ourselves on a steep mountain with challenging terrain that got our hearts racing and our adrenaline pumping. We ripped down the slopes, tackling moguls, hitting jumps, and feeling the rush of flying down the mountain with the wind in our faces. It was a day of pure skiing bliss that left us grinning from ear to ear. And then on to Jackson Hole.

Evenings were just as memorable as the days, with après ski sessions at the Cowboy Bar, where live music, good food, and great company made for unforgettable nights. We swapped stories of our adventures, toasted to new friendships, and savored every moment of our ski bum life.

Back at the 49er Inn in downtown Jackson, we indulged in the comforts of our hospitality suite, complete with hot tubs, cozy vibes, and stunning views of the surrounding mountains. And let's not forget the luxury bus ride that whisked us to and from our snowy escapades, adding a touch of comfort to our thrilling adventure. As our trip came to an end and we reluctantly boarded the bus back to Boise, we knew one thing for sure – this ski adventure had been nothing short of incredible. Whether we were carving up the slopes at Grand Targhee, conquering the steps at Snow King, or enjoying the après ski scene in Jackson, every moment was a reminder of why we live for these snowy escapades. Here's to more epic ski trips and unforgettable memories with the Bogus Basin Ski Club!



**Story and Video Adventure by Steve Carlson. Photo of Tracy and Steve Carlson**

## A Day in the Life of...A Chair Builder

### Volume 1. Story 2.

Welcome to our new series! It's fun to be curious about how long storytelling has existed through time and across cultures. We've all had the experience of sitting around a campfire together, enjoying the banter, enjoying the sharing, enjoying the sense of community garnered from the simple yet profound act of sitting together and listening to each other. It's been said that listening and being present is one of the best gifts that we can give to each other. Storytelling is one of many ways to grow our sense of community; something that perhaps was lacking for some of these recent years as we all navigated COVID in our own ways. A Day in the Life is a series where we will have an opportunity to share 'that one time when.' Submissions are encouraged!

As some of you know, we have a "ski-Adirondack chairmaker" in our midst. Now, I don't know about you, but I personally find this to be impressive. There are a lot of steps that go into making one of those from scratch! Which is what Paul Markowitz has done a few times since he first started a few years ago. I was able to get him to talk about it for a few minutes recently.

KD: How did you get into making your one-of-a-kind ski Adirondack chairs?

PM: Well, the first one started with a regular Adirondack chair design, mostly in wood. That was a fun one to make.

KD: How did you know where to begin?

PM: In my professional career I built all sorts of stuff...antennae, modified aircraft, stuff like that...so it's pretty easy for me to have a vision of what I want to make and then make it happen.

KD: Oh! So building things was not too foreign of a concept. That makes sense.



PM: From there, it progressed to the more recent chair designs being more ski than wood. With the most recent one (**pictured here...for the upcoming 2024 raffle**), everything was recycled, except for some structural bolts.

KD: How long ago did you make the first chair?

PM: 3 years ago...yep, right there in the thick of COVID. I thought, hey! I need one more chair on the patio! I like to sit out here and watch the birds and geese...the Adirondacks are so comfortable to sit in. And the arm is nice to put a beer on because it's nice and wide!

KD: How do you build your chair?

PM: First thing is to figure out how you're going to get the raw materials. So, you go around to some of our local shops; Ridgeline and McU's have been very supportive by providing out-of-date, used, and broken skis.

Then, I got to thinking to myself, what do we wanna do with it? How is this thing going to look? What pieces do I have and how will they fit together?

So then you take a pattern from an Adirondack chair or glider or rocker, whatever you want to create. There are no dimensions that work for a rocker because the materials are non dimensional...skis aren't 1 & 3/4.

KD: That's a good point. Too true!

PM: A lot of lookin' at it and putting your thumb out this way and that way, and...nope! Throw that one away...try it this way, now...and sometimes it takes 2-3 cuts to get a piece to work. But eventually, something

becomes of it. I borrowed a rocker from a friend to get the rockers about right when making the rocking slider. There's different ways to do it. There's a lot of trial and error.

Cutting skis is a very interesting project. The edges are made with a hard, hard steel. Need cutting wheels and drills to go through. I have gone through two drill SETS to make the chairs. I use a cutoff saw with a diamond blade. Both big and little, they're abrasive blades. They have to be!

When cutting the skis outside there are sparks and plastic and wood! If you look at some of the skis for the chair, where they're cut, you see the layers and are like, what the heck?

Skis are about 10 layers of alternating steel, plastic, and wood. They're challenging to cut.

KD: What is one thing that you have learned?

PM: Brace it up for safety. Then you MUST sit in it! You gotta slide back and forth to make sure nothing pinches you! Wear jeans for this process. (We both laugh, because come on, be honest. You almost felt that, too! Just about everyone knows that feeling when you pinch the back of your thigh from some poorly made or poorly designed chair! Yikes!). After the sit-test, then you realize where you need to smooth out edges and bolts and make it safe to sit in on various fronts.

KD: Is there a feature of your chairs that is your favorite?

PM: (Pauses...) Beer holder made of bindings.

### A Couple Other of Paul's Adirondacks and a Ski Coat Rack



Chair 2021



Chair 2022

Coat Rack 2023



Paul & The Chair

*\*Would you like to share "a day in your life?" Do you have a story that you've been wanting to share, but haven't been sure how to take the next step? Please contact [kimdewit@boisestate.edu](mailto:kimdewit@boisestate.edu) to find out how!*

Paul has been a member of BBSC for 25 years. He has lead ski trips to Europe and served on the board several times, including as president. He works tirelessly to set up our Holiday Party and is always available to move equipment to our next event. Thank you, Paul for all you do for BBSC.

Story by Kim DeWit, Interviewee and Adirondack Chair Creator, Paul Markowitz, 3/20/24.



## Notes from Your Ski Patrol

### H408—Protecting Us While We Protect You—The Back Story

Over 100 members of the volunteer Bogus Basin Ski Patrol serve the mountain public under the guidelines of the National Ski Patrol as Outdoor Emergency Care technicians. In addition, we serve under the protocols of the Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area. Under those protocols, we act as the first line of safety and service to our mountain community. For years we have considered the Idaho Good Samaritan law as our protection against liability, but recent research has shown that law does not have enough teeth to protect us. Prior to the start of this ski season, members of the patrol considered legislation to address volunteer patroller liability.

Bill Myers, a volunteer patroller and an attorney with Holland and Hart; Suzi Budge, a volunteer patroller and government affairs specialist; and Carrie Semmelroth, a volunteer patroller and a state Senator, put forth the effort to address those concerns. Bill further researched Idaho's Good Samaritan law and found it lacking due to its limited protections for ski and bike patrollers. Bill also researched other state Good Samaritan laws, other state ski patrol laws, legal treatises, and other sections of the Idaho code, and then drafted a bill. Suzi and Bill shopped the bill with the relevant legislative committee chairmen, other key legislators, possible opposition groups, and regional and national ski patrol representatives. Carrie helped line up House and Senate bill sponsors and socialized the idea with members of both chambers.

Patrick Arnold, volunteer patrol leader, kept BBSP and all 16 volunteer patrols (~800 patrollers) in Idaho posted on progress and enlisted their support. Bill testified before the House and Senate Judiciary Committees in support of the bill, and met with the Governor's staff to explain the need for the Governor's signature on the legislation if it was passed by the Legislature. Both in committees and when the bill came to the floor of each chamber, Suzi and Carrie met with individual members seeking their support. The bill passed in the House on a 52-17 vote and in the Senate on a 25-10 vote. H408 went into effect when it was signed by the Governor on March 20, 2024.



We had a ceremonial bill signing on March 28, where the Governor signed copies of the bill for the patrol.

## The Statehouse Team

House Sponsor: Representative Chenele Dixon, (R) District 24, Kimberly



Many volunteer patrollers contributed to our success. Pam Carson gathered the list of patrols and coordinated award plaques for the bill sponsors. NSP Regional and Division leaders provided background information and supported the effort. Dozens of volunteer patrollers attended legislative hearings and contacted elected officials. From start to finish, this was entirely a volunteer effort.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Abby Lee, (R) District 9, Fruitland



Left to Right: Suzi Budge, Senator Lee, Senator Semmelroth, Representative Dixon, Bill Myers

## The Rest of the Statehouse Team

- Patroller and Senator Carrie Semmelroth, (D) District 17, Boise
- Bill Myers—Patroller and Attorney, Holland and Hart
- Suzi Budge—Patroller and Government Affairs, SBS Associates
- Patrick Arnold—BBSP Volunteer Patrol Leader & Communicator-in-Chief

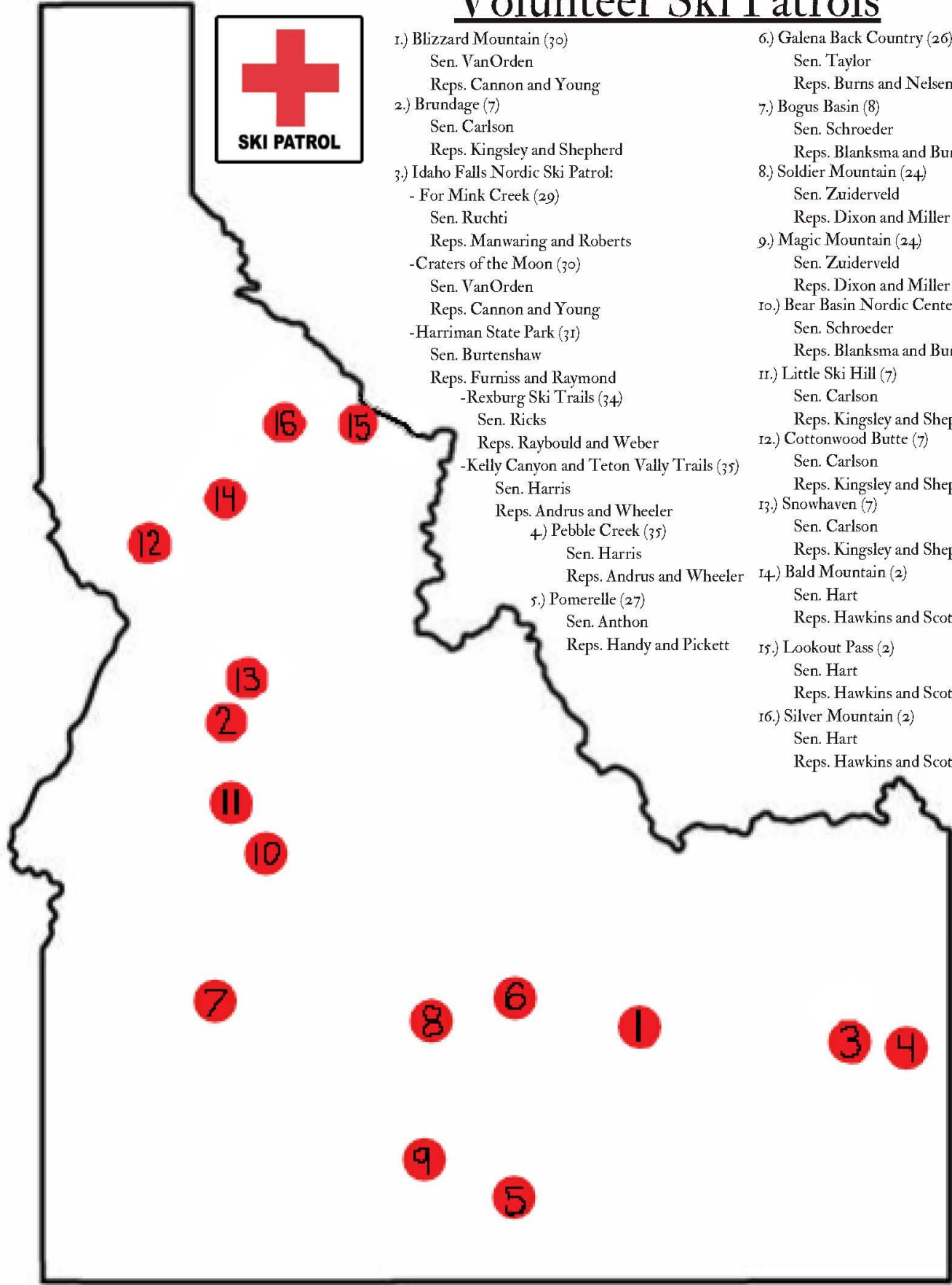
The plaques were presented by the Bogus Basin Volunteer Ski Patrol.

## The Text of the Bill

**IMMUNITY OF VOLUNTEER SKI OR BIKE PATROLLER.** No action shall lie or be maintained for civil damages in any court of this state against any person or group of persons who, while acting in the capacity as a volunteer ski or bike patroller with qualifications meeting the standards of the national ski patrol system, renders or omits aid, including but not limited to first aid or emergency medical attention, to any person or persons utilizing the ski or bike patrol's services and facilities as long as the patroller acts without direct compensation from or on behalf of the person aided and acts in good faith and without willful or wanton misconduct in the aid rendered or omitted.

Story by Bill Myers and Suzi Budge, Photos by Patrick and Jessica Arnold, Map by Bradley Boyd

# Volunteer Ski Patrols



- 1.) Blizzard Mountain (30)  
Sen. VanOrden  
Reps. Cannon and Young
- 2.) Brundage (7)  
Sen. Carlson  
Reps. Kingsley and Shepherd
- 3.) Idaho Falls Nordic Ski Patrol:  
- For Mink Creek (29)  
Sen. Ruchti  
Reps. Manwaring and Roberts  
- Craters of the Moon (30)  
Sen. VanOrden  
Reps. Cannon and Young  
- Harriman State Park (31)  
Sen. Burtenshaw  
Reps. Furniss and Raymond  
- Rexburg Ski Trails (34)  
Sen. Ricks  
Reps. Raybould and Weber  
- Kelly Canyon and Teton Vally Trails (35)  
Sen. Harris  
Reps. Andrus and Wheeler
- 4.) Pebble Creek (35)  
Sen. Harris  
Reps. Andrus and Wheeler
- 5.) Pomerelle (27)  
Sen. Anthon  
Reps. Handy and Pickett
- 6.) Galena Back Country (26)  
Sen. Taylor  
Reps. Burns and Nelsen
- 7.) Bogus Basin (8)  
Sen. Schroeder  
Reps. Blanksma and Bundy
- 8.) Soldier Mountain (24)  
Sen. Zuiderveld  
Reps. Dixon and Miller
- 9.) Magic Mountain (24)  
Sen. Zuiderveld  
Reps. Dixon and Miller
- 10.) Bear Basin Nordic Center (8)  
Sen. Schroeder  
Reps. Blanksma and Bundy
- 11.) Little Ski Hill (7)  
Sen. Carlson  
Reps. Kingsley and Shepherd
- 12.) Cottonwood Butte (7)  
Sen. Carlson  
Reps. Kingsley and Shepherd
- 13.) Snowhaven (7)  
Sen. Carlson  
Reps. Kingsley and Shepherd
- 14.) Bald Mountain (2)  
Sen. Hart  
Reps. Hawkins and Scott
- 15.) Lookout Pass (2)  
Sen. Hart  
Reps. Hawkins and Scott
- 16.) Silver Mountain (2)  
Sen. Hart  
Reps. Hawkins and Scott