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Resort Municipality of Whistler, Whistler Olympic/Paralympic Park and Callaghan Country to Offer Tri-Area Nordic Pass

WHISTLER, BC – Operators of Whistler’s three Nordic ski areas have announced that they will offer a tri-area Nordic pass this winter. The new Tri-Area Pass will be valid at the Lost Lake ski area, Whistler Olympic/Paralympic Park and at the neighbouring Nordic and backcountry operation, Callaghan Country. Together, the three ski areas offer more than 125 kilometres of groomed trails for skate and classic cross-country skiing, an extensive network of snowshoe trails and more than 1,000 hectares of prime backcountry Nordic and alpine ski touring terrain.

Early bird pass price is \$325 for adults (19+), \$195 for youth (13–18), \$163 for children (6–12) and \$650 for families. Early bird passes are available from any of the ski areas beginning today and will be on sale until Friday, December 5.

Last year, the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW), who own and operate the Lost Lake ski area, collaborated with the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC), operators of Whistler Olympic/Paralympic Park, to offer a dual area pass. Whistler Olympic/Paralympic Park and Callaghan Country also had a reciprocal arrangement to honour each other’s trail tickets and season passes. The two separate deals gave season’s pass holders the ability to access up to two of the three local Nordic ski areas. By establishing a tri-area pass, skiers will now have more choice and flexibility when deciding where to ski on any given day.

“Lost Lake is a great ski area, and its convenient location and charming network of trails has made it a favourite for locals and visitors alike,” says Roger Weetman, Manager of Recreation Services at the RMOW. “But by offering the Tri Area Pass, skiers now have the added advantage of a longer ski season, more reliable snow conditions and a wider variety of trails and terrain to choose from including the high performance and recreational trails at Whistler Olympic Park and the scenic sub-alpine trails and ski touring opportunities available at Callaghan Country.”

“We are excited to be a part of the new Tri-Area Pass,” says Mike Edwards, Assistant Operations Manager at Whistler Olympic Park. “Our hope is that through our cooperative efforts, and with the support of the local communities, we can establish the Whistler area as one of the premiere destinations in North America for Nordic skiing.”

Whistler’s Nordic ski season begins in the Callaghan Valley with both Whistler Olympic/Paralympic Park and Callaghan Country set to open on November 22. Lost Lake will open as soon as conditions permit – usually by early to mid-December.

For more information on the Tri-Area Pass or the upcoming Nordic season, please visit www.callaghancountry.com, www.whistler.ca or www.whistlerolympicpark.com.

VANOC is responsible for the planning, organizing, financing and staging of the XXI Olympic Winter Games and the X Paralympic Winter Games in 2010. The 2010 Olympic Winter Games will be staged in Vancouver and Whistler from February 12 to 28, 2010. Vancouver and Whistler will host the Paralympic Winter Games from March 12 to 21, 2010.

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