## **POWDERHOUNDS**

COMPARISON OF HELI SKIING OPERATORS IN THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING ALASKA: LOCATION, HELISKI PACKAGES, HELISKIING TERRAIN SIZE, COST, VERTICAL

					All operators						Day operators				Multi-day operators	
USA	State	Location	Package Type	Minimum Ability Level	Hectares (000s)	Annual snowfall (m)	Guests per guide	Board/ski rental included?	Season	Daily vertical (feet)	Cost per day (\$)	Runs per day	Approx vertical per run (feet)	Cost per additional run (\$)	Cost per day with accom (mid length package)	7 Day Package Cost High Season (\$)
Powderbird	Utah	Snowbird ski resort (near Alta)	single days	Strong intermediate	*	13	4	no	mid Dec to mid April	14,000	1,190	6 to 7	2,100	*	*	*
Diamond Peaks	Utah	Powder Mountain ski resort	3 runs or 6 runs	Upper intermediate	6	*	*	limited skis	*	18,000	1,150	6	3,000	*	*	*
Park City Powder Cats & Hei Ski	Utah	near Park City	single days (private)	Advanced	*	10.2	*	no	Dec to April	*	1,250	6	1,500	75	*	*
Telluride Helitrax	СО	Telluride	single days	Adventurous intermediates	65	*	*	yes	late Dec to early April		1,225	6	1,000 - 2,500	99	*	*
Silverton Heli- Skiing	СО	Silverton Mountain	single runs or 6 runs	Advanced	9	*	4	no	from mid Dec	*	999	6	2,500- 3,000	159	*	*
High Mountain Heli-skiing	WY	Jackson near Jackson Hole ski resort	single days	Advanced	123	*	5	no	late Dec to early April		1,200	6	*	120	*	*
North Cascade Heli-Skiing	WA	Mazama (4hrs NW of Spokane)	single days on Thursdays or a 3 day program	Advanced intermediate	121	*	4	yes	late Dec to mid March	12,000 +	1,200	7	1,500 - 4,000	75	*	*
Ruby Mountain Heli Experience	Nevada	east of Elko	3 day package, single days on Thurs	Advanced	81	*	4 to 5	skis	mid Jan to early April	13,000	1,475	6 to 7	2,000	100	1,467	*
Sun Valley Heli Ski Guides	Idaho	near Sun Valley ski resort	single days & combo packages with Sun Valley ski resort	*	304	5.1	*	no	late Dec to late March	10,000 - 15,000	1,350	6	2,000	*	1,550	*
Points North	Alaska	Cordova, Chugach Range	6 day / 7 night trips	Intermediate	518	*	*	no	mid Feb to late April	20,000- 35,000	*	8 to 10	Ж	#	929	5,575
Alaska Powder Descents	Alaska	Juneau; near Eaglecrest Ski Resort	Per run or 3 or 6 days (including resort skiing)	Intermediate with powder experience	405	*	4	skis for multi- day	early Feb to late April	20,000	875	8	2,500	100	*	5,250

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Black Ops Valdez	Alaska	Valdez, Chugach Range	single days or 3 & 7 day with accom	Advanced intermediate	647	25	4	no	early Mar to late Apr	*	1,200	6	3000- 5000	#	1,310	8,550
Alaska Rendezvous Heli Guides	Alaska	Valdez, Chugach Range	week long with accom, single days, or 2 runs	*	907	9-24	4	no	late Feb to late April		1,050	6	3,333- 5,000	160	1,415	9,905
H2O Heli Guides	Alaska	Valdez, Chugach Range	3 or 5 days with accom	*	1,052	*	*	skis	early Mar to late Apr	20,000	1,333	6	3,333	175	1,055	7,389
Valdez Heli Guides	Alaska	Valdez, Chugach Range	single days & 3,4,5 & 7 days with accom	Advanced	647	25.4	4	no	early Mar to late Apr	24,000	1,100	6	3000- 5000	150	1,484	10,390
Chugach Powder Guides	Alaska	near Aleyska ski resort, Girdwood	5 or 7 days with accom; single days; snowcat for backup	*	304	15.2	*	no	early Feb to mid April	16,000- 18,000	1,275	6-7	3,000- 4,000	#	1,140	7,400
Southeast Alaska Backcountry Adventures	Alaska	Haines; Chilkat & Tahkinsha Mountains	single days; 7 day package with accom	Advanced	311	*	*	no	mid Feb to mid April	25,000	1,100	*	*	*	874	6,120
Alaska Heliskiing	Alaska	Haines (fly to Juneau then ferry)	single days and 5 day/7 night packages; snowcat skiing as backup	*	311	*	*	no	Feb to May	*	1050	*	*	*	1,028	7,200
Majestic Heli Ski	Alaska	Northeast of Anchorage (fly into Anchorage)	3,5,7 days	Strong intermediate	*	15	5	skis	Feb to Apri	*	*	*	1,000- 4,500	*	1,379	9,495

## COMPARISON BETWEEN HELI SKIING OPERATIONS IN US - NOTES

# charge by additional vertical or additional fly time

The size of the terrain may equate to the size of their tenure and not necessarily the actual area that they ski.

Prices are in US dollars and do not include tax. The prices listed above are for the 2014-15 season and serve as a guide to compare heli skiing costs.

Rates are for standard packages, unless they only offer semi-privates or other. Where cost includes accommodation, the cost is based on twin share.

The inclusions in each heli ski package differs between the operations. Particularly in Alaska there are major variations in what the package includes. The amount of skiing included varies incredibly and can be charged by vertical, flight hours, or runs, so it's difficult to make direct comparisons.

Some operators don't include all meals and powder skis.

<sup>\*</sup> reliable information not available or applicable