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National Brotherhood of Skiers holds Summit at Steamboat Ski Area

(Steamboat Springs, Feb. 25, 2011) – The largest winter sports organization in America is coming to Steamboat Springs next week for the Black Ski Summit.

“I’d like to extend a warm welcome to the National Brotherhood of Skiers,” said Tony Dixon, Deputy Regional Forester for Region 2. “We are honored that they have chosen the world-class Steamboat Ski Area for their 2011 Summit.” The ski area lies mostly on the Routt National Forest and operates under a Special Use Permit from the USDA Forest Service.

More than 3,000 skiers from the National Brotherhood of Skiers will meet for seven days of fun and competitive skiing.

The National Brotherhood of Skiers mission is “To identify, develop and support athletes of color who will WIN Olympic and international winter sports competitions representing the United States and to increase participation in winter sports.” The Summit is a fund-raiser for the organization, bringing together thousands of enthusiasts from all across the country for a week of winter sports activities and camaraderie.

“The primary purpose of this fund-raiser is to support the NBS Olympic Scholarship Fund, designed to provide financial support for exceptional athletes of color who excel in winter sports,” said Haymon T. Jahi, President of NBS. “The intent is to propel these young athletes to Olympic and international competition.”

The organization will launch the National Winter Sports Education Foundation (NWSEF) during the Summit. The NWSEF is a nonprofit charity founded by the NBS which will provide financial support and resources to winter sports athletes. The Board of Directors will be represented by some of the top brass in the ski industry that will lend their expertise to the organization.

The National Brotherhood of Skiers was founded in 1973 and chartered in 1974 by 13 African American Ski clubs across the nation. There are now 60 clubs with 3,000 members in the organization. This is the fifth time the NBS has held events at the Steamboat Ski Area – in 1982, 1989, 1995 and 2007. This year's event runs from Feb. 26 – March 5.

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