



Press Release

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The Grand Lodge on Peak 7 was recently awarded the Environmental Protection Agency Pollution Prevention award for their region and is the only hospitality company to win the prestigious award nation-wide. The award was granted for reducing natural gas consumption by 14% in 2022. This reduction was achieved by increasing efficiencies in their snowmelt system and mitigating our overall usage.

The Grand Lodge on Peak 7, part of the family of resorts built and operated by Breckenridge Grand Vacations (BGV), is in Breckenridge, Colorado at the base of Peak 7 in the Tenmile Range. The 20-year-old, ski-in/ski-out resort borders the Breckenridge Ski Resort and resides at approximately 10,000 feet in altitude.

Energy consumption in the high alpine climate can be significant. Some methods utilized by the Grand Lodge to mitigate natural gas use include implementing weather forecasting and simple system efficiency improvements. These measures have enabled their snowmelt systems to predict weather patterns, allowing them to turn on and off when needed more accurately. The resort also turned their melting temperature down from 80 degrees to 40 degrees which significantly decreased their natural gas usage. These efforts saved 500-1,000 metric million BTUs of natural gas per month or 2.6-5.3 metric tons of CO2 per month- the same impact as planting 3.2 acres of forests in one year.

“We are honored to be recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency for the hard work and efforts we have put into reducing our carbon footprint. We are committed to continually improving as a company and finding ways to reduce our impact,” said Emily Kimmel, Sustainability Manager.

BGV maintains a strong focus on their resorts’ environmental impact on the local and global community. Their Sustainability Department leads efforts to achieve impressive figures reducing waste. So far this year, the company has diverted more than 250,000 pounds of recyclable materials from the landfill. Guests are invited to participate in their compost program and company offices and events strive to be zero waste by utilizing recycling and compost bins at all locations.

“BGV will continue to look for ways to better operate our resorts and incorporate new technologies to remain on the front edge of resort efficiencies,” said Jeff Edwards, Energy Programs Coordinator.

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About Breckenridge Grand Vacations- Created in 1984, Breckenridge Grand Vacations (BGV) was built by brothers Mike and Rob Millisor and friend Mike Dudick upon the belief that the success of their company would be determined by the positive impact it had on their owners and guests, employees, and the community. With their robust “triple bottom line” philosophy, BGV focuses on its people (Owners, employees and guests), philanthropy ([BGV Gives](#)) and Sustainability ([BGV Sustainability](#)). This commitment has resulted in unrivaled success – BGV is the most successful single-site timeshare developer in the world, winning multiple annual [ARDY](#) awards and surpassing other industry giants.