

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Disclosure Form**

**As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g) and  
the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources**

**Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Legislative Hearing on H.R.  
241, H.R. 290, H.R. 320, H.R. 441, H.R. 643, H.R. 686, H.R. 765, H.R. 850, H.R. 944, H.R.  
1022, and H.R. 1141**

*Wednesday, May 4, 2011 10:00 AM*

For Individuals:

1. Name:
2. Address:
3. Email Address:
4. Phone Number:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: Beth Ganz  
Vice President of Public Affairs and Sustainability, Vail Resorts
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:  
  
Vail Resorts  
National Ski Areas Association
3. Business Address: 390 Interlocken Crescent, Suite 1000, Broomfield, CO 80021
4. Business Email Address: [Information redacted for privacy]
5. Business Phone Number: [Information redacted for privacy]

Name/Organization: Beth Ganz/Vail Resorts & National Ski Areas Association

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a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

N/A

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

N/A

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Beth Ganz is the Vice President of Public Affairs and Sustainability for Vail Resorts. Vail Resorts owns and operates 5 public lands resorts: Beaver Creek, Breckenridge Ski Resort, Keystone Resort, and Vail Mountain in Colorado and Heavenly Mountain Resort in California and Nevada. In addition Vail Resorts owns and operates Northstar-at-Tahoe resort located on private land in California

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the *Department of the Interior (and/or other agencies invited)* that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

National Ski Areas Association does not hold any federal grants or contracts from the Department of Interior or United States Department of Agriculture.

Vail Resorts' owns Grand Teton Lodging Company which operates three resorts in Grand Teton National Park under concessionaire contracts with the National Park Service with the most recent concession awarded in 2007.

Vail Resorts operates 5 ski resorts on national forests lands under special use permits from the United States Forest Service. All permits issued previous to the four year window in question d.

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

Internal Revenue Service Litigation

On August 24, 2009, Vail Resorts filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado against the United States of America seeking a refund of approximately \$6.2 million in Federal income taxes paid for the tax years ended December 31, 2000 and December 31, 2001. Our amended tax returns for those years included calculations of NOLs carried forward from prior years to reduce our tax years 2000 and 2001 tax liabilities. The IRS has disallowed refunds associated with those NOL carry forwards and we disagree with the IRS action disallowing the utilization of the NOLs. The IRS filed its answer on November 6, 2009 denying liability for our claimed refunds. The parties completed discovery on August 31, 2010, and completed the briefing of their respective summary judgment motions on October 25, 2010. It is unknown when the Court will issue its summary judgment rulings and we are unable to predict the ultimate outcome of this matter.

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f. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

N/A

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In addition, for witnesses representing organizations:

g. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying.

John Garnsey and Blaise Carrig, both Vail Resorts senior executives, are members of the National Ski Area Association Board of Directors.

h. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited) that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

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i. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

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j. A list of any countries from which the organization(s) you represent at the hearing have received foreign donations and the total amount of donations received from each country, for the current year and the previous four years, by each organization.

N/A

k. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).

N/A