



## SKI INDUSTRY IDLING POLICY

**Ski areas across the country adopted an Environmental Charter in 2000 to address the environmental concerns of our industry. The Charter emphasizes the impacts of transportation on air quality and climate change. Resorts can play a positive role in reducing the adverse impacts of unnecessary vehicle idling on air quality, climate change and ultimately guest experience.**

**To collectively address the adverse impacts of vehicle idling and further demonstrate our commitment to environmental stewardship, we hereby adopt this idling policy. Through this idling policy, we aim to raise awareness of the impacts of idling on air quality and climate change and reduce the emissions associated with unnecessary idling of vehicles. To this end, we will take the following actions:**

- Educate resort employees on the importance of reducing unnecessary idling emissions from resort vehicles and guest vehicles.
- Educate resort guests about the benefits of reducing unnecessary idling emissions with respect to fuel efficiency, air quality, climate change and quality of experience.
- Reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with resort vehicle idling by not idling engines for more than five consecutive minutes unless one of the exceptions noted below is met.
- Reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with guest vehicle idling through education and outreach.
- Partner with appropriate organizations through the Keep Winter Cool program to effectively communicate with employees and guests on the benefits of reducing unnecessary vehicle idling.

Clarifications and Exceptions: This policy does not apply if idling:

- 1) While stopped for traffic conditions and/or at the direction of a law enforcement;
- 2) To verify that the vehicle or equipment is in safe and good operating condition (vehicle inspection);
- 3) For testing, service, repair, or diagnostic purposes;
- 4) To cool down a turbo-charged heavy-duty vehicle as recommended by the manufacturer;
- 5) To power auxiliary equipment (e.g. hoist, lift, computers, safety or emergency lighting);
- 6) To accomplish specific vehicle/equipment work (e.g. operating a lift, crane, pump, drill, hoist, ready mix concrete vehicle);
- 7) To defrost windshields for safety;
- 8) Snowcats, although minimizing idling of snowcats is encouraged; the policy does apply to snowmobiles;
- 9) When outside temperature is below 15°F and the health and safety of employees or guests may be jeopardized; and
- 10) While assisting in an emergency situation.