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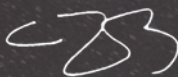
Dear Ski Friends,

It is indeed a pleasure for me to welcome you to Beaver Creek for the 2012 edition of the Audi FIS Birds of Prey Ski World Cup Race Week festivities. We are delighted that you have joined us for what promises to be an exciting high energy week of racing and celebration as the world's best attempt to tame the Birds of Prey.

As we move one step closer to the 2015 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, Birds of Prey will continue to serve as the proving ground for many of the new procedures and enhancements that we anticipate activating for the Championships. You will notice significant changes in and around the race venue this year, including the construction of the new Ladies' Downhill course, located to skier's right of Birds of Prey, and the move of the timing building to the east side of the finish area.

We are excited to welcome Bode Miller, Ted Ligety and the entire U.S. Ski Team back to Beaver Creek. Last winter, both Bode and Ted claimed wins on Birds of Prey and the valley is still buzzing about Lindsey Vonn's historic Super-G victory in the "second" week of racing.

So sit back and enjoy a great week at Beaver Creek with the 2012 Audi FIS Birds of Prey Ski World Cup Race Week activities, both on and off the racecourse.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



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*Formal Awards will immediately follow the conclusion of the race.
**Subject to change, cancellation based on snow conditions

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27		
10:45 am	Men's Downhill Training	Birds of Prey Downhill Course
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28		
10:45 am	Men's Downhill Training	Birds of Prey Downhill Course
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 29		
10:45 am	Men's Downhill Training	Birds of Prey Downhill Course
11:00 am	Audi Ski Challenge**	Haymeadow Course
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30		
10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Public Festivities at Audi Birds Nest	Red Tail deck – Free open to public
10:45 am	Men's Downhill Race*	Birds of Prey Downhill Course
6:00 pm	Black Diamond Ball (Tickets required)	Westin Riverfront Resort and Spa
SATURDAY DECEMBER 1		
10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Public Festivities at Audi Birds Nest	Red Tail deck – Free open to public
11:00 am	Men's Super G Race*	Birds of Prey Downhill Course
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Public Presentation and Celebration Festivities	Beaver Creek – BC Ice Rink
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Athlete Portion of Public Presentation	Beaver Creek – VPAC
SUNDAY DECEMBER 2		
9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Public Festivities at Audi Birds Nest	Red Tail deck – Free open to public
9:45 am	Men's GS Race – Run 1	Birds of Prey Downhill Course
12:45 pm	Men's GS Race – Run 2	Birds of Prey Downhill Course

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TALON CREW



Every year we, along with hundreds of skiers, spend our vacation time and pay our own way to Beaver Creek in order to volunteer for the Birds of Prey ski races. We work on the toughest piste imaginable, a World Cup downhill racecourse. Collectively known as the Talon Crew, we build and maintain the racecourse.

The work is physical, brutal sometimes. But something deep in the human psyche craves this sort of challenge. For most of us, work usually means staring at a computer screen. We rarely toil with our hands, our backs, and our bodies.

If physical labor is rare, true communal labor is even rarer. Out on the hill, hundreds of members of the Talon Crew all focus on a single goal, building the course! Crewmembers shout and laugh, good-naturedly teasing each other. Many jobs require multiple workers, and we work intensely together. Nightly gatherings forge a deep community as we swap stories about our day's adventures. The experience of communal work and shared food feels very ancient and very real. The mind easily measures progress when the body labors. Tired, we share a great feeling of accomplishment.

Working on the Talon Crew means more than earning a crew jacket identifying us as members of this special community. We love the sport; we support the athletes. We know that the athletes relish

racing on this course because they thank us, in person. Some join us on the crew after they retire from the white circus.

Our love of skiing and a closeness with the racers means that the Talon Crew works harder, striving to make our racecourse surface better than any other on earth. The crew believes that the first racer, the 20th racer and the last racer should all have the same chance to win.

As we work to maintain that course surface during a race, we watch the battle of muscle, sinew and nerve unfold feet away. Each of us on the hill watches, cheers and hopes as a favorite racer speeds past us on the course. And when that special racer rockets past, blending raw aggression and grace, we hope. When that racer crosses the finish, we hold a collective breath. And then, a roar from the finish rolls up the racecourse like a wave, and we know. We know our boy's won.

And that's why we volunteer. It's about being a part of something bigger than ourselves while celebrating the sport we love. We're a community that's one week long and a thousand friendships deep. We are the Talon Crew.

— Heather Thomas

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Audi recognizes these Birds of Prey competitors have sacrificed everything for this moment. We are inspired by their courage. Because we know what it takes to face the odds and come out a winner. When standing before the choice between fight or flight, we know the bravery it takes to silence the competition. From the streets of Le Mans to the streets of America... We've been there.

It all comes down to these three days of competition. The Downhill, the Super-G and the Giant Slalom will see newcomers rise to the challenge and veterans soar to the heights of excellence. And as the championship spirit of the U.S. Ski Team blazes new trails through the gates of downhill's most challenging runs, we stand amazed and exhilarated.

Audi is honored to once again be a proud partner and title sponsor of the 2012 Audi Birds of Prey World Cup Race Week, the Audi FIS Alpine World Cup Tour and the U.S. Ski Team. We wish them and all of this week's competitors the very best, and look forward to being there at the finish line...

When bravery wins.

MILLER MIRACLE



AUDI BIRDS OF PREY—ANOTHER MILLER “MIRACLE” IN STORE?

Many will remember where they were when ABC’s Al Michaels offered up his now immortal question to the world, “Do you believe in miracles?”, as he counted down the improbable U.S. hockey team’s victory over the Soviet Union during the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid.

Undoubtedly, Bode Miller will also remember December 2, 2011, a day that he created his own miracle, winning the Audi Birds of Prey World Cup Downhill by four-hundredths of a second over Swiss Beat Feuz and Austrian Klaus Kroell. If he hadn’t skied “as well as I’ve ever skied”, he might well have ended up in hospital.

“I’m not afraid to say it, it’s a miracle,” explained Miller following his run. “The stuff I pulled off on the pitch, it doesn’t work all the time. “It’s two or three out of ten times, you try that and it works. The other six out of ten, you end up in the fence and one time you end up in the hospital.”

A repaired, rejuvenated and recently married Miller may or may not lead the U.S. speed merchants into Beaver Creek November 30 through December 2 for the annual Audi FIS Birds of Prey Ski World Cup festivities, featuring Downhill, Super-G and Giant Slalom races on the infamous Birds of Prey racecourse.

While he managed to avoid the hospital last December, Miller was forced to cut his 2011-12 World Cup season short as a nagging knee injury, sustained in 2001, put him on the sidelines. He underwent a micro-fracture procedure that should repair the damage, given the proper time to heal. In short, until the doctors tell him all risk has passed, he doesn’t anticipate skiing in competition.

“I never hide this stuff,” offered Miller. “I don’t know if I’m going to race every race, or none. I’m preparing as if I would ski them all, but doing it without putting stress on the joint. I’ve had seasons where I didn’t put my downhill skis on at all until we got to Lake Louise.”

One American who will be chomping at the bit to renew his acquaintance with Birds of Prey is Ted Ligety. His Giant Slalom win in Beaver Creek last winter in the transplanted Val d’Isere race marked him as the winningest GS skier in U.S. history with 10

victories under his belt. Three of those wins have come on Birds of Prey and, as with his teammate Miller, Ligety was on the edge.

“I made some bobbles,” said Ligety of his second run, “but I was on the edge. If I skied like that again I would not make it to the finish line most times.”

This year’s three-day series of races will officially kick off on Friday, November 30, with the Birds of Prey Downhill on one of the most renowned and technically demanding racecourses in the world. Saturday, December 1, will showcase Super-G action, while Sunday’s Giant Slalom will close out the Audi Birds of Prey for 2012.

Ligety will head up an American team that is hungry to maintain the Birds of Prey dominance it enjoyed from 2003 to 2006, when the U.S. Ski Team accounted for a total of five wins on the fabled course. The U.S. will descend on Beaver Creek with a team that features a solid mix of seasoned veterans and exciting young talent.

Joining Ligety and perhaps Miller for the U.S. will be a trio of veteran performers in Andrew Weibrecht, Steven Nyman and Marco Sullivan, along with young Tommy Ford. Nyman owns a pair of Birds of Prey Downhill podium appearances, while Weibrecht staged one of the most memorable runs down Birds of Prey in 2007, coming out of the 53rd start position to finish 10th with a run that was reminiscent of Franz Klammer’s 1976 Olympic run.

The “Young Guns” on the American speed squad will include Travis Ganong, Erik Fisher and Will Brandenburg, while Nolan Kasper, Tim Jitloff and Tommy Biesmeyer have made great strides with the technical team. Kasper earned a fourth place result last season in the transplanted Birds of Prey Slalom, before capturing a runner-up showing in the World Cup Slalom in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia in March.

The 2012 Audi FIS Birds of Prey Ski World Cup Race Week will also signal the next step on the road to the 2015 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships as the Vail Valley Foundation continues to put the pieces of the puzzle together to produce Vail and Beaver Creek’s third World Alpine Championships in 26 years.

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2015 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE ROLLS OUT OFFICIAL LOGO FOR VAIL AND BEAVER CREEK FIS ALPINE WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

The iconic visual that will come to represent the 2015 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships is set as organizers recently rolled out the official logo for the Vail and Beaver Creek Championships.

Over the course of the next two and a half years, the logo will adorn not only event collateral, uniforms and merchandise, but will have numerous uses from a digital and television perspective. Individual components of the logo will also find their way into the overall design look and feel of the Championships.

"We are very excited to be able to roll out our official 2015 logo to the world," explained Ceil Folz, president of the Vail Valley Foundation and president of the 2015 World Championships Organizing Committee. "Everyone on the Organizing Committee is excited about the logo and feels that it will most certainly be a dynamic visual representation of our Championships."

Created by the late Troy Tousey of Open Mind Studios in Sheyboygan, Wisconsin, the new logo features a prominent 2015, with the 0 containing elements representing the global nature of the World Championship and the world of winter, with Vail/Beaver Creek bisecting the number.

"The upper portion of the 0 represents winter via the stylized snowflake design, comprised of ski tracks coming together," explained Chris Jarnot, Senior Vice President of Vail Resorts and COO of Vail and Beaver Creek, as well as Chairman of the 2015 Marketing Committee. "The lower segment of the 0 represents the global community via the grid lines, similar to what you would find on a world globe."

"In addition to all the possibilities that this logo presents from a graphic perspective," Jarnot continued, "it also dovetails nicely into our overarching concept of 'Contemporary American Style', while also fitting in well with our color palette for the overall event."

The logo is a natural evolution of the mark that the 2015 Organizing Committee has been utilizing for the past two years since winning the right to host the World Championships in June of 2010 in Antalya, Turkey.

"At the end of the day," concluded Folz, "we came to the realization that our initial logo had gained a tremendous amount of traction over the course of the past two years and that everyone really likes the overall concept. Needless to say, we are very pleased with the result."

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RACERS TO WATCH

Aksel Lund Svindal

Age: 29
 Hometown: Kjeller
 World Cup Wins: 16
 World Cup Titles: 2 Overall 5 Discipline
 World Championships Medals: 6
 Olympic Medals: 3
 Birds of Prey Wins: 3
 2011 Birds of Prey: DH/5, SG/2, GS/9T, GS/6, SL/DNQ
 2010 Birds of Prey: SG/9, GS/5
 2009 Birds of Prey: GS/3, DH/3, SC/6
 2008 Birds of Prey: GS/3, DH/1, SG/1
 2007 Birds of Prey: Injured in DH Training



BODE MILLER

Age: 34
 Hometown: Franconia, New Hampshire
 World Cup Wins: 33
 World Cup Titles: 2 Overall/4 Discipline
 World Championships Medals: 5
 Olympic Medals: 5
 Birds of Prey Wins: 4
 2011 Birds of Prey: DH/1, SG/21, GS/DNF, GS/29, SL/27
 2010 Birds of Prey: SG/DNF, GS/27
 2009 Birds of Prey: SC/DNF, DH/4, GS/DNF
 2008 Birds of Prey: GS/DNF, DH/DNF, SG/9
 2007 Birds of Prey: SC/4, DH/6, GS/DNF, SG/30

Marcel Hirscher

Age: 23
 Hometown: Annaberg, Austria
 World Cup Wins: 12
 World Cup Titles: 1 Discipline: 1
 World Championships Medals:
 Olympic Medals:
 Birds of Prey Wins: 1
 2011 Birds of Prey: GS/1, GS/2, SL/3
 2010 Birds of Prey: GS/3
 2009 Birds of Prey: GS/29
 2008 Birds of Prey: GS/15

Beat Feuz

Age: 25
 Hometown: Schagnau, Switzerland
 World Cup Wins: 5
 World Cup Titles: Discipline
 World Championships Medals:
 Olympic Medals:
 Birds of Prey Wins:
 2011 Birds of Prey: DH/2, SG/3, GS/16, GS/17

Klaus Kroell

Age: 32
 Hometown: Oeblarn, Austria
 World Cup Wins: 6
 World Cup Titles: Discipline: 1
 World Championships Medals:
 Olympic Medals:
 Birds of Prey Wins:
 2011 Birds of Prey: DH/3,
 2010 Birds of Prey: SG/15
 2009 Birds of Prey:
 2008 Birds of Prey: DH/4, SG/24
 2007 Birds of Prey:

Massimiliano Blardone

Age: 33
 Hometown: Pallanzeno, Italy
 World Cup Wins: 7
 World Cup Titles: Discipline:
 World Championships Medals:
 Olympic Medals:
 Birds of Prey Wins: 1
 2011 Birds of Prey: GS/26, GS/DNF, SL/DNF
 2010 Birds of Prey: GS/7
 2008 Birds of Prey: GS/12
 2007 Birds of Prey: GS/4
 2006 Birds of Prey: GS/1

Benjamin Raich

Age: 33
 Hometown: Arzl, Austria
 World Cup Wins: 36
 World Cup Titles: 1 Overall 6 Discipline
 World Championships Medals: 7
 Olympic Medals: 4
 Birds of Prey Wins: 2
 2011 Birds of Prey: GS/DNF, GS/19, SL/25
 2010 Birds of Prey: SG/12, GS/DNS
 2009 Birds of Prey: DH/2, SC/7
 2008 Birds of Prey: GS/1, DH/DNS, SG/7
 2007 Birds of Prey: SC/36, DH/19, GS/8, SG/5

Steven Nyman

Age: 30
 Hometown: Provo, Utah
 World Cup Wins: 1
 World Cup Titles: 0
 World Championships Medals: 0
 Olympic Medals: 0
 Birds of Prey Wins: 0
 Birds of Prey: Injured
 2010 Birds of Prey: SG/25
 2009 Birds of Prey: DH/31
 2008 Birds of Prey: DH/7, SG/25
 2007 Birds of Prey: SC/DNF, DH/2, GS/DNF, SG/DNF



MARCO SULLIVAN

Age: 32
 Hometown: Squaw Valley, California USA
 World Cup Wins: 1
 World Cup Titles: 0
 World Championship Medals: 0
 Olympic Medals: 0
 Birds of Prey Wins: 0
 Birds of Prey: DH/28, SG/43
 2010 Birds of Prey: SG/DNF
 2009 Birds of Prey: DH/14
 2008 Birds of Prey: DH/DNF, SG/22



TED LIGETY

Age: 28
 Hometown: Park City, Utah
 World Cup Wins: 12
 World Cup Titles: Discipline: 3
 World Championships Medals: 2
 Olympic Medals: 1
 Birds of Prey Wins: 3
 2011 Birds of Prey: DH/22, SG/DNF, GS/2, GS/1, SL/13
 2010 Birds of Prey: SG/DNF, GS/1
 2009 Birds of Prey: SC/DNF, GS/4
 2008 Birds of Prey: GS/2, SG/7
 2007 Birds of Prey: SC/8, GS/4, SG/23

Andrew Weibrecht

Age: 26
 Hometown: Lake Placid, New York
 World Cup Wins: 0
 World Cup Titles: 0
 World Championships Medals: 0
 Olympic Medals: 1
 Birds of Prey Wins: 0
 Birds of Prey: DH/32, SG/10
 2010 Birds of Prey: SG/DNF
 2009 Birds of Prey: GS/DNF, SC/19, DH/11
 2008 Birds of Prey: DH/DNF, SG/35
 2007 Birds of Prey: SC/14, DH/10, SG/DNF

Carlo Janka

Age: 26
 Hometown: Obersaxen
 World Cup Wins: 9
 World Cup Titles: 1 Overall 1 Discipline
 World Championship Medals: 2
 Olympic Medals: 1
 Birds of Prey Wins: 3
 2011 Birds of Prey: DH/34, SG/20, GS/8, GS/14
 2010 Birds of Prey: SG/23, GS/DNF
 2009 Birds of Prey: SC/1, DH/1, GS/1
 2008 Birds of Prey: DH/20, SG/44, GS/9T

Alexis Pinturault

Age: 21
 Hometown: Moutiers, France
 World Cup Wins: 1
 World Cup Titles: Discipline:
 World Championships Medals:
 Olympic Medals:
 Birds of Prey Wins:
 2011 Birds of Prey: GS/9T, GS/4, SL/DNF

END OF SUMMER



TIMING BUILDING MOVE SIGNALS END TO BUSY SUMMER OF 2015 CONSTRUCTION ON BEAVER CREEK MOUNTAIN

What does it take to move a two-story building, weighing over 130,000 pounds, from one side of the Beaver Creek downhill finish area to the other...in one piece? How about one Kenworth tractor trailer cab, a pair of industrial strength Caterpillar excavators, weeks of preparation and planning and a little luck?

The Beaver Creek timing building, originally constructed during the summer of 1997 for the debut of the Birds of Prey racecourse that winter, was designed with the intention that it could someday be moved if necessary.

Now, 15 years later, Bill Davis and his team from Rocky Mountain Structural Movers of Parker, Colorado welded a steel frame to the structure, lifted the building from its foundation with hydraulic jacks, positioned two sets of eight wheels underneath and "drove" the structure to its new location...with a little pushing and pulling help from the Cats.

"It's exciting to watch everything take shape," explained Ceil Folz, president of the Vail Valley Foundation and president of the 2015 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships Organizing Committee. "With the timing building move and the Ladies' Downhill construction that has gone on this summer, the world will see a new Beaver Creek venue for this year's Audi FIS Birds of Prey World Cup event."

The building move was just one of the numerous 2015 World Championships projects undertaken over the course of the past three months on Beaver Creek Mountain. In addition to building the new Ladies' Downhill course, crews also reconfigured the current Red Tail finish arena, with work including re-grading the finish area, doubling the size of the current television compound and moving the shuttle bus drop-off point several hundred feet further up Dally Road and closer to the stadium.

The Downhill course construction process entailed clearing approximately 22 acres of trees in two primary cut locations,

creating 17 new acres of skiable terrain for Beaver Creek and 30 acres of new snowmaking.

"The truly exciting part of this new course for Beaver Creek is that we not only get a world class downhill for the world's top competitors," offered Doug Lovell, Vice President and COO of Beaver Creek Resort, "but our skiers will have new terrain to experience this coming winter. It's a win-win situation for everyone."

Crews additionally cleared the way for the new ladies' technical course, which will traverse down Raven Ridge, entering the men's Birds of Prey course near the Harrier Jump on skier's left. Grading and snowmaking work on both new courses is essentially complete.

The FIS has given an initial thumbs-up to the work that has taken place on the courses as World Cup Ladies Speed Race Director Jan Tischhauser paid a visit to Beaver Creek to inspect the progress on August 6, while Chief FIS Women's Race Director Atle Skaardal got a first-hand look at the new racecourse on September 11.

The new racecourse is scheduled to make its international race debut December 14-15 of 2013 as the World Cup women travel to Beaver Creek for Downhill and Super-G competitions.

The 2015 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships in Vail and Beaver Creek are scheduled from February 2-15. The event is expected to showcase athletes from over 70 nations, along with an onsite media and broadcast entourage of approximately 1,500 members. An international television audience approaching 750 million people will watch the two weeks of racing and festivities.

For additional information on the 2015 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, please visit www.vailbeavercreek2015.com.

MARCO BUECHEL



99 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MEDALIST TRADES RACE SKIS FOR A SHOVEL AS AUDI BIRDS OF PREY COURSE VOLUNTEER

Beaver Creek's Birds of Prey racecourse holds special significance for former World Cup ski racer Marco Buechel of Liechtenstein. After all, the 40-year-old started racing Super-G, and eventually Downhill, at Birds of Prey in 2000...on a bet.

"I can't even remember what the bet was for," Buechel reminisced several years ago. "It was probably for beer. However, I do remember that I won that bet. It was that I couldn't finish in the top 30 and I was 23rd."

Retired following the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, Buechel has been filling his winter months still following the White Circus of the World Cup, this time around as a television field commentator for Germany's ZDF.

However, for the 2011 Audi Birds of Prey World Cup races, Buechel watched the competition from a different vantage point, trading his race skis and microphone for a shovel as a member of the Talon Crew, the volunteer racecourse team for Birds of Prey.

It seems that Aaron Humphrey, the Chief Gate Judge for the Beaver Creek races, spends his spare time volunteering at other major international ski events around the globe. Through this "hobby", he became friends with Buechel and invited him to join the Talon Crew last season.

"We'll have BBQ going at the start, so bring your stomach," wrote Humphrey in an email to Buechel.

"I wouldn't mind to help you guys out at the Talon Turn," Buechel wrote back, "with a shovel in the hand. Might be an interesting experience for me. BBQ at the start sounds very good."

The Liechtensteiner, who was actually born in Switzerland, first burst onto the Vail Valley scene during the 1999 World Alpine

Ski Championships when he captured the silver medal in Giant Slalom. The master of the moment, he would subsequently hang up on the Prince of Liechtenstein during a congratulatory cell phone call before telling the assembled media during his press conference that if he had been on the Austrian team and waited so long to win a medal, "he would have been renting beach chairs by now."

But his local exploits would not end there. Just three years following his Beaver Creek bet, Buechel found himself at the bottom of the Birds of Prey racecourse with the lead in the World Cup Super-G. Out came the cell phone again and he provided play-by-play for his wife in Florida as skier after skier was unable to better his time. Finally, Switzerland's Didier Cuche knocked Buechel into the runner-up position to the dismay of everyone in the stadium.

During the course of his 14-year World Cup career, Buechel participated in a record-tying six Olympic Winter Games and set the record as the oldest winner of a World Cup race in 2008 with a Super-G victory in Kitzbuhel, Austria at the age of 36 years, 75 days.

Ironically, Cuche would bump him from the top step of the podium once again, claiming a World Cup Downhill win in 2011, also in Kitzbuhel, at the age of 36 years, 159 days. He extended that record even further last weekend with his Downhill victory in Lake Louise.

Buechel retired from the World Cup following the Super-G competition at the World Cup Finals in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany in March of 2010, celebrating his final race by wearing a tuxedo jacket with black Bermuda shorts. As he made his final trip down a World Cup racecourse, he made numerous stops to high-five various coaches and trainers.

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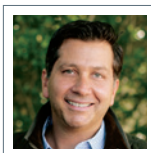
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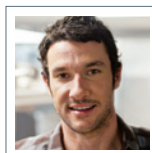
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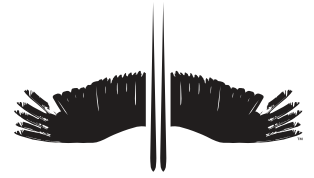
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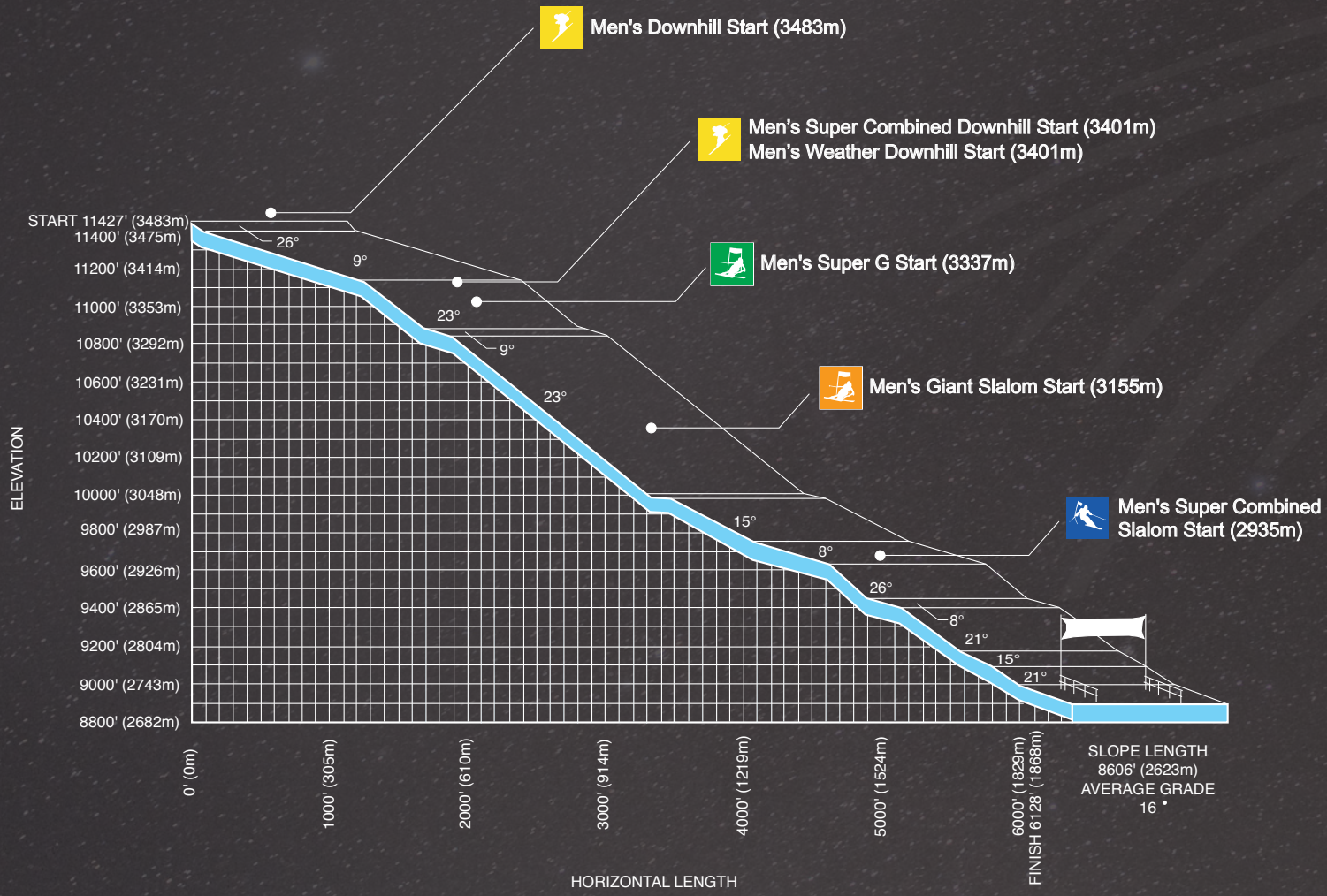
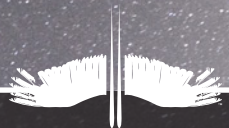
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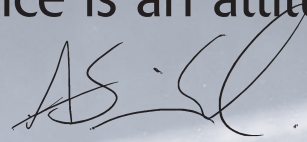
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