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**BOGUS BASIN TO END 2019-20 WINTER SEASON AT THE END OF BUSINESS TODAY**

**Boise, ID March 17, 2020** – Bogus Basin has announced that the nonprofit recreation area will close at 4:30 p.m. on March 17th for the remainder of the 2019-20 winter season. “Out of concerns over the health and well-being of our employees, guests, and community, we have made the difficult decision to discontinue operations, effective at the end of business today,” said general manager Brad Wilson.

Due to increased concerns regarding COVID-19, Bogus Basin has taken a series of internal measure in an effort to reduce contact between employees and guests in recent days. This includes closing lodge facilities and stepping up cleaning and sanitizing efforts. Following a series of meetings Tuesday morning, officials at the area concluded that suspending operations was the appropriate next step.

“We want to thank the community for their incredible support throughout the season, and during these uncertain times,” said Wilson.

Beginning March 18<sup>th</sup>, all lift operations, food and beverage outlets, retail and rental services, and lodges will be closed to the public. Bogus Basin’s mountain operations team will be conducting closing procedures, requiring the base area to be closed for all recreation activities. Sledding, toboggans, and other snowplay will be prohibited on Bogus Basin’s private property (Simplot and Pioneer Lodges). There will be no patrol services available at the area.

For more information, and a list of Frequently Asked Questions visit [www.bogusbasin.org](http://www.bogusbasin.org),

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**About Bogus Basin**

Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area is the largest nonprofit recreation area in the country. It is a 501(C)(3) organization dedicated to engaging the community to provide accessible, affordable, and fun year-round mountain recreation and education. Opened in 1942, Bogus Basin offers 2,600 acres of daytime skiable terrain, and 165 acres for night skiing; eleven lifts – including four high speed quads - and three people-mover carpets; an 800-foot tubing hill, and a 4,251 foot Mountain Coaster. The Nordic Center offers 37 kilometers of groomed trails. Environmental education and community outreach programs serve over 20,000 individuals annually, primarily youth. Summer activities include the mountain coaster, mountain biking, events, hiking and chairlift service for hike and bike transport. Bogus Basin is located 16.5 miles north of Boise, Idaho and operates under a special use permit with the Boise National Forest.