



Mustang Powder

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Mandate of Small Groups, Steep Chutes program:

1. To ski steep, challenging terrain.
2. To do some ski touring – in order to access runs that do not have snowcat access to their entrance.
3. To ski non-generic ski runs on the Mustang Powder tenure.

To achieve these goals, and allow guests in all programs to ski untracked powder, it is important that we do not have a weak group in this program and end up tracking out lots of 'regular' cat ski terrain. When it is snowing a lot, this is not a problem, but in a dry-spell, it is imperative that the Steep Chutes cat only skis lines that the regular groups don't normally ski.

Requirements of participating skiers and snowboarders:

1. To be a VERY good (excellent, expert) skier or boarder: Able to link short turns confidently on steep treed slopes, or steep open runs/chutes etc.
2. Comfortable to navigate around a cliff (or jump it if you are into getting air), or sneak through a 'notch' through a cliff - basically, comfortable on steep rugged terrain.
3. Fit and enthusiastic about doing some touring.
4. Touring: This will vary from day to day and ski trip to ski trip – depending on the weather. Generally, when it is snowing hard and/or visibility is poor, there will likely be less touring, and there may be some days where you do not do any touring. When it is clear, we will definitely want to get into the high alpine and perhaps do a mini-traverse along a ridge-line from one drainage to another. Expect at least one short tour on any given day (half an hour or less) and on clear days a longer tour of approximately 1 hr.

Rules:

1. You must be prepared to do some ski touring.
2. If you are a bit weak for your ski group you must be prepared to sit-out some (or lots) of the most challenging runs as we will cater to the strong skiers, not the weakest ones.