

## The Westin Monache Resort, Mammoth Prepares for November Open

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### Resort Will Be Region's First Full-Service, Upper-Upscale Lodging Property

The Westin Monache Resort, Mammoth is scheduled to open its doors on November 29, 2007 bringing a hotel brand recognized the world over for its instinctive service and signature amenities. In addition to being the first internationally recognized upper-upscale hotel property in Mammoth, the Monache will also be one of the first flagged condo-hotels to open in California.

The 230-condominium Westin Monache Resort (pronounced 'mon-ah-she'), will be the foremost full-service property in a region becoming increasingly popular with not only its loyal Southern California following, but also vacationers from around the country. One of the fastest-growing mountain destinations in North America, Mammoth is located in the Eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains (south of Reno, NV and northeast of Los Angeles). The resort is one of the top three most visited ski areas in the U.S. and California's most popular four-season mountain destination. In addition, Mammoth has ranked in the top 10 for Skiing Magazine's Top 25 Resorts, and has been rated the number one overall resort in North America by TransWorld.

The Westin Monache Resort will offer an ideal location in The Village at Mammoth, adjacent to Mammoth Mountain's 15-passenger express gondola. The property will feature a contemporary elegance that redefines mountain lodging. Among its many amenities, the new property will include panoramic views of the mountains, a full service restaurant, 24-hour room service, ski valet and rental shop, a pool and hot tubs, fitness facilities, underground parking, and more than 2,000-square-feet of meeting space.

'The eagerly anticipated opening of this newest Mammoth Lakes hotel is part of the town's drive to become a vacation destination on par with some of the finest mountain resorts in the world,' said James McGillivray, general manager of the Westin Monache Resort. 'The Westin brand is one recognized internationally for its renewing accommodations and superior service.'

The Westin is the next step in Mammoth's renaissance, and will complement the already existing facilities at The Village at Mammoth, a driving force behind the area's redevelopment. The Village's design borrowed from European alpine ski towns and includes year-round activities and attractions, plus unique shops, fine restaurants, exciting nightlife and special events.

The Westin Monache Resort is the third venture between Intrawest and Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. - Westin's parent company - following The Westin Resort and Spa at Tremblant, Quebec, which opened in 2000 and The Westin Trillium House at Blue Mountain in Ontario, which opened fall 2005.

'Intrawest has a proven track record of developing superior mountain and warm weather destinations,' said Sue Brush, senior vice president of Westin Hotels & Resorts. 'They also share our commitment to quality and creating memorable guest experiences.'

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