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Schweitzer Welcomes New General Manager

August 1, 2006 – Sandpoint, ID – A nationwide search for the new president and chief executive officer of Schweitzer Mountain ski operations concluded this week with the announcement that Tom Chasse, president and managing director with Attitash Ski Area in New Hampshire, has accepted the position effective August 14, 2006.

“My family and I are very energized about this decision. We have always wanted to move west,” explained Chasse, “it took a series of life events that prompted me to realize that life is too short, and that we need to go after our dreams now.”

Chasse has 21 years of ski industry experience. He has been with Attitash Ski Area for 14 years, 8 of them as managing director. Attitash, located outside of North Conway, NH is of similar size to Schweitzer in terms of skier visits and annual revenues. The town of North Conway is a tight-knit community of 8,000 residents.

“We are fortunate to have Tom join our team,” said Steve Wood, president of Schweitzer Mountain real estate, “He is a dynamic leader who has had experience working with, and integrating, the various components of a destination resort such as lodging, food and beverage and summer activities while maintaining a balance within a rapidly growing community.”

Chasse will hit the ground running when he starts at Schweitzer in mid-August in preparation for the 06-07 season. Guest service will be a major priority for him this year as well as easing the experience from car to chairlift. “The village area provides a great core and a great feeling within the resort. I want to find ways to expand that feeling to every contact point on the mountain,” stated Chasse.

In his free time, Chasse loves to ski, snowboard, road and mountain bike, and golf. His wife Donna and three children move to Sandpoint from North Conway, New Hampshire in the next few weeks.