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Alyeska Resort plans to open Wednesday, November 25 for the 2009-10 winter season

November 24, 2009 (Girdwood, Alaska) – Sporting a base of 27 inches at the summit and new snow in the forecast, Alyeska Resort is preparing for opening day, Wednesday, November 25, 2009. The Resort will be running both Magic Carpets, Chair 3 and Chair 4 for ski and snowboard operations from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Mountain Learning Center and Sitzmark Bar & Grill will begin daily operations and the aerial tram will also be re-opening for sightseeing and lunch at Glacier Express.

The snow-guns have been in operation for much of the month of November resulting in a healthy man-made base on lower mountain terrain near the Alyeska base area. For the snow guns to operate, the air temperature needs be to 26 degrees Fahrenheit or below. Alyeska Resort's ability to make snow complements the efforts of Mother Nature, resulting in safer and more enjoyable experience for skiers and snowboarders. Snow-making equipment is also in place for the much anticipated Alyeska Pipeline Superpipe. The Park & Pipe Crew is working on opening the new superpipe as soon as conditions allow. Alyeska Resort operates a snow hotline (907-SKI-SNOW or 907-754-7669), and the resort encourages skiers and snowboarders to call the hotline for the most accurate snow conditions and other useful information such as lift status, openings and closures of terrain, and event details.

The Alyeska 60-passenger aerial tram provides skiers, snowboarders and guests seeking a scenic ride access to the Upper Tram Terminal, located at 2,300 feet in elevation. Lift tickets and scenic ride tickets for the Tram can be purchased at any Alyeska Ticket Office. At the Upper Tram Terminal, Alyeska Resort offers two dining options: Seven Glaciers, Alaska's only AAA Four Diamond rated mountain-top restaurant, and Glacier Express, a casual cafeteria-style atmosphere perfect for families. Seven Glaciers will be open for lunch this winter from noon to 5 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays; dinner is served starting at 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

Since opening day falls over the Thanksgiving holidays, Alyeska Resort will be serving Thanksgiving Buffet at The Pond Café, located in The Hotel Alyeska at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 26, 2009. The menu features traditional favorites including



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roasted tom turkey, glazed baked ham, Yukon Gold mashed potatoes, pecan sweet potatoes and a variety of desserts. The price for adults is \$32 and the price for kids between the ages of 3 and 12 is \$16. Reservations can be made at 907-754-2237

For Anchorage skiers and riders seeking a winter getaway, packaged savings for the month of December are available through the reservations center and online. By visiting before the holiday rush, skiers and riders can save up to 30% off regular rates by booking an early season package (valid on packages available from December 1 - 18, 2009). Rates are available starting from \$109 per person for a Sunday to Thursday arrival and from \$129 per person for arrivals on Friday or Saturday. This Ski & Stay Package includes one-night deluxe accommodations, all day adult lift ticket and breakfast for two adults.

For guests looking to plan a spring ski vacation, early bird savings are currently available when you purchase at least 30 days in advance. Savings up to 20% off lodging are available if you make your reservation 90-days out, just in time for the sunshine and fun resort events in April. To take advantage of any of the listed winter packages, please call Alyeska Resort Reservations at 866-319-4528 or 907-754-2111, or visit www.AlyeskaResort.com for more information. Alyeska Resort packages are priced per person based on double occupancy unless otherwise noted and promotional pricing includes tax and resort fee. All packages are available starting December 1, 2009 and expire May 31, 2010 and subject to availability

About Alyeska Resort (www.alyeskaresort.com)

Alyeska Resort is Alaska's premier year-round destination featuring The Hotel Alyeska, an award-winning 304 room full-service property. Located just 40 miles from Anchorage and Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, Alyeska Resort is your base camp for summer and winter excursions. The resort is within close proximity of three national parks and the Kenai Peninsula, and is home to the northernmost temperate rainforest, part of the Chugach Mountains. Alyeska Resort stands out in ski season with 643" of average snowfall annually and the longest-continuous double black diamond ski run in North America. Learn more about the resort and plan your Alaskan adventure at www.alyeskaresort.com or 800-880-3880.

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