



VAIL RESORTS TO BUY WHISTLER

Canadian government approves \$1B acquisition.

The world's biggest ski resort company just got bigger. Vail Resorts, which operates ski resorts in five states and Australia, announced that the Canadian Competition Bureau has issued a no-action letter indicating that it does not intend to challenge the proposed strategic business combination joining Whistler Blackcomb with Vail Resorts. The acquisition was announced in early August. "Whistler



Blackcomb is one of the most iconic mountain resorts in the world with an incredible history, passionate employees, and a strong community. With our combined experience and expertise, together we will build upon the guest experience at Whistler Blackcomb while preserving the unique brand and character of the resort as an iconic Canadian destination for guests around the world. We are delighted to add such a renowned resort to Vail Resorts and look forward to expanding our relationships in the Sea-to-Sky community, British Columbia, and Canada," said Rob Katz, chairman and CEO of Vail Resorts. The transaction is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2016. Read more [HERE](#).



EPA



SOUTHWEST

GOLD KING MINE NAMED SUPERFUND SITE. On Sept. 9, the Environmental Protection Agency added Colorado's Bonita Peak Mining District, which includes the shuttered Gold King mine, to the National Priorities List making it eligible for additional study and cleanup resources under EPA's Superfund program. The EPA has taken responsibility for the August 2015 spill, which affected waterways in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. Numerous entities have sued the agency for mismanagement after the mine's seal was accidentally broken during a routine assessment. It took less than an hour for than three million gallons of toxic sludge to spill out and color the Animas River bright yellow before flowing into the San Juan River. Read more [HERE](#).



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PRIVATE LANDOWNERS FACILITATE EXPANSION OF YOSEMITE. Robin and Nancy Wainwright shunned a lucrative offer for 400 acres on the western edge of Yosemite

National Park and instead sold Ackerson Meadow to the Trust for Public Land for \$2.3 million, which donated the land to the National Park Service on Sept. 7. "To have that accessible by everyone to me is just a great thing," Wainwright said. "It was worth losing a little bit of money for that." The meadow was acquired with \$1.53 million in funding from the Trust for Public Land and \$520,000 from the nonprofit Yosemite Conservancy with additional support from National Park Trust and American Rivers. "Donating the largest addition since 1949 to one of the world's most famous parks is a great way to celebrate the 100th birthday of our National Park Service and honor John Muir's original vision for the park. We are delighted, and proud to make this gift to Yosemite, and the people of America," said Will Rogers of The Trust for Public Land. Read more [HERE](#).



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AUCTION

KANSAS FARMLAND

130-YEAR-OLD YAGGY PLANTATION ON THE BLOCK. A historic Kansas farm that was once the largest shipping point for fruit between the Missouri River and California

will be auctioned on Oct. 5. According to *Kansas Agland*, Yaggy Plantation boasted the largest apple orchard under one fence in the United States during its heyday. In the early 20th century, more than 200,000 bushels of apples were shipped annually, including Jonathans, Grimes Goldens, Wine Saps, Roman Beauties, and York Imperials. More recently, the family has operated the 1,260-acre plantation as a high-quality irrigated and dryland farm. Additional revenues are generated from hunting white-tailed deer, quail, pheasant, and turkey. The property features a shallow water table, more than a mile of Arkansas River frontage, and two historic homes more than a century old. [Hall and Hall's](#) John Wildin has the listing; Scott Shuman of [Hall and Hall Auctions](#) will oversee the Oct. 5 auction in Hutchinson, Kansas. Read more [HERE](#).



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AUCTION

NORTH DAKOTA BADLANDS

BADLANDS RANCH SELLS FOR \$1,670 PER ACRE.

The Woodie Lee Watson Family Trust Ranch in the North Dakota Badlands sold for more than \$3.3 million on Sept. 28. The property had been in the family for nearly a century and offers exceptional vistas of the Little Missouri Scenic River and Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The ranch was available in its entirety or as many as 13 individual parcels; it sold for an average of \$1,670 per acre to nine buyers. All nine were from North Dakota. Prices ranged from \$825 per acre for a 615-acre parcel to \$4,700 per acre for the parcel that included a home and a historic barn. Kevin Pifer of Pifer's Auction & Realty oversaw the Sept. 28 auction, which drew more than 50 registered bidders and a crowd of more than 150. Read more [HERE](#).

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FINDING THE PROPERTY YOU'RE LOOKING FOR

In the pages of this magazine, you're as likely to see a thousand-acre spread as a hundred-acre spread – you might even see a picturesque 40. Like many things in life, property comes in all shapes, all sizes. Most experienced buyers and investors know what they want, but how do they arrive at that?

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