

Business partner looks to buy out Big Horn resorts

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TEN SLEEP – David Stewart, part owner of Big Horn Mountain Resorts, confirmed Tuesday that he is in the process of purchasing Big Horn Mountain Resorts and has taken over full management.

“We’re working on a complete buy out of the previous owner, Jim McCotter,” stated Stewart.

“We’re working on additional investors and loans. We’re planning to totally buy Jim out,” said Stewart.

McCotter was unavailable for a comment as of Tuesday night as he was in Europe.

“We have taken over complete management and we do have the full management of the resort,” Stewart said.

Getting approved by the forest service will be the next thing on Stewart’s list.

“That’s the next step. As we get the larger percentage, we’ll be doing an application with the forest service,” said Stewart.

McCotter was cited in April for violations of terms and conditions of his permit after Bighorn National Forest and Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality officials investigated a raw sewage spill on the premises. The result was the shutting down of the resort by Big Horn National Forest Supervisor Bill Bass.

Last April 10, several agencies met at Meadowlark Lake Resort to investigate the alleged raw sewage leak into Ten Sleep Creek. Among the agencies present were the Wyoming Department of Health, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Big Horn County Sheriff and Big Horn National Forest representatives.

Big Horn Mountain Resorts includes Deerhaven, Meadowlark, the Big Horn Ski Resort and the Wilderness Ranch.