

Sleeping Giant meets funding goal

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CODY - A nonprofit group working to reopen the Sleeping Giant ski area announced Wednesday that it has met a goal of securing \$800,000 in pledges and donations.

The Yellowstone Recreation Foundation raised the money to qualify for a \$500,000 state matching grant that will help pay for a new triple-chair ski lift, snowmaking equipment, lodge renovations and other improvements.

Bryant Hall, executive director of the foundation, said donations came from individuals and businesses in Cody, Powell and across the Bighorn Basin.

"The support we have received has been overwhelming. So many people have lifelong memories of skiing at Sleeping Giant and want to pass that on to future generations," Hall said.

He said the group will continue to solicit donations to help fund construction and operational costs and to pay down existing debt.