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### **Winter Assessment**

Ski Ward, Inc. has determined that the use of any power-driven devices or vehicles by the public, including other power-driven mobility devices used by individuals with mobility disabilities, would conflict with Ski Ward's safety requirements necessary for the reasonably safe operation of our on-slope activities. These safety concerns include the use of devices on the slopes that expose the user and skiers/snowboarders to a safety hazard; collisions with downhill skiers and snowboarders; and the use of devices that may provide access into closed areas that pose hazards. These safety concerns are compounded by our facility's high volume of trail use. These safety requirements are based on actual risks and are not intended to be discriminatory in any way.

### **Spring, Summer & Fall Assessment**

The use of any power driven devices or vehicles by the public, including other power-driven mobility devices used by individuals with mobility disabilities, that were not primarily designed for use by individuals with disabilities, creates a substantial risk of serious harm to the immediate environment and natural resources. Due to the need to address soil integrity, erosion and vegetative concerns, Ski Ward has adopted a "no motorized" policy for the public during the spring, summer and fall season.

**Summary: Ski Ward will make all reasonable accommodations to allow OPDMD access to all base area facilities.**

### **Assessment Factors**

Ski Ward's assessment and policy on the use of 'other power-driven mobility devices' is based on the following assessment factors:

- (i) The type, size, weight, dimensions, and speed of the device;
- (ii) The facility's volume of trail use is high
- (iii) The facility's design and operation characteristics (e.g., whether its service, program, or activity is conducted indoors, it's square footage, the density and

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placement of stationary devices, and the availability of storage for the device, if requested by the user);

(iv) Whether legitimate safety requirements can be established to permit the safe operation of the other power-driven mobility device in the specific facility; and

(v) Whether the use of the other power-drive mobility device creates a substantial risk of serious harm to the immediate environment or natural or cultural resources.

### **Proof of Disability**

Ski Ward shall ask a person using an 'other power-driven mobility device' to provide a credible assurance that the mobility device is required because of the person's disability. Ski Ward accepts the presentation of a valid, State-issued, disability placard or card, or other State-issued proof of disability, as a credible assurance that the use of the 'other power-driven mobility device' is for the individual's mobility disability. In the absence of such documents, Ski Ward shall allow the use of an 'other power-driven mobility device' if the individual states that the device is being used for a mobility disability. Any evidence to the contrary may be evaluated and acted upon by the Ski Ward.

### **Use of Manual/Adaptive Devices**

Ski Ward allows individuals with mobility disabilities to use wheelchairs and manually-powered mobility aids, such as walkers, crutches, canes, braces, or other similar devices designed for use by individuals with mobility disabilities in areas open to pedestrian use.

Ski Ward also allows the use of adaptive devices or other "manually-powered mobility aids" designed for use on the slopes. Adaptive devices are any specialized equipment that has been designed and manufactured primarily for use by individuals who have disabilities, including without limitation, mono skis, bi skis, outriggers and sit-skis. The US Adaptive Recreation Center (USARC) offers or will arrange for any adaptive equipment that meets this definition when requested for rental in advance by individuals wanting to enjoy winter sports at our resort.