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## Alta Environmental Center Wins National Ski Area Association 2022 Golden Eagle Award For Overall Environmental Excellence



Alta Ski Area and the Alta Environmental Center (AEC) were awarded the prestigious National Ski Area Association (NSAA) 2022 Golden Eagle Award for Overall Environmental Excellence last week. Congratulations to Beth Yetter and the entire AEC team for this well-deserved recognition and accomplishment. The Golden Eagle award recognizes NSAA member resorts with an ongoing commitment to sustainability and the environment.

Alta has committed to purchasing renewable energy credits (RECs) in an amount which matches 100% of the ski area's electricity use. "Judges appreciated the AEC's acknowledgment that RECs are not the final climate solution and the commitment to directly support renewable alternatives at local, state and national levels," according to NSAA

Another catalyst in winning the Golden Eagle award can be attributed to Alta's ongoing efforts with a food waste diversion program in partnership with Snowbird for Little Cottonwood Canyon. The food waste collection pilot program began in 2019. In the first year, it diverted 41,000 pounds of food waste from landfills. The food waste goes into a digester to create biomethane, a renewable natural gas.

Alta Ski Area's mission is to provide authentic skiing experiences in a natural mountain environment. This requires year-round dedication from the AEC to care of one of Alta's most essential pieces—our environment.

Alta and the AEC received the Golden Eagle Award in 2013.

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*Since 1938, this marks Alta Ski Area's 84th winter in operation. Originally a mining town, Alta was the first ski area in Utah to install a lift. Alta is a skiers-only mountain with majestic scenery, diverse terrain and a renowned annual snowfall average of 540". There is a spirit to Alta we call #AltaMagic. Come for the skiing. Stay for the skiing.*

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