THE AMERICAN ALPINE CLUB SUPPORTS SKI MOUNTAINEERING

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About The American Alpine Club

The American Alpine Club inspires and supports and the climbing community and protects its playgrounds around the world. The AAC is perhaps best know for publishing the world's most sought after annual climbing publication, the American Alpine Journal, caring for the world's leading mountaineering library and offering annual climbing, conservation and research grants to budding adventurers. Learn about additional programs and become a member at www.AmericanAlpineClub.org.

About the US Ski Mountaineering Association

The US Ski Mountaineering Association is the non-profit sanctioning body for ski mountaineering events in the US. The 2009 USSMA Event Calendar includes 22 events with new races in Maine, Idaho, Colorado and Vermont. Interested participants and event promoters can find events and information on ski mountaineering/rando racing at USSMA.org. The USSMA may be contacted directly at ussmaski@gmail.com or 720.289.6547.

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