

The Colorado Mountain Club to host the 19th Annual Backcountry Bash

Golden, CO – Colorado’s leading mountain conservation, education, and recreation organization—the Colorado Mountain Club (CMC)—will host the 19th annual Backcountry Bash on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden, Colorado.

The Bash will raise money and awareness for the CMC’s Backcountry Snowsports Initiative program, which advocates for preservation of winter backcountry areas for quiet human-powered use. Last year, a sold-out crowd of more than 350 outdoor enthusiasts and conservationists attended the event, raising over \$29,000 for the cause.

This year, the Backcountry Bash will feature Sweetgrass Productions’ newest ski film, “Solitaire.” Wandering the length of a continent from Peru’s Cordillera Blanca to Chilean Patagonia, “Solitaire” fuses western-inspired tales of backcountry gambles into landscapes never before visited on film.

A tremendous array of sponsors has already committed to making the event a success. Avery Brewing Company continues as the official provider of free beer; Chipotle Mexican Grill will provide a delicious taco bar, Rudi’s Organic Bakery will provide complimentary food; and a host of leading outdoor companies will supply an impressive selection of gear, clothing, skis, snowshoes, hut trips and more to the silent and live auctions. Among the list of auction items are: K2 Telemark skis; Tenth Mountain Division Hut stays; ski and snowboard gear by Voile; Telemark boots by Scarpa; festival tickets from Planet Bluegrass; a Valentine’s Day weekend at Vagabond Ranch huts; ski tickets from Aspen Skiing Company; men’s and women’s outdoor clothing by Flylow, Patagonia, Ibex, Outdoor Research, and others; outdoor gear from Smith Optics, Backcountry Access, Big Agnes, Dynafit, Thule, Leki, Atlas Snowshoes, Osprey Packs, The North Face, Fischer Skis, Deuter, and others; and many more exciting auction items!

The American Mountaineering Center, home of the CMC, is located at 710 10th St in Golden, Colorado. Tickets are \$25 online at www.cmc.org/bash or \$30 at the door. REI Denver and Boulder locations are also selling tickets. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

For more information about the event schedule or to purchase tickets, please visit www.cmc.org/bash.

About the Colorado Mountain Club (www.cmc.org)

The Colorado Mountain Club is the premier outdoor conservation, education, and recreation organization in Colorado. Founded in 1912, CMC reaches an annual constituency of over 40,000 citizens, including 7,000 members and 5,000 youth, providing a comprehensive and diverse range of programs and activities. Programs revolve around education, conservation, science, history, policy, recreation, arts and culture. The CMC offers a wide range of opportunities for the public to explore, observe, and learn about the Southern Rockies, while simultaneously leading efforts to protect the species, habitats, and wildness of our public lands. The CMC publishes a quarterly magazine, Trail & Timberline, and operates a press with more than 20 current titles. No other organization in the Intermountain West has such a strong or broad-based approach connecting people to our Colorado landscape.