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Rebuilding the mountain that raised generations of Southwest Montana kids

FIRE STATUS **Sand Creek Fire — 35,520 acres burned, 100% contained** *(as of Oct. 29, 2026)*

> **Campaign update: $385,000 raised as of Nov. 2, 2026.** Thank you to everyone who has donated so far — over 500 people and businesses! **Starting Nov. 4, every gift goes twice as far: the Maverick Magic Match.** An anonymous friend has put $250,000 on the line — every dollar you give is doubled. Because every kid needs a mountain. The old chairlift has been declared a total loss, and $1.4 million in insurance will go to the rebuild.

70	250	$1.5M
YEARS OF LITTLE SKIERS	KIDS SERVED ANNUALLY	CAMPAIGN GOAL

OUR STORY

Since 1955, the Dillon Jaycees have run the Little Skiers program at Maverick Mountain, providing 125 kids with a cost-effective way to ski and snowboard. Counting home school and rural school programs, the number reaches approximately 250 kids annually. For seventy years, Maverick has been the primary winter recreation outlet for this community's youth — an amazing place for kids to be outside, active, having fun and developing life skills.

OUR GOAL

Following the fire, our goal is to raise funds to help get the kids back on the mountain for the 2027 season.

HOW TO GIVE

Donations to Friends of Maverick Mountain are tax-deductible (**EIN #42-4535325**) and can be made in three ways:

- Directly to the Friends of Maverick Mountain account at any Stockman Bank
- By mail to: Friends of Maverick Mountain, PO Box 460459, Polaris, MT 59746
- A link for credit cards on the website.

ADVISORY BOARD

An Advisory Board oversees fundraising and distribution decisions. Any funds remaining after the rebuild will go toward scholarships and equipment for the kids' programs.

Jim Harvey • Lesli Cottom • Laurie Moore • Sandi Sloan • Cory Birkenbuel • JM Peck • Jason Schumacher • Zeno Beattie

THE REBUILD: WHAT IT TAKES

CHAIRLIFT

Two nice, used Poma fixed grip quad lifts, the same make, model and age — purchased in 2024 from Aspen and Jackson Hole — are already on site in the Grasshopper Valley and were undamaged by the fire. The old lift was declared a total loss and is coming down to make way for them. What remains to install in addition to engineering and the approval process:

- A new haul rope — approximately 11,000 feet
- Full electrical upgrade and com line, top to bottom
- A new AC drive and refurbishment of remaining components
- Installation of at least 18 towers, top and bottom terminals, haul rope, and 120 quad chairs

The quote to refurbish and install the Aspen chair (“the couch”) is $2.9 million. By comparison, the cost to install a brand-new chair is $5.4 million.

APPROVALS & INSURANCE

Time is critical. The initial deposit is ready to go, but the U.S. Forest Service must approve replacement of the destroyed lift before deposits are made and parts are ordered from the manufacturer. Forest Service delays will push the project out at least another year and add costs to the project.

Fire insurance is expensive and hard to obtain, but fortunately Maverick has it. The old lift was declared a total loss, and $1.4 million from insurance will go to the rebuild — a major help, but well short of the full cost.

A SECOND LIFT

There is an opportunity to add a shorter lift up the left side of the mountain, giving riders of every ability — from beginner to expert — a five-minute ride. This would be ideal for kids and the race team to maximize runs, especially on weekends when the main lift is busy.

SNOWMAKING

Maverick currently has no snowmaking — rare in today's ski industry, and it's expensive to build. Basic snowmaking on the lower mountain would allow the resort to open by early December most years and stay open longer each season.

BASE LODGE

The lodge itself is a true gem — right down to the shag carpet on the walls downstairs. The immediate needs are practical: expanding the changing bins and cubby areas and enlarging the cafeteria. A small new building for the rental shop and ticket office will provide the space downstairs for everyone to get geared up.