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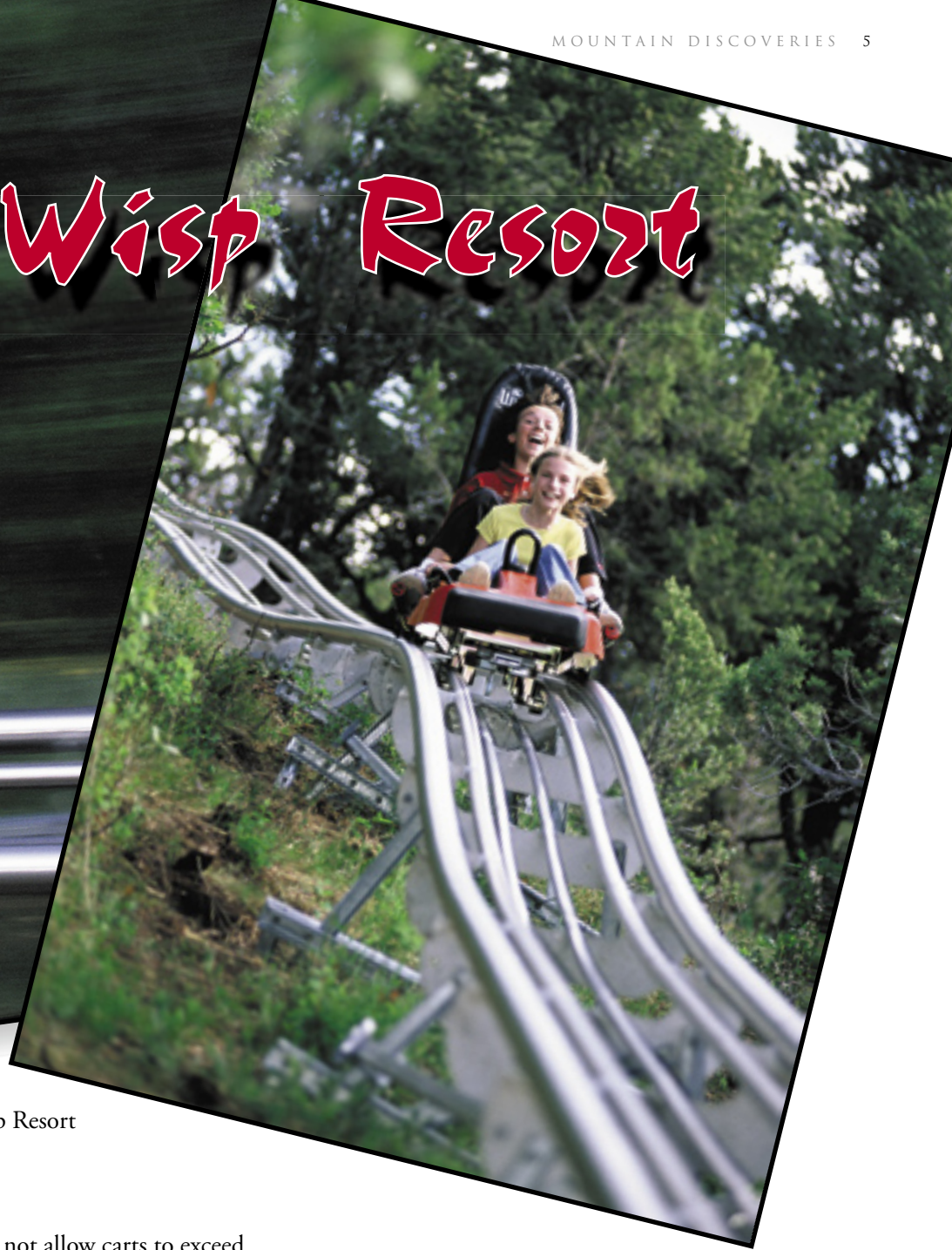
The Mountain Coaster



As four season resorts everywhere try to lengthen the months of their peak seasons, new amusements are surfacing at these family vacation destinations. With many of the new adventurous offerings, the term 'off-season' is becoming somewhat obsolete since the weather isn't dictating when activities start and stop. Such is the case at Wisp Resort in Deep Creek Lake, Maryland as they introduce the Mountain Coaster—a 4-season amenity. A cross between an Alpine Slide and a Rollercoaster, this Mountain Coaster is only the fourth of its kind in the country and the second on the East Coast.

The familiar click, click, click of the track as you ascend a 1,300-foot long track is sure to stir the butterflies in your belly. Then as the cart crests the top of the track on the eastern side of Marsh Mountain, spectacular views of Deep Creek Lake appear as you begin the 350-foot vertical descent. The course is constructed of stainless steel tubular rails that turn, twist, corkscrew, dip and roll for 3,500-feet. With manual brake levers on both sides of the cart, riders can control their level of excitement while peaking at a speed of 25 mph. Coaster carts are designed with safety belts for 2 passengers, however guests can ride solo. There is also a centrifugal braking system, which can

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be set to certain speeds and does not allow carts to exceed that setting. Other safety features include energy absorbent front and rear buffers, track netting, walkways for attendants and video surveillance. For more thrills, the course is lit for nighttime operation.

Wisp Resort's investment in the Mountain Coaster covers the design, engineering and installation through Wiegand of Germany. Wiegand Company has been building toboggan runs for over 25 years. With over 80 Mountain Coasters in Europe, there are presently only 3 in the United States: Park City, Utah; Glenwood Springs, Colorado; and Jiminy Peak, Massachusetts. One of Wiegand's key

philosophies is their 'ecological integration of equipment.' The stainless steel used is free of corrosion, fully recyclable and has no damaging affect on the environment.

The Mountain Coaster is projected to make its first run in July 2007. So whether the family's looking for a gentle scenic cruise or the ride of their lives, Wisp Resort's Mountain Coaster has it all — all year long that is! To track construction progress of the Mountain Coaster and for more information, visit:

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