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## Bend Ski Club March Update

Hello ski enthusiasts! Just a couple quick items for you. First, there are still spaces available for the speaker tomorrow night. We are excited to welcome **Chris Costigan**, Shop Manager and Ski Buyer for Powder House, “Central Oregon’s premier ski, board and back country shop.” Chris will have an insider’s perspective to ski maintenance and the latest information on advances in ski equipment technology.

We will meet upstairs at Deschutes Brewery on Bond on Tuesday, March 11 at 5:00 with the presentation beginning around 6:30. **Reserve your spot through the Meetup app.**

We also want to pass on some information about some maintenance and improvement projects proposed for the Northwest Lift. There is a summary below but you can click [HERE](#) to see the Scoping Letter from Mt Bachelor to the Deschutes National Forest. This includes details of the project and a map of the proposed work areas. Until March 25, comments are welcome by email to:

[comments-pacificnorthwest-deschutes-bend-ftrock@usda.gov](mailto:comments-pacificnorthwest-deschutes-bend-ftrock@usda.gov)

The maintenance items include:

- Replace buried power supply line from Road 21 junction box to power transformer at base of lift.
- Bury 5000 feet of currently exposed communication and fiber lines beneath the NW lift to prevent freezing.

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- Replace operator shacks at top and bottom of lift.

The proposed improvements are:

- Expand chair storage area at bottom of lift to hold all chairs. This would allow installation of a night drive system which would allow the lift to run in “creep mode” to reduce ice buildup.
- Add a 20 x 20 prefab steel maintenance shop at base of lift.

That’s all for now. See you on the mountain!

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