

Securing the 2015 Alpine World Ski Championships



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Introductions



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What is the AWSC?



The AWSC is an international event first held in 1931 in Switzerland. While once held as part of the Olympic Games, the AWSC is now a standalone event held every two years opposite the Winter Olympic Games. The Championships represents the highest level of ski competition and is equal to the Olympics in the eyes of many athletes. 2015 marked only the sixth time the event has been held in the United States.

Over 800 athletes, coaches, and officials; 2,000 members of the media; 2,000 volunteers were in attendance with over 50 countries carrying the television feed to a world-wide audience approaching one billion viewers.



How big of an event was the AWSC?



February 2-15, 2015 Highlights

- Thirteen days and nights of events
- 220,000 Spectators
- 500 athletes from 57 countries
- 21 Operations Committees as part of the Local Organizing Committee
- 24 Local, state, and federal agencies
- Technology
 - Basecamp
 - Web EOC
 - FBI – Virtual Command Post
 - Salamander
 - First Net demonstration project
- Bag Checks and vehicle searches
- Trained 2,500 volunteers, citizens and responders



World Events that Drove our AWSC Security

- Boston Marathon bombing
- Two Elk fires
- A world in turmoil



All Successfully Accomplished!

- To deliver a safe and professional event in an uncompromised and enjoyable experience.
- The right people are in the right places in order to be able to;
 - Anticipate problems
 - Respond effectively
 - Adapt to every situation
 - and recover from an incident if needed.
- Our main tools will be;
 - Completely integrated Incident Command system
 - Seamless communications plan and system
 - and effective public safety relationships.
- If successful in these areas, the public should never know that this committee existed.

From the Security and Safety Committee Mission Statement

Goals of our Community for Championships



All Successfully Accomplished!

- Put on a world class event and encourage future visitors to the Valley
- Solidify the U.S. presence in the international ski community and racing community – 5 U.S. Medals
- Brand marketing for future guests
- Encourage our youth to become involved in Winter Sports
- Exemplify professional public safety with use of AHIMT members



AWSC Security and Safety Committee



Meetings started in 2011

Security and Safety Committee Composition



Agencies with Jurisdiction

Local Agencies:

- Eagle County Sheriff's Office
- Avon Police Department
- Vail Police Department
- Eagle River Fire Protection District
- Vail Fire and Emergency Services
- Vail Public Safety Communications Center
- Eagle County Paramedic Services (ECPS)
- Eagle County Emergency Management
- Eagle County Attorney's Office
- Eagle Police Department
- Gypsum Fire Protection District
- Jefferson County Bomb Squad
- Grand Junction Bomb Squad
- 5th Judicial District Attorney's Office
- Vail Resorts Security (Vail & Beaver Creek)

Federal Agencies:

- Federal Bureau of Investigations
- FEMA
- US Forest Service – Law Enforcement
- Transportation Security Administration – VIPR
- Colorado Joint Terrorism Task Force

Private Agencies:

- Lone Star Security

State Agencies:

- Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Colorado State Patrol
- Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC) state fusion center
- Colorado National Guard
- Colorado Department of Transportation



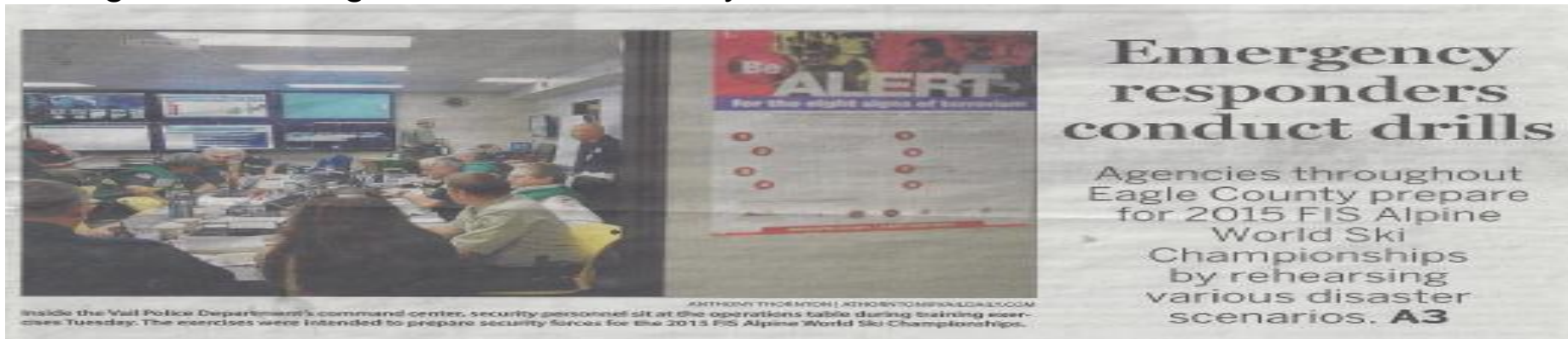
Public Safety
Command

AWSC Safety and Security Committee



COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 16 Security working groups staffed
- Attended AWSC 2011, X Games in Pitkin County & World Cup
- FBI event rating completed
- AWSC Exercises: Oct 18, 2012, Oct 3 & Dec 6, 2013, June 10, 2014
- FEMA EOC/IMT Interface course and exercise, June 2013
- Full Scale Exercise Oct 14-15, 2014
- Special events planning course hosted Nov 4-5, 2013
- “See Something, Say Something” campaign
- Event Procedures manual and pocket guide
- No incidents, many suspicious issues all check out ok, 2 responder injuries
- Set the model for cooperation and collaboration
- Largest ski racing event in U.S. history



AWSC Security Challenges

- Identifying the threat for an international event of this type
- Multiple events at different locations and times.
- Finding the right balance between security and the guest/participant experience
- 40+ properties housing athletes and participants from 57 countries
- Multiple venues & jurisdictions
- Geography constraints and attendance
- Housing and parking – Spectators, Competitors, and staff
- Limited budget



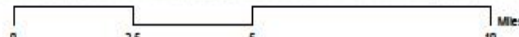
World Alpine Ski Championships Facilities Locations



Name	Details
Medical Facility Hospital	Vail: Vail Valley Medical Center
Event Command Post - Vail	Vail: Vail Police Department - Briefing / Gym Room
Venus Security Command Post - Solaris Awards	Vail: Vail Police Department - Briefing / Gym Room
HazMat / CBRNE Task Force Staging	Vail: Vail Fire Station #3
Bomb Management / Explosive Ordnance Disposal Staging	Vail: Vail Fire Station #3
Venus Security Command Post - Golden Peak	Vail: Golden Peak - Communications Van / Temp. Building
Medical Facility Urgent Care	Opsum
Joint Operations Center (JOC)	Edwards: Vail Mountain Rescue (2nd Floor)
Intelligence Operations Center (IOC)	Edwards: Vail Mountain Rescue
Emergency Operations Center - County	Eagle: Eagle County Building - Garden Room
Airport	Eagle / Opsum
Tactical Operations Center / Staging	Eagle-Vail Substation (tentative)
Operational Period Briefings	Eagle-Vail Pavilion
Venus Security Command Post - Race Course	Beaver Creek: Red Tail Camp - Eagle County Trailer / Temp. Building
Medical Facility Urgent Care	Beaver Creek
Joint Information Center (JIC) VIF, VIF, TOV, FB, VR, USSA, EC)	Avon: Vail Valley Foundation Offices (White River Building)
Medical Facility Urgent Care	Avon
Warning Stations	<Null>
Staging Area for Mutual Aid Responders	<Null>



AWSC EVENT FOOTPRINT



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A New Paradigm Since the Boston Marathon Bombings

INITIAL PHILOSOPHY IN 2011 WAS TO PREPARE FOR ALL LEVELS OF SECURITY- which served us well

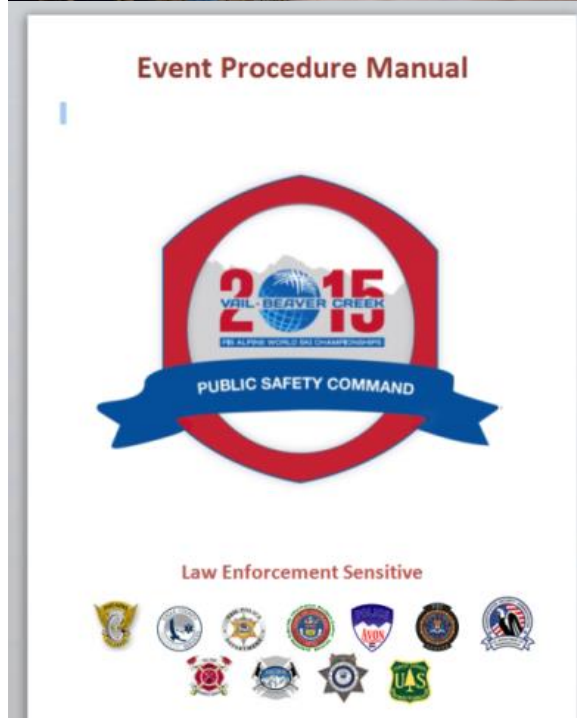
- Volunteer Security, Private Security, Law Enforcement
- Secure areas – large concentration of people, international significance, live broadcasts, VIPS
- Sweeping secure areas before large crowds arrive
- Random Anti-Terrorism Measures (VIPR, FIT, uniform presence, cameras)
- Mass casualty response capability worked with Medical Committee
- Bag checks
- Differing views of the need for security

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- Agency Policies and Procedures
- State Emergency Plans
- Eagle County Emergency Operations Plan
- AWSC Event Procedures Manual & Pocket Guide
- Daily Incident Action Plans (IAP)
- CIAC Risk Assessment

Lessons learned:

- Evacuation Plans and Bag Checks drove planning efforts
- Holding planners accountable for due dates
- Get commitments of time from Agency Heads
- Ops Period briefing and conference calls
- Gmail, Drop Box, Salamander and Dragonforce



Credentialing



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- 1,100 public safety credentials, planned on 500
- 50% applied after Dec 15 deadline
- Uniforms = credentials?
- Zones and upgrade cards
- Venue map and emergency contact cars
- 6,000 background checks through FBI
- Denial criteria and appeals process well defined



Red Tail Stadium



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AWSC Training and Exercising



It goes beyond those with a badge

- Responder training days (10) 350 personnel
- Dispatcher training
- WebEOC training
- Volunteers training 2,000
- Improvised Explosive Device awareness training (4) classes, 250 responders
- Special Event Management Course
- Dept. of State training
- Lodging Industry and Chamber training
- Table Tops and Exercises
 - Communications
 - Operations

Proved to be critically important



Making a Unified Command actually work

- Colorado State Patrol District Commander
- Eagle County Sheriff
- Eagle County Paramedic Service CEO
- Vail Police Chief
- CO AHIMT's 5 statewide
- Participants from 4 of 5 teams
- Freed up local responders
- Plans, Logistics, Liaison, Safety & Info
- Training, task books and Relationship building

**Excellent Example of
Collaboration!**

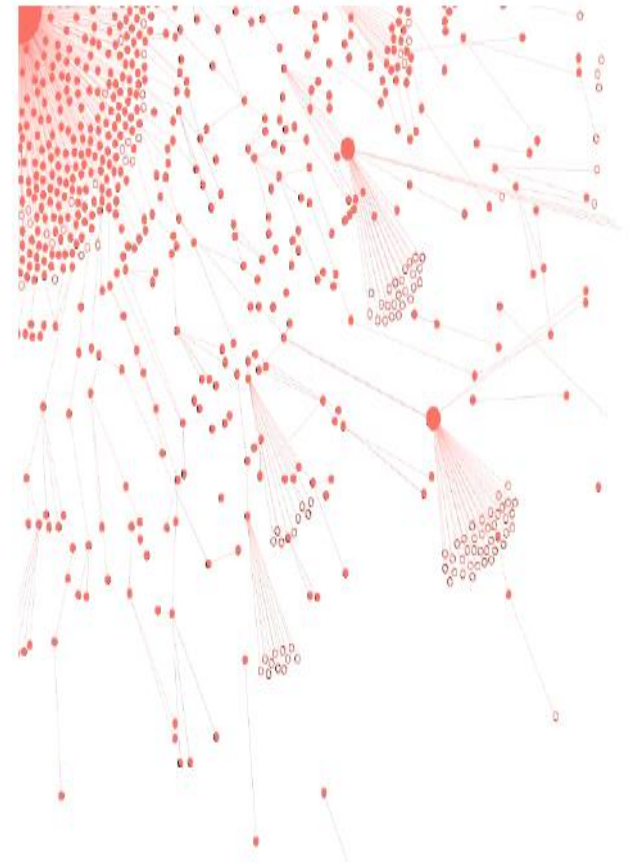


AWSC Joint Information System (JIC)



Public Information Officer Group

- Blogs, social media, Google Drive, Group Me, Tweetdeck and Hootsuite
- Monitoring Social Media trending
- Attendance number controversy
- Presence at Event Command Post, EOC and field
- JIC location
- Call Center
- Needed additional ICS training



Brock Westphal

VAIL 2015 Social Landscape

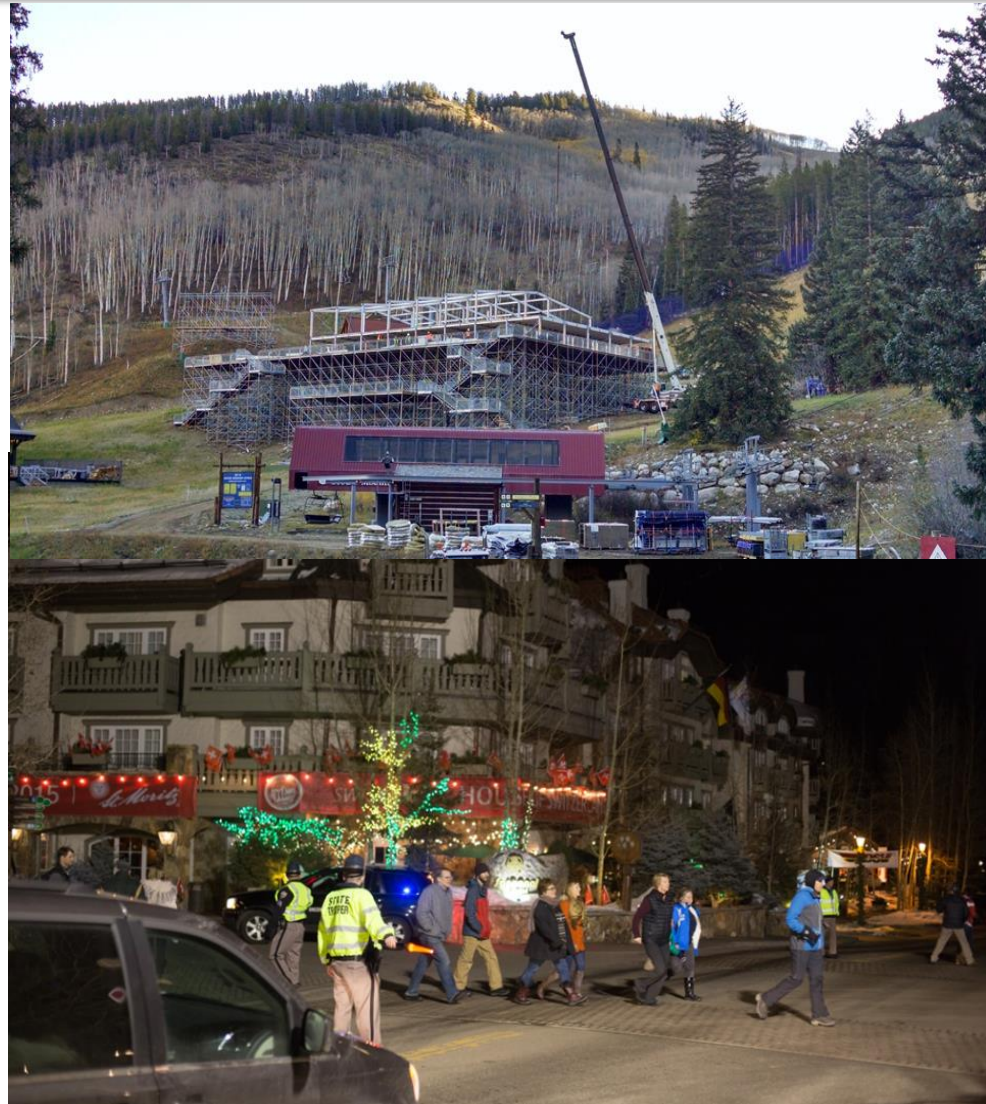
February 11, 2015 at 10am - February 13, 2015 at 10am

Between Field/Dispatch/EOC/JOC

- Event Command Post (ECP)
 - 2X daily video conference calls
 - Develops daily Incident Action Plan (IAP)
 - All duties assigned to a typical Incident Command Post
- Joint Operations Center (JOC)
 - Coordinate any incidents in Federal Authority and assist with any other large incidents
 - Manage Federal resources assigned to AWSC
- Intelligence Operations Center (IOC)
 - Facilitate interagency sharing of info and intelligence
 - Deploy FIT teams to events and incidents
 - Collect field information at event



- Law Branch
 - Beaver Creek Division
 - Vail Division
 - Traffic Group – CO State Patrol
 - Transportation Group – TSA
 - Tactical/Counter Surveillance – SOU
 - Dignitary/VIP Protection
 - Intelligence & Counter Terrorism
 - Private Security
 - Volunteer Security
- Fire/HazMat Branch
 - EOD
- Medical/EMS Branch
 - Race Medical
- Public Works Branch



Routine responses didn't change!

- Normal full staffing of stations and engines, ERFPD staffed with 4 FF
- Extra crew assigned to area during events
- RHMAEC had a technician on-duty each day
- FBI/Colorado National Guard CST had HazMat JHAT teams at venues
- Where do you put extra staff and equipment?



Bag Checks



All bags entering venues will be checked after bomb sweeps!

- Checks of back packs, bags, boxes or other containers brought into venues
- Looking for:
 - Illegal items
 - Prohibited items
 - Suspicious items
- Searches conducted by private security
- Supported by law enforcement
- Bags can be checked or returned to their vehicle



Event Security Bag Policy

All bags will be searched prior to entrance at 2015 Alpine World Ski Championship venues

Bag Size Guidelines:

- One bag per person
- Approved bags **SMALLER** than: →
- Size: 9 x 10 x 17" or 22 x 25 x 43cm



What am I allowed to bring into the event?

- Camera, mobile devices, binoculars, cowbells, water bottles, snacks, etc.
- Clothing and blankets if carried by hand

For safety reasons, these items are banned:

ILLEGAL	PROHIBITED	SUSPICIOUS
Explosives Narcotics Drug Paraphernalia	Firearms Knives with blades over 3.5" Glass bottles Alcohol Umbrellas Pepper Spray Air Horns	Ammunition Large quantities of: rope wire batteries

Bag policy applies to:
Beaver Creek Race Area (Talons) | Championship Plaza (Solaris Plaza), Vail | Golden Peak, Vail

Field Intelligence Group (FIT Team)

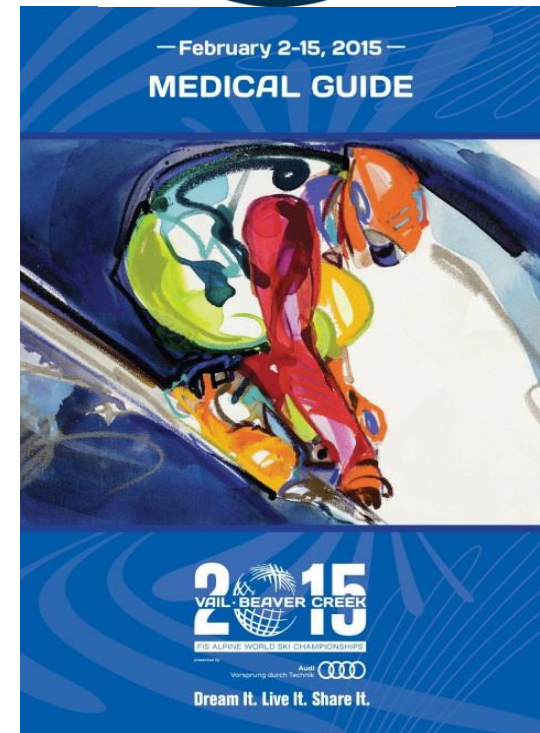


- Plainclothes officers specifically trained to observe suspicious behavior
- In and around event venues and large congregations of people
- Monitor any protest activities
- Notify uniformed law enforcement to contact individuals
- Protocols in place (& training) to prevent blue on blue incidents
- Take enforcement action in critical situation and will present police identification



Routine responses did not change!

- Race Medical Guide
 - Race Doctors and Race Ski Patrol
- Spectator medical
 1. Medical Concierge venue tents
 2. BC or Vail Ski Patrol
 3. ECPS Paramedics at venue
- Generally 9 trucks a day
- 2 ambulances at race venue
- Anti-Doping control
- Sheltering preparation



Promote your efforts & Reward your staff



Local & Region

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Everybody's behaving so far

The massive, enthusiastic crowds have seen no major incidents, security officials say

By Randy Wryck
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EAGLE COUNTY — As you read this, look back or pretend to get those lines or do something that wards off the fates, because we're about to write that everyone is behaving themselves during the 2015 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships.

OK, here we go: "Everyone is behaving themselves at the World Championships." Yeah, there was the drunk in Vail who was under the influence of what, I don't know. Police and security guards walked him quietly out of the Championship Plaza, and to a spot where he could maintain his life choices, and then sent him back to his hotel.

And there was the guy who was knocking some other guy, kind of like the kid in the back seat of the car shouting, "It's raining! It's raining! It's raining!"

Eagle County sheriff's deputies handled it about the same way you did, and so, by saying, "OK! No one touches anyone else until you're graduated!"

That pretty much ... and you should be behaving yourself.

Almost the only problem is that the crowds



REAL TIME INFO

Agencies in Eagle County have joined together to create a unified portal for regional emergency and public safety information. Located at www.eaglecounty.org, the site will provide an outlet for real-time updates during events and incidents that involve multiple jurisdictions. Residents and guests are also encouraged to subscribe to EC Alert, Eagle County's real-time emergency alert system. EC Alert is free, although text messaging from non-emergency based on individual cell phone plans. Visit www.eaglecounty.org to subscribe.



SEPT. The crowds at the 2015 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships have been large and enthusiastic, and security officials say so far, everyone has behaved themselves.



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Eyes on the Mountain

Local police and the FBI turn up security on the 2015 Alpine World Ski Championships crowds.

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Welcoming THE world

Local organizers are urging us to 'be a gracious host'

By Randy Wryck
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VAIL — Only 23 cities in the world have ever hosted the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, and only one has hosted more than once.

That would be us, and this is our third. Those of us old enough to remember a world where Twitter was a sound that birds made remember the world coming to visit in 1980 and 1989. The 1950 World Championships were in Aspen, mostly because Europe was still too bombed out from World War II. So the 2015 races are only the fourth Championships ever held in the United States, all of them in Colorado.

Actually, the world comes to visit all the time. Once in a while, they all come at once. "That's because of the experience people have when they're here," said Coll Foltz, of the



Vail and Beaver Creek will welcome 150,000 spectators from around the world when they host the 2015 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships in February. The finish coral and spectator area for the races in Beaver Creek are set up and ready to go.

Security for Alpine Ski Championships



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QUESTIONS

