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These quick start ideas provide easy to implement actions that have environmental benefit and potential cost savings. Once these quick start ideas have been achieved your environmental team can move to more opportunities found in the environmental performance chapters of Best Management Practices Manual.

	Quick Start Opportunity	Completed
	Create an Environmental Team at your ski resort with representatives from operations, hospitality, purchasing and food services.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Write an Environmental Policy for your ski resort and have it signed and approved by senior management.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Set achievable environmental priorities, goals and objectives for your ski resort to work towards over the next few years. It is important that you track environmental performance in each of the areas below – establish baseline data and collect data to demonstrate progress towards reduction or conservation goals.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Develop a staff training program that will support and communicate the environmental priorities, goals, objectives, roles and responsibilities as well as encourage the participation from staff in all areas of your facility. Develop a plan to communicate results to internal and external stakeholders.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water Use		
	Conduct water use audits throughout facility. Keep careful records of water use, read the water meter once a week, and compare the weekly water volume used to the various activities at the facility (i.e. amount of laundry, dishes washed or guest visits).	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Inspect and repair all leaking faucets, taps and pipes throughout the resort.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Install flow restrictors and aerators on all taps and low flow showerheads in guest rooms.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Implement an irrigation schedule. Water grounds at night when the temperature, solar radiation, and wind speed are lower. Consider vegetation, soil type, slope, site use, and specific vegetation management practices when developing the irrigation schedule.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Install flow meters on all snowmaking systems to accurately measure water usage. Document water use and costs and compare with water uses throughout the resort.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy Use		
	Conduct energy use audits throughout facility. Keep careful records of energy use, and review monthly utility charges with departments to identify energy saving opportunities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Replace lights with energy efficient bulbs.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Install motion detectors and timers where appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Educate staff to turn off lights and electronic equipment when not in use and when leaving at the end of the day.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Weather-strip all exterior doors and windows or replace them with new airtight windows and doors to reduce heat loss in the winter and heat gain in the summer.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solid Waste		
	Conduct a waste audit of your facility to quantify the location and amount of waste generated in all areas of the resort (including lodges, offices, staff rooms etc).	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Establish a designated central recycling collection system (including bottles, cans, paper) with easy to follow signs and directions. These should be located in high volume areas of the resort – lodges, staff areas, offices, parking lot. Ensure that the bins are well labeled.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Replace disposable items such as plates, cups and utensils with reusable or recyclable materials where possible.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Start a composting program to include food waste, grass clippings and wood for use in landscaping and re-growth areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Donate unwanted materials (building materials), furniture (tables, chairs) or equipment (i.e. computers) to a local charity, schools, non-profit organizations for reuse.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Use a waste exchange for solid waste materials that are no longer required or in use at your facility.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hazardous Materials		
	Complete an inventory of all hazardous materials in use or being stored throughout your facility. Ensure that all materials are being used, stored and disposed properly (i.e. according to the Material Safety Data Sheet and provincial regulations).	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Replace toxic cleaning products with non-toxic, biodegradable products. Request that cleaning contracts include non-toxic substances.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Refill toner cartridges used in photocopiers and laser printers. Ask your manufacturer or dealer for details. Used cartridges can also be donated to charitable programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Use integrated pest management and organic practices on landscaping and grounds maintenance. Avoid applying chemical insecticides, pesticides and herbicides.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation		
	Encourage staff to take alternative transportation options to and from work (bike, walk, bus). Set up a rewards program (i.e. bus passes, preferred parking for van pools) to recognize staff. Strive towards standard offerings of these benefits to all staff.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Complete regular maintenance on resort vehicles to increase fuel efficiency (i.e. regular oil changes, check tire pressure)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Provide carpooling incentives for visitors and staff such as discounts or preferred parking close to lodges. Set up a car pooling bulletin board.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Provide ski area visitors a shuttle or bus service throughout the ski resort or local community. Team up with the local community to establish transit/shuttle incentives.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural Environment		
	Identify sensitive vegetation areas and install signs to inform visitors of these areas. Use traffic control measures (i.e. rope fences) to protect these sensitive areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Re-vegetate disturbed areas with native plant and grass species.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Avoid the use of chemical pesticides, herbicides or insecticides on natural areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purchasing		
	Purchase in bulk rather than individually packaged products (i.e. condiments).	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Encourage your suppliers and vendors to ship purchases in reusable packaging, to reduce the amount of packaging or to take back the packaging.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Establish a purchasing policy and guidelines for staff who are responsible for purchasing. Guidelines should include preferences toward products made of recycled material, are biodegradable, energy efficient, non-toxic, more durable and/or reusable.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outreach and Education		
	Educate your staff and management about the Sustainable Slopes program and participate in "Keep Winter Cool Day" at your ski area to educate staff and guests on the impact of Climate Change on winter activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Partner with schools, community/environmental groups, businesses on programs and initiatives that benefit and protect the local environment and economy. Participate in SKE-COLOGY™ an education program offered through NSAA for ski areas that combines children's ski lessons with information on the local eco-system.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Promote the ski area's environmental successes to employees and visitors. As well submit a success story to OSRA's Environmental Best Practices Task Force.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ask visitors for their opinions, suggestions and ideas about ski area environmental programs and opportunities. Use their feedback to improve your programs and services. Communicate your progress to the community, and staff.	<input type="checkbox"/>