

Existing Transportation Resources

Chapter III provides a summary of the existing public and private transportation providers within Summit County. The providers presented vary in both service type and clients. For a full review of the Intermountain Region’s transportation providers, please refer to the *Intermountain Transportation Planning Region (TPR) Transit Element*. The following agencies are briefly summarized in the following text:

- The Town of Breckenridge
- Copper Mountain
- Keystone Resort
- Other Transportation Providers

LOCAL PROVIDERS

Town of Breckenridge

The Town of Breckenridge offers transportation in the Town of Breckenridge’s commercial core, bed base, and recreation area. The transit system is a newly-designed fixed-route system with a vehicle fleet of nine buses. In May 2001, the Town of Breckenridge began operation of a hub-and-spoke system with new routes and schedules, known as “Free Ride.”

Copper Mountain

Copper Mountain provides transportation to remote skier parking lots and within the Copper Mountain Village. During the winter, the system runs from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. No service is provided during the “shoulder seasons.” However, during the summer, service is provided from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The fleet consists of 27 vehicles, which operate approximately 153,000 vehicle-miles per year. Six “land trains” are operated within the Village during the winter season. Copper Mountain also operates an employee shuttle from Leadville and provides special

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transportation to groups traveling to the area. Ridership statistics are not recorded by the resort, and budget information is not readily available.

Keystone Resort

The Keystone Resort provides free year-round transit services to the residential developments, commercial developments, remote parking areas, and the ski area bases. Free express service is provided between Keystone and Breckenridge by the “Ski Kab Express” from 7:15 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The system is operated by Keystone Resort, owned by Vail Associates. The resort has a fleet of 29 buses and 7 vans, which travel approximately 750,000 miles per year. Ridership is not recorded for the resort. The system costs approximately \$1,700,000 to operate annually.

Other Local Transportation Resources

Greyhound Bus Lines

Intercity transit providers typically provide a fixed-route service to serve different cities or over much longer distances. Greyhound Bus Lines provides regularly scheduled service to and from the region. Three daily departures are available from Denver that serve western destinations. From Grand Junction, three daily departures serve eastern destinations. Service is provided to Parachute, Rifle, Glenwood Springs, Eagle, Frisco, Vail, and Silverthorne along the I-70 Corridor.

Rainbow Riders

Rainbow Riders, Inc. transports groups within Summit County (e.g., bikers to Vail Pass, etc.). Rainbow Riders, Inc. takes groups to and from Aspen, Red Rocks, Keystone Resort, Copper Mountain Resort, and Breckenridge from Summit County, DIA, Colorado Springs, and Eagle Airports.



Rainbow Riders also offers charter services anywhere in the State of Colorado (e.g., Red Rocks concerts, Breckenridge, Aspen, Denver for sporting events, museums, zoo, etc.) as well as special event service to and from Summit County. Fares vary depending on group size and destination.

Commercial Providers

Several commercial providers operate transportation service within the Inter-mountain Region, or pass through the region. Limited information is available for the commercial providers. Commercial providers offer shuttle and private transportation services within the state and region. Some of these include: Alpine Express, Discount Shuttle, Colorado Sightseer, and various employee transportation services. Fare schedules vary among the providers from \$12 to over \$500 for charter service for special trips.