

## ANTI-IDLING PROGRAM

Prepared by the CWSAA Environmental Committee



## **Canada West Ski Areas Association Anti-Idling Program**

### **Goal:**

As an Association we will strive to **eliminate** exhaust created from idling vehicles. This program will help reduce our carbon imprint, help keep our air “fresh”, provide a safe and healthy work environment and also dramatically reduce costs of operation.

### **Resort Program:**

For the purposes of this CWSAA program, idling will be defined as any vehicle that is stationary for more than 30 seconds. Any vehicle including quads, loaders, excavators, trucks, snowmobiles, and snowcats that are stationary for more than 30 seconds should be shut off. Start up procedures for vehicles are covered under the same policy and should not be permitted to “warm up” as modern vehicles actually warm up quicker under operating temperatures; however, some equipment such as snowcats, loaders and excavators will need to “warm-up” in order to function properly and to prevent damage to their hydraulic system. Equipment that requires a “warm-up” should be allowed to do so for 5 – 15 minutes based on manufacturers’ recommendations. This program will apply to all fleet trucks and heavy machinery working both on mountain and while in use off mountain and by implementing these instructions, staff can help dramatically reduce fueling costs and eliminate hundreds of pounds of carbon waste per year.

Exceptions to the policy will apply to vehicles that may require full power to operate external devices. Other exceptions to the policy will include vehicles and equipment that requires other (longer) shutdown procedures to protect the equipment (based on manufactures recommendations). Operators of such equipment should be instructed during operator training. Equipment that is being worked on (maintenance or repairs) should also be exempt. Any equipment that must remain running to prevent vehicle damage or to operate in extreme temperatures should also be exempt.

### **Contractor Program:**

While working on resort property all contractors are required to follow anti-idling procedures as part of our commitment to the environment. Contractor vehicles should be shut down within 30 seconds of coming to rest, unless the motor’s function is to operate external equipment. This also applies to tour group operators and their buses while utilizing resort parking facilities.

### **Public Program:**

CWSAA members should implement “no idle” zones throughout the resort property to help remind our guests of the negative impacts vehicle exhaust has on the environment. All parking areas adjacent to buildings will be designated as “idle free” zones to help ensure our staff and guests are greeted with clean air and dramatically reduce our carbon waste. These will include: daylodge parking and drop off, maintenance shop, mountain operations and the Shipping/Receiving bay. An example of a sign is shown on the cover of this document and is available through Inter-Mtn Signs.

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