



THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF WINTER SPORTS IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

Environmental Studies Presents

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The United States ski industry has become increasingly vulnerable to the effects of climate change, including decreased snowpacks, warmer temperatures, and more winter precipitation falling as rain instead of snow. Climate model projections suggest that winter climate trends will continue to follow a pattern of warmer, less snowy winters, challenging winter resort communities to adapt their operational strategies. We present case studies from six popular winter destinations across the United States and report their adaptation strategies to recent warm winters. Resorts are diversifying in-season and offseason programming, partnering with neighboring resorts, improving snow management techniques, and educating clients on climate science.

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