

BIODIESEL TESTIMONIAL

ASPEN SKIING COMPANY

Aspen Skiing Company's four mountains have been using a kind of Biodiesel, B20, in its snowcats for at least five years, said Jeff Hanle, spokesman for Aspen Skiing Company. "We're concerned about the future of the industry and the future of the planet," Hanle said.

B20 is a cleaner-burning fuel that uses 80 percent diesel and a 20 percent mixture of fats and oils, such as soybean oil, according to biodiesel.org.

The same snowcats that used to run off diesel now use Biodiesel, Hanle said. "The cats are the same cats, they don't cost more," he said. "The fuel is marginally more." The Biodiesel costs about 7 cents more per litre than diesel.

Thirty-eight snow and utility cats used 297,000 gallons of Biodiesel at Snowmass, Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk last ski season, Hanle said. "The three and a half fewer pounds of carbon dioxide released into the earth's atmosphere from Biodiesel compared to diesel makes a difference"

