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## Six Chairs, Less Waiting At Winter Park Resort

Winter Park Resort in Colorado is set to open the Panoramic Express, which will be the highest six-person high-speed lift in North America. Leitner Poma designed the mechanism, the towers of which were flown in to the resort by helicopter about two months ago.

The lift, which recently passed a load test and an acceptance test administered by the Colorado Passenger Tramway Safety Board, is scheduled to open in the middle of this month. It is powered by renewable wind energy credits and will give skiers and snowboarders access to 1,123 acres of land, from Mary Jane's Edelweiss trail all the way to Parsenn Bowl at 12,060 feet above sea level. The Panoramic Express reduced the time to the top to 7 minutes from 11 minutes ([www.skiwinterpark.com](http://www.skiwinterpark.com)).