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**1<sup>st</sup> Annual “Legends of the Deep” Powder Invitational for Skiers & Riders  
with Disabilities - January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

*One-Day Event features some of the best monoskiers, three- and four-track skiers, adaptive snowboarders, and blind skiers in the world who will be competing for the title of Best Adaptive Powder Skier in the World*

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO (December 1<sup>st</sup> 2008)** : On Friday, January 16, Access Anything, in cooperation with Adaptive Adventures, Steamboat Powdercats, the Challenged Athletes Foundation and the International Disabled Free Skiing Association, have joined together to sponsor the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual *Legends of the Deep Powder Invitational* for skiers and riders with disabilities -- a unique event that will combine the some of the best adaptive athletes in the world with some of the best back country powder skiing in the world.

The event, the first ever of its kind, promises to be a one-of-a-kind experience for athletes and attendees. Steamboat Springs, Colo., residents Craig and Andrea Kennedy, founders of Access Anything, believe that this ground-breaking event will help change the perception of what people with disabilities can do. “There are a lot of people out there that don’t think disabled athletes can compete on this level,” Kennedy says. “We plan to show them otherwise.”

Among the adaptive athletes invited are former Paralympic World Champion 3-track skier, Greg Mannino, and X Games mono-cross Bronze Medalist, Sam Ferguson. Athletes will compete in an open competition to be judged by an expert panel and will be scored on several criteria such as form, turns, jumps, quality and quantity of face shots and completion of runs.

This event, combined with Steamboat’s famous powder, considered the best snow in the world, and Buffalo Pass’s terrain, promises to be a one-of-a-kind competition not to be missed.

“I’ve been skiing powder and extreme terrain for years, was the first monoskier featured in a Warren Miller movie, and even competed in the X Games, but I’ve been waiting for the opportunity to show the world what monoskiing powder is really all about,” says Ferguson, executive director of the International Disabled Free Skiing Association. “This is the type of event that perfect for today’s adaptive athlete.”

Access Anything and Adaptive Adventures have been event partners for several years, also hosting the annual *Steamboat All Mountain Ski Camp* for Wounded Warriors and People with Disabilities as well as the annual *‘Behind the Boat Waterski & Wakeboard Camp*. They plan to add a program for children with disabilities to their list of Steamboat camps in March of 2009.

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About Access Anything: [www.accessanything.net](http://www.accessanything.net)

The mission of Access Anything is to improve the quality of life for millions of people living with disabilities in the United States and around the world by encouraging them to enjoy life to its fullest through the sense of freedom provided by travel, adventure, and a “never give up” attitude. It is our vision to spread awareness concerning the need for better accessibility by writing a series of adventure travel guides for people with disabilities and to establish a common ground where people and information can come together and work to expand the rapidly growing adaptive travel industry.

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About Adaptive Adventures: [www.adaptiveadventures.org](http://www.adaptiveadventures.org)

Adaptive Adventures is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization working to advance the quality of life of people with disabilities through year-round outdoor sports and recreation. Headquartered in Evergreen, Colorado, Adaptive Adventures identifies, promotes and provides progressive sports and recreation opportunities for children and adults of all ages, with physical disabilities. As a PSIA Member Ski School, Adaptive Adventures has developed and implemented a number of All Mountain Ski camps for children and adults throughout the Rocky Mountain region.

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About Steamboat Powdercats: [www.steamboatpowdercats.com](http://www.steamboatpowdercats.com)

For the past 23 years, Steamboat Powdercats has operated backcountry powder skiing and snowboarding tours on Buffalo Pass, Colorado’s deepest snowpack. With 3 snowcats in their fleet, Steamboat Powdercat’s has tailored their operation to match guests with their true ability level, accommodating intermediate, advanced and expert levels with terrain adequate for each group.

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About Challenged Athletes Foundation: [www.challengedathletes.org](http://www.challengedathletes.org)

Since 1994, CAF has raised more than \$11 million – allowing the Foundation to satisfy thousands of funding requests from challenged athletes in all 50 states and dozens of countries. Eighty-two cents of every dollar raised by CAF provides funding, programs and a growing endowment fund that is getting challenged athletes into the game - and will continue to do so into the future. CAF’s mission is to give those with the desire to live active, competitive lifestyles every opportunity to compete in the sports they love.

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