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**TOP FREESKIERS RSVP TO THE BIGGEST SHOW IN THE BACKCOUNTRY**

*- Meet the chosen few who will compete at Red Bull Cold Rush in Revelstoke and the mountain they will conquer -*

**VANCOUVER, BC – January 15, 2015** – Invitations went out in early December to a select group of the top freeskiers around the world to meet in Revelstoke, BC for one of the biggest showdowns in the backcountry. With the return of [Red Bull Cold Rush](#), and after a two year hiatus, athletes were quick to RSVP for a chance to take on a new mountain and claim a winning spot at the legendary contest. As an invitation only event, the 2015 athlete roster is stacked with some of the biggest names in the game featuring 15 male and 5 female competitors.

Being a multi-disciplinary event that fuses big mountain, cliffs, slopestyle, and touring, the competitors come from a diverse background. Athletes will be pushed well beyond their comfort zone in a contest that seeks to reward the most versatile all-around skier. Slopestyle skiers most comfortable with throwing big spins in the park will find themselves negotiating the steep alpine terrain and massive cliff drops of the upper area of Revelstoke Mountain Resort on Mount Mackenzie and traditional big mountain skiers will take on rails, kickers, and other custom built features. To help even the playing field, the contest will include a larger focus on ski touring allowing athletes to potentially recoup points lost in disciplines that are not their strong suit.

**THE CHOSEN FEW – ATHLETE LIST**

From all corners of the globe, 20 of the best freeski athletes will descend on Revelstoke Mountain Resort in hopes of being crowned the most versatile, all-around skier out there. Here are your Red Bull Cold Rush 2015 competitors:

**MALE**

- Bene Mayr (GER)
- Sage Cattabriga-Alosa (USA)
- [Sean Pettit \(CAN\)](#)
- Dane Tudor (CAN)
- Sammy Carlson (USA)
- Chris Rubens (CAN)
- Kye Petersen (CAN)
- Riley Leboe (CAN)
- Callum Pettit (CAN)
- Wiley Miller (CAN)
- Logan Pehota (CAN)
- Richard Permin (FRA)
- Johnny Collinson (USA)
- Stan Rey (SWZ)
- Joe Schuster (CAN)

**FEMALE**

- [Tatum Monod \(CAN\)](#)
- Michelle Parker (USA)
- Ingrid Backstrom (USA)
- Grete Eliassen (USA)
- Suz Graham (USA)





## THE COURSE

Returning to its Canadian roots following a two-year hiatus of the event, Red Bull Cold Rush will hit Revelstoke Mountain Resort for the first time. The brand new playing field features one of the most all-encompassing contest sites in freestyle skiing, offering an amphitheater of powder that hosts four distinct venues each catering to one of the specific contest disciplines.

Tasked with the job of preparing the venue is veteran builder/freestyle skier Riley Leboe (Vernon, BC) who has been building jumps for as long as he can remember. *"It started with building jumps for training and trying new tricks at my local mountain with our freestyle club,"* says Leboe on his early years. *"From there it grew, spending time pushing massive jumps in the backcountry with a cat that would take a few days to build."* Responsible for overseeing course design on the first three Red Bull Cold Rush events, Leboe is excited about the opportunity to flex his creative muscles in Revelstoke on a mountain that offers him a lot of options.

Of the four contest zones, it is the slopestyle venue that Leboe gets most excited about which will feature roughly eight or nine jump and step-downs where skiers will have a choice to hit three features at the top of the venue, mid mountain, or at the bottom. *"Athletes are going to have to nail three jumps in each line... it's hard enough stomping one jump first try in the backcountry, so stomping three huge tricks out here is really going to show the level that freeskiing is at,"* says Leboe. Beyond the built up kickers, the slopestyle course also comes equipped with some challenging natural terrain like wind lips and a step over that competitors can take advantage of, allowing them to pick their own unique lines on the slope.

Putting this all together takes a six-man crew a full week on the mountain constructing the features entirely by hand. Being a backcountry event, safety is of the highest concern to Leboe who's working directly with Revelstoke Mountain Resort's ski patrol and avalanche team, handling bombing slopes, ski cutting, and snow tests in the more exposed cliff and big mountain competition venues. *"It's a backcountry competition, so there will always be some level of risk associated with that. Working with Revelstoke's crew, we take every precaution."*

As a competitor in the event himself, Leboe is the perfect candidate to oversee the design of the course, ensuring it is up to the safety and skill expectations of his fellow athletes. He isn't merely building his own personal dream park as he relies on the close input of other competitors. Athletes Dane Tudor, Chris Rubens, and Tatum Monod have already made a trip to visit Leboe on the build site. Regardless of the competitive format, the close knit group of athletes supports one another to simply ski the best they possibly can.

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