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## Skiing and Riding in Nevada's Backcountry

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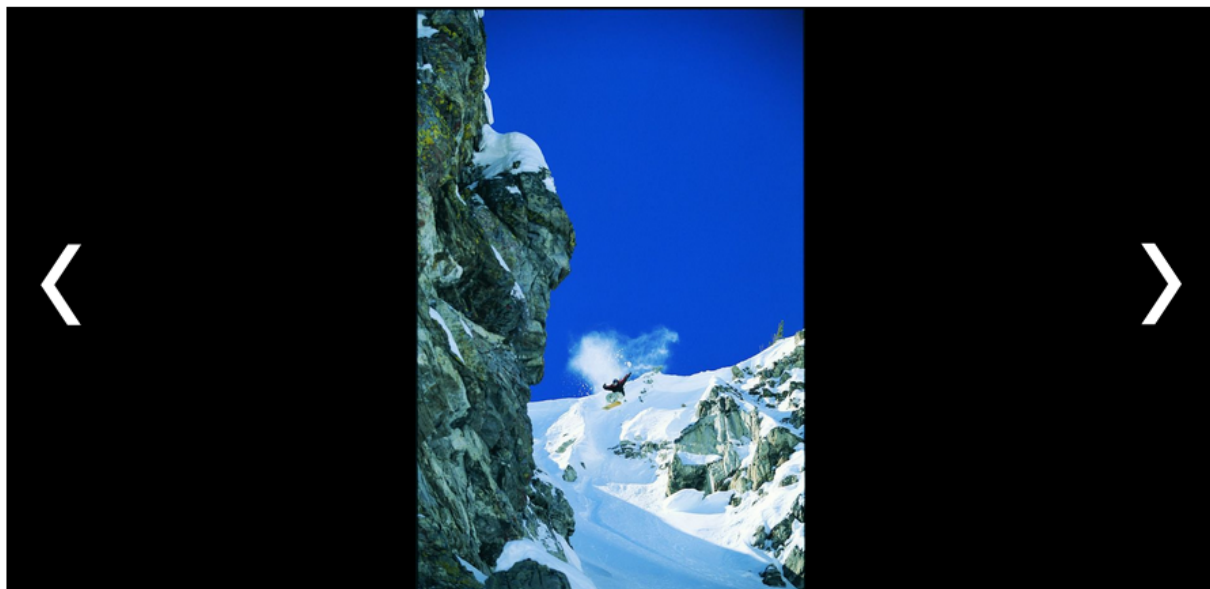


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A snowboarder on Ruby Mountain, NV.

Resort skiing seems to have it all: the lifts, the downhill, and nightlife to boot. But for powder aficionados, something big is missing here: the untouched backcountry. Load up your gear and escape from it all at some of Nevada's off-piste territory favorites:

### **Ruby Mountains**

A short distance from Elko, the **Ruby Mountains** (also known as "the Rubies") lure powder hounds to wide-open spaces for backcountry and heli-skiing. The Rubies are home to **Ruby Mountains Heli-Experience**, America's longest continuously owned heli-skiing guide service. The Ruby Mountains Wilderness contains 10 peaks above 11,000 feet, including Ruby Dome at 11,387 feet. From vast bowls to heart-racing fall lines, there's something here for everyone. Start at the main trailheads at Harrison Pass, Soldier Canyon, Overland Lake and Roads End at **Lamoille Canyon**. Check with the Ruby Mountains Ranger District for details on your best options.

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