

Background for STA Request

FIS Alpine World Ski Championships

The FIS Alpine World Ski Championships in Vail/Beaver Creek, CO is scheduled from February 2-15 of 2015. This will mark the third time that the Vail Valley has played host to this prestigious international event, along with the 1989 and 1999 events.

Combined with the 1950 World Championships in Aspen, the 2015 event will also signify only the fourth Championships ever held in the United States, all of them in Colorado. The World Championships represent the largest and most impressive collection of ski racing talent in the world, second only to the Olympics.

This event brings together the top skiers from a multitude of countries around the world and therefore requires an extraordinary amount of coordination to make the event run smoothly and to insure the safety of all involved. Therefore, a large number of frequencies have been requested to insure adequate communications. The specific frequencies requested, some of which are a bit unusual, are in keeping with those used at other similar ski events around the world. Due to the number of different entities requiring communications at these frequent events it is not practical to reconfigure equipment and re-coordinate the frequencies for each event.

Due to the remote location of this event and the low powers requested no interference to existing users is anticipated. The location, Beaver Creek, CO, is well away from any major population centers. In addition, the area of use is in "bowl" surrounded by high mountains that will insure that the signals will travel only a short distance.

The use of any frequencies that fall within the Broadcast Auxiliary services will be coordinated with the local SBE coordinator.