

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, November 15, 2019 (Mountain Village, Colorado) – Mountain Village is being transformed once again into the North Pole for this year's Holiday Prelude celebration on Saturday, Dec. 14 and Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019. This year promises a great kick-off to the holiday season with holiday movies, train rides, Santa and his workshop, live reindeer, ice skating and children's holiday surprises around every corner. Holiday Prelude is a collaborative effort between Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association, Town of Mountain Village, Telluride Ski & Golf Company, and local merchants to transform Mountain Village into the regional destination for holiday fun and activities.

On Saturday, children of all ages will delight in the decorations and lights galore as Santa's elves send them up the Gondola to visit **Santa's Workshop** at the Telluride Conference Center from 1-5 p.m. Children can share their Christmas list with Santa, make holiday crafts with the elves, and enjoy holiday movies with free hot chocolate and popcorn. This year's holiday films include **Elf** and **How the Grinch Stole Christmas** with a performance in between movies by Telluride's new **Palm Dance Fuse Hip Hop Team**. In addition, a **Curling Demo** will be held on the Reflection Plaza ice rink to demonstrate how the sport is played and help folks learn to curl from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and **Sledding** will be held from 4:30 – 6 p.m. near the base of Chair 4. And remember to bring your furry friends for photos with **Santa Paws** at the Telluride Distillery from 5 to 8 p.m.

The culmination of Saturday's events will be a **Tree Lighting Ceremony** with Santa and carolers in Heritage Plaza at 6 p.m. Following the lighting, head back to the ice-skating rink because the **Telluride Figure Skating Club** will be presenting their annual holiday performance. The show is set to begin at 6:15 p.m. After our local pros leave the ice, stick around for the "coolest" **Ice Skating Party** ever – all set to your favorite tunes.

For both Saturday and Sunday, children and adults can expect many surprises on the **Train Ride** throughout the twinkling Mountain Village. This year the train will be making some very special stops through town to visit the **Live Reindeer Petting Area** (Saturday only) and participating shops will be giving gifts and treats to all children. Kids young and old can perfect their ice-skating skills with free **Ice Skating** available from noon to 4 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday

For those who need to get some last-minute Christmas shopping done, Mountain Village merchants are extending discounts and specials to customers until 7 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Shoppers will receive some of the best discounts of the year, along with raffles, giveaways, food and drink specials, and more. And, in the true spirit of giving, Franz Klammer Lodge will host an **Angel Baskets Charity Drive** for donations and will be offering complimentary treats and beverages in their lodge on Saturday from 1-5 p.m.

Lodging and ski packages are available for those who want to extend the holiday fun. For more information, [visit Telluride's website](#). Activities are all free of charge; events and times are subject to change so please check back often!