

A New Housing Option for Winter Park Employees Is Nearing Completion

Wanna Work at Winter Park this Season?

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Winter Park resort and community officials are gearing up for the completion of a huge project that will add living quarters for as many as 330 workers at the popular Colorado resort.

“Conifer Commons,” as it’s being called, will be a mix of studios and single-resident units in two four-story buildings within a few hundred yards of the main Winter Park entry. It’s expected to be open for the coming 2023–24 season.



“The studio units include private baths and kitchenettes and can accommodate up to two people,” said Jen Miller, Winter Park spokeswoman. “The single-resident units are individual, private, lockable rooms and will accommodate one person. All

units have access to communal kitchens, dining areas, living spaces, and shared bathrooms. While shared, the bathrooms are private rooms, meaning a resident can close and lock a bathroom unit while they're using it."

Originally, the project was eyed to include families, but housing four or five people when maybe only one works is a tough ask of any community housing project.

"The new housing will be able to take couples, but anyone needing true family housing will need to be handled on a case-by-case basis in one of our other employee housing options throughout the community," Miller said.

The project is aimed at seasonal and year-round workers and Winter Park will be subsidizing rent, which officials hope will retain employees and allow housing in town to be used for other purposes.

According to Miller, the project is a joint effort between Winter Park Resort, Alterra Mountain Company, Winter Park Recreation Association (the agent of the City and County of Denver), and the Town of Winter Park. Winter Park Resort and Alterra Mountain Company are primarily funding the project to the tune of roughly \$60 million.

Nice work, Winter Park. I plan on applying.