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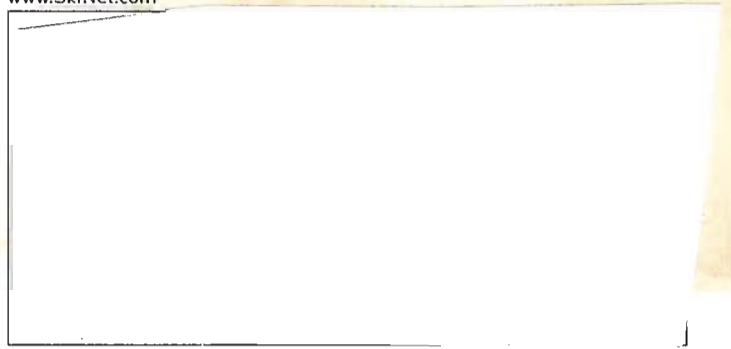
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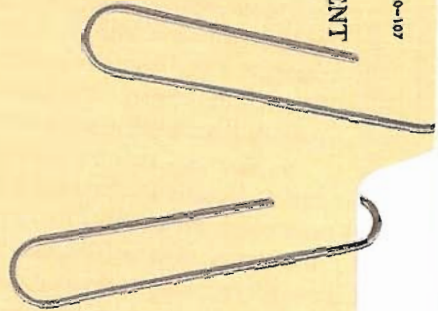


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We, the editors at ██████████, started Operation Powder Freedom last season. Our mission: Employ a network of covert agents, local stool pigeons, and out-of-work UN weapons inspectors to find the deepest, untracked, ██████████ stashes in North America. Then an intern (and avid skier) named I. Scooter Libby hijacked the file (What can we say? We didn't think it was the same ██████████.) Our sources started turning up dead. This is their classified report.

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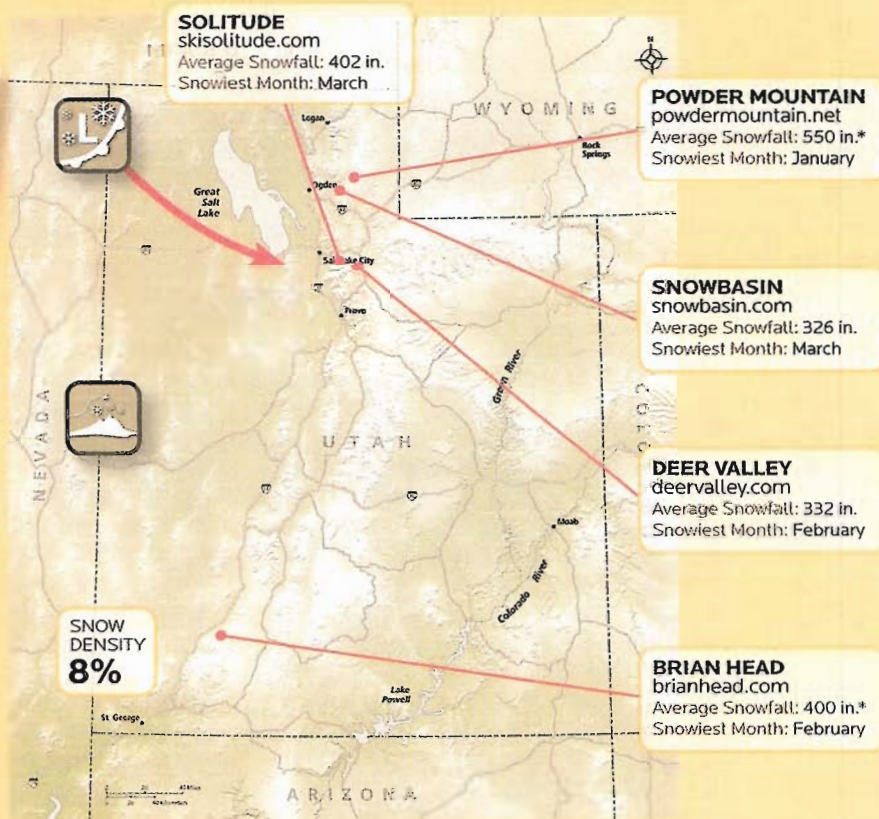
## Case of the Cottonwood Chalk Dust

**Secret Agent:** Jebediah Stockton Malone

**Mission:** Infiltrating core skiing clans in and around Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Whereabouts:** Deceased. Found near Colorado City, Arizona. Cause of death: "canning," the stoning of deviants with cans of Campbell's soup, stocked in large supply for the Apocalypse. Residents say Malone moved to the desert outpost two months ago with his wives, pictured above. Last seen coming out of Costco with 874 rolls of toilet paper.

**Last Communiqué:** "Skiing Alta on the cheap. The mother of all storms is on its way, locals are frothing... the buzz is that Highway 210 to Little Cottonwood Canyon will be closed tomorrow. I've been advised to do whatever I can to stay in the Canyon tonight. Will likely throw down \$101 for a room at the Peruvian Lodge—the cheapest option in the Canyon—then hit **High Rustler** at first light. If the road stays closed, it could be the best hundred bucks I've ever spent."



### RECONNAISSANCE

#### Go Big (Cottonwood)

##### SOLITUDE, UTAH

Buy a Ski Salt Lake Super Pass for \$48 per day. It's good at all four Cottonwood resorts (Alta, Brighton, Snowbird, and Solitude) and includes transportation to each resort from all major hotels. You can ski Alta or the 'Bird during the storm, and then avoid all the wannabe ski pros by hitting Big Cottonwood Canyon on day two. At Solitude, from the top of the Summit lift, follow locals on the two- to 10-minute not-so-obvious traverse/sidestep to the **Black Forest** glades.

#### Your Own Private Utah

##### POWDER MOUNTAIN, UTAH

Powder Mountain is only an hour north of the Salt Lake City airport, but it may as well be on another planet as far as the Cottonwood hordes are concerned. It's huge (5,500 avy-controlled acres) and gets just as much snow as Alta. But here's the kicker: It sees a patry 400 to 500 skiers per day midweek. Even better, for the price of two lattes (\$8) you can get à la carte cat rides to the top of **Lightning Ridge**, where 700 sparsely gladed acres await.

#### Escape Vegas!

##### BRIAN HEAD, UTAH

Attending a secret agent convention in Sin

City? Ditch the dorks and head three hours northeast to Brian Head, Utah's southernmost resort. It averages 400 inches of snow per year. Find the steepest terrain via the 15-minute boot-pack to the top of **Brian Head Peak**, where several 500- to 700-vertical-foot chutes and one wide-open bowl await.

#### Deer Hunter

##### DEER VALLEY, UTAH

Your fluffy prey is a 90-second traverse from the top of the Empire Express lift. It's called **Empire Canyon**, and it's a collection of 500- to 800-foot north-facing glades, chutes, and gullies. So where's the rub? There is none. It sees little action simply because most Deer Valley guests prefer freshly ironed corduroy and warm fireplaces. See? Rich people are different from you and me.

#### Ogden Nation

##### SNOWBASIN, UTAH

Powder Mountain (see above) isn't the only uncrowded, overlooked resort just north of Salt Lake City. Snowbasin is far enough away from the Cottonwoods (40 miles) to be affected by different weather fronts. Slow-moving storms from the southwest can miss those canyons entirely but stall out over Snowbasin for a day or two. Check the webcams and snowfall totals on [sk Utah.com](http://sk Utah.com) to see which of the state's 13 resorts got hammered last night.

\*Unconfirmed total, provided by RESORT

One highly trained spy does recon behind the Powder Curtain.

## Areas Under Investigation

1) MOUNT BALDY, ALTA/SNOWBIRD  
The peak (with its 1,200-foot chutes) divides Alta and Snowbird and can be reached from Snowbird's tram via the High Baldy traverse or Alta's Collins lift.

2) MURDOCK BOWL, THE CANYONS  
Hike 15 minutes from the top of the Super Condor lift to a handful of short (600-foot) but strenuous (45-degree) chutes.

3) JUPITER PEAK, PARK CITY  
Take the Jupiter lift, traverse left, and hike five to 15 minutes up Jupiter Peak to a cluster of 400- to 800-foot ridge shots that tip to 40 degrees.

4) JAMIES PEAK, POWDER MOUNTAIN  
A 10- to 30-minute traverse/boot-pack to the right of Sun-down lift nets you everything from north-facing chutes to 2,500-vertical-foot bowls.

5) DE MOISY PEAK, SNOWBASIN  
Hoof it for two to 10 minutes from the top of Strawberry Express and you'll get a handful of 40-degree, 600-foot chutes that funnel into wide-open Middle Bowl.

6) NO NAME PEAK, SNOWBASIN  
Head north for 10 minutes from the top of the Mount Allen tram and find 1,500 feet of east-facing shots through open spruce.

7) MT. MILLICENT, BRIGHTON  
The short boot-pack (five to 15 minutes) from the top of Millicent lift accesses cliff-peppered, north-facing chutes.

8) PRESTON PEAK, BRIGHTON  
Take the Snake Creek Express and shoulder your skis for the five- to 15-minute hike. Drop into Snake Creek Bowl, which funnels into tight tree stands and 350-foot-long chutes.

9) FANTASY RIDGE, SOLITUDE  
A teeth-chattering 30-minute boot-pack (there's a fixed rope on one section) buys you short (500-foot), steep (40-plus-degree) chutes that end on the traverse back to Honeycomb Canyon.

10) EVERGREEN RIDGE, SOLITUDE  
From the top of Corner Chute, gain Evergreen Ridge, where many of the northwest-facing chutes cliff out. Go with someone who knows which ones don't.

"They're onto us." A daring escape in Snowbasin, Utah.

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