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CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

Revo Heading sunglasses

That high-five worthy moment after hours of casting is justified when, finally, you spot a fish in the cold autumn water. A once lethargic brown trout is now hooked on your fly, twisting and pulling. You reel her in and take note of how well she blends in with her underwater habitat. Sight fishing is all about a good pair of shades like the Revo Heading.

Revo's polarized Green Water lenses block 100 percent of harmful UV rays and absorb 87 percent of visual light. This means you've got an all-around good pair of sunglasses for everything from driving to your secret honey hole to spotting a camouflaged fish in murky river water.

The best part about these shades is the fit. The Heading frames are built with a spring hinge, so they're snug and comfortable while you're treading through swift current, or pulling in that catch.
– *Ersin Ozer* **\$189**



Ronan GTX Mid boots

The Ronan GTX is one of Lowa's sturdiest mid-range boots, even with its lighter weight at 2.5 lbs per pair. It's much more durable than true lightweights, stays drier in wet conditions, and provides great support – they were sufficient while hiking the hummocks in northern Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge last summer. With warm socks, you could hunt in these boots all season. Sporting Lowa's stable PU Monowrap frame and a Vibram sole, I'd choose the Ronan over any lightweight boot on the market. – *Rick Bass* **\$245**



Shwood Canby Pendleton sunglasses

Cool kids with a conscience are behind Shwood's Canby Pendleton sunglasses. They're crafted in Oregon - home to large trees and warm Pendleton blankets – but are suitable for Montana, home of Big Sky and plentiful sunshine.

An artisan ethos pulls together the retro-mod style of the Canby with FSC-certified, sustainably harvested wood and laser-engraved signature Pendleton pattern. The featherweight frames, comfortable fit and polarized lenses are an added bonus, since we all know that fashion trumps function when it comes to sunglasses. With five color choices all complete with a funky wool case, these limited edition sunglasses are an aesthetic accessory to anyone's stocking this holiday season. Even if it's your own. – *Katie Morrison* **\$250** (Available at Big Sky Life)



Sperry Top-Sider Winter Cove Boots

One of the great things about Sperry's Winter Cove Boots is they don't feel like boots at all. While most winter treads tend to be clunky and heavy, Sperry has found a way to make them so lightweight and comfortable you barely notice you're wearing them.

Sperry integrated their adaptive Wave-Sipping technology on the mini-lug sole, which provides great traction and little slippage on streets and trails. The Winter Coves also

keep my feet at a comfortable temperature both indoors and out – warm but not too hot – and they stayed dry while tromping through early-season slush and snow with my dogs.

For a touch of style, the boots also have brightly colored laces, quilted side panels and faux fur that's not too fluffy, so they look great with skirts, pants, tights and everything in between. Available in linen, black and white. – *Megan Paulson* **\$130**

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Patagonia Nano-Air Hoody

The new Nano-Air Hoody from Patagonia is a breakthrough in technical apparel. The warm, stretchy and breathable FullRange insulation regulates your temperature while playing in the outdoors like no other jacket I've worn. It insulates like a down jacket until you get moving – that's when the FullRange technology takes over. Instead of peeling off and putting layers on all day you can stick with the Nano-Air and focus on the task at hand.

I used this piece while belaying a rock climb in the Gallatin Canyon on a warm, windy early November day; wore it on a run both up and down Mount Baldy northeast of Bozeman; and threw it on over my ski jacket during a -10 F early season ski day in the northern Bridgers.

The only problem with this piece: once it lands in your quiver, you'll have a lot of jackets gathering dust in the closet. – *Tyler Allen* **\$299**

Horny Toad Earle Shirt

The Earle is a timeless shirt, and one to add to your wardrobe. Made of 100 percent organic cotton, this marled flannel is heavy enough to keep you warm splitting wood, yet light enough to wear inside sipping coffee by the fire. And it's the softest shirt I own.

Horny Toad has outdone itself with the Earle. This shirt has already lived up to Horny Toad's guarantee that it will garner a compliment within three wearings. That only took one. – *Joseph T. O'Connor* **\$84**



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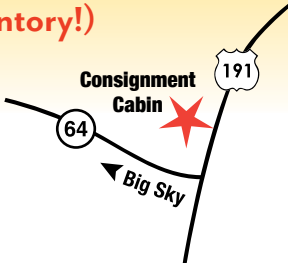
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Burton Family Tree Landlord, Anti-Social splitboards



Designed by Norwegian pro snowboarder Terje Haakonsen, the Burton Landlord splitboard offers a directional ride and balanced freeride geometry that floats, pops, and holds an edge in any condition. Burton's Split Channel mounting system sets this board apart from the rest of the market – it provides infinite, easily adjustable stance options and works perfectly with Bozeman-based Spark R&D bindings' Tesla system.

The Landlord features S-Rocker for float and speed, extending from the nose to your lead foot, then transitioning to camber between your feet. In addition, the Superfly II core uses lightweight wood that targets strategic areas to drop weight and increase pop. The Landlord also features Burton's exclusive infinite-ride technology, which essentially breaks in the board before you buy it to ensure it maintains its feel for seasons to come.

The women's specific Anti-Social board offers all of the above features in a women's specific shape, in a 150-cm length.

Now that you know Burton technology has your back, grab a split from the Family Tree line, relax and enjoy the backcountry.
– Kelsey Dzintars **\$799.95**



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Skevik Anton skis

Skevik has been expertly engineering and handcrafting skis in Vernon, British Columbia since 2010. Throughout the last five years its lineup has more than doubled, but one of the original models, the Anton, stands the test of time and continues to stake its claim as Skevik's flagship ski.

Named in honor of the owner's great grandfather, Anton Skevik, the ski features maple sidewalls and comes with the buyer's choice of five available graphics, all created by hard-working, local artists. The skis are stylish but all that flash, as you'll discover, plays second fiddle to function.

At 122 mm underfoot the Anton's float will never be questioned and they destroy deep snow. However, the ski's sidecut, tapered tip, rocker, and camber give the Anton an unmatched versatility in handling all conditions. This makes it a perfect selection both on the ski hill and off, and in the unpredictable wilds of the backcountry. Pillows, tight couloirs and everything in between, the Anton can take it all in and deliver.

The Canadian dollar is riding a little lower than previous years, making this deal just that much sweeter.
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WINTER SPORTS



Dakine DLX Cargo Pack 55L

When it’s time to head from the parking lot to the mountain, the Dakine Deluxe Cargo Pack 55L boot bag helps you transport your ski or snowboard boots with ease. Thanks to a tarp-lined compartment and compression straps, your boots will be safe and secure inside this durable and reliable pack.

The DLX Cargo even has A-frame ski- and vertical snowboard-carry option as well, if you decide to head into the backcountry for some untouched powder. The shoulder straps are stashable, and the pack has a helmet pocket that secures your most important piece of gear.

Ultra-lightweight at just 2.6 pounds, you won’t be bogged down with unnecessary weight when hauling your essential gear to the hill.
– Taylor-Ann Smith **\$110**



Black Diamond Spark Gloves

Remember the work gloves you used to borrow during visits to your grandpa’s ranch? Perfect for bucking bales, but not necessarily for powder laps. Think of Black Diamond’s Spark as the classic, work-glove style you see worn by patrollers, lifties, and dirtbags – then mix in professional athlete consultation, BD’s minimalist design, full goat-leather construction, 100 percent waterproof BDry inserts, a neoprene cuff and Velcro closure.

while staying warm and dry during pow-filled descents. Tricot lined inside with 60g PrimaLoft insulation makes your hand feel like it’s surrounded by pillows, so you’re dry and comfortable whether you’re shoveling your driveway or charging lines off the Headwaters. The Spark comes in several flashy color options to match your tastes, and break away from the pale-yellow, work-glove monotony.

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Dakine Deluxe Tune Kit

Nothing gets you quite as amped to shred as tuning up your snowboard for the first time of the season. The Dakine Deluxe Tune Kit has everything you need except for the iron and a base-cleaning solution. Find a household cleaner like Simple Green and a \$5 thrift shop iron: check.

ond, clean that base to make a fresh surface for your wax.

Got core shots? This kit has you covered with two kinds of P-Tex – you can use the clear, but black looks cooler against colored bases. The metal scraper works great for smoothing out your repair job. Finally, apply wax evenly, let cool, scrape, and use the scuff pad to wipe your base smooth. Then, go shred.

– Ersin Ozer **\$60**

First step, sharpen your edges with the edge-tuning tool, and then use the included pocket stone to get rid of any nasty burrs leftover from last spring’s rock and slush season. Sec-

TECH GEAR

Contour Roam 3 POV Waterproof HD Action Cam



The world of point of view (POV) video has taken the camera arena by storm, and the all-new Roam 3 by Contour has proven to be one of the leaders in action camera technology.

With convenience and ease of use in mind, the Contour Roam 3 packs in all the techy specs you would expect in a high-end action cam, but is functional with the flip of a switch. No menus, and no wondering if the camera is actually on: Slide the “Instant-on” switch and you’re recording in crystal clear 1080p at 30 frames per second, or 720p at 60 fps. Want to take photos? Alternate from video to photo mode with ease, and fire off five-megapixel photos with the push of a button.

The Roam 3’s rugged design is sure to handle a beating. This camera is not only waterproof to 30 feet without a waterproof housing, but also shockproof if you take a hard digger on land.

This camera is a great way to get into the POV world, and it’s half the price of many of its competitors. One drawback is that to change video frame rates you must connect to a computer and use the software Contour provides, which is tough when you’re out adventuring. However, the waterproof, rugged design and long-lasting battery make up for it. – *Brian Niles* **\$199**

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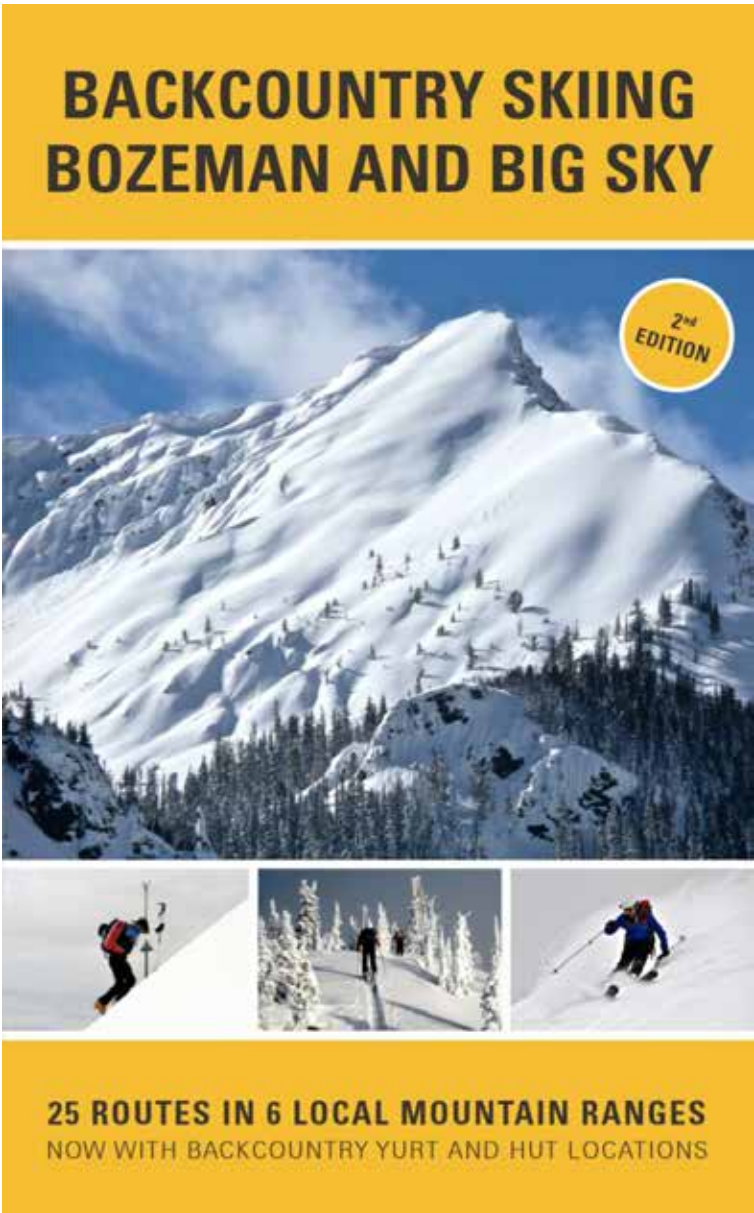
The Bozeman and Big Sky Backcountry Ski Guide

A solid guidebook is an indispensable resource for discovering new terrain in the mountains. The Bozeman and Big Sky Backcountry Ski Guide fills this role nicely for recent imports and seasoned southwest Montana backcountry skiers alike. Author Ben Werner lists all the area classics like Mount Blackmore south of Bozeman, Yellow Mountain in Big Sky and “The Fin” on Mount Republic in Cooke City.

You’ll also find some lesser-trafficked gems like the “Bacon Rind Skillet”

in Yellowstone National Park. Each ski destination listed features a map with approach and descent routes, as well as detailed descriptions of the area. You’ll find total elevation gain, skiable vertical, slope aspect, and amount of skier traffic you’ll likely encounter.

Pick up this guide, take an avalanche awareness class, and start dreaming of untracked pow. – *Tyler Allen* **\$39.95**



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Invented by Montana native Kalen Caughey and developed and tested over the last decade by elite athletes like Bozeman’s Conrad Anker, Voke is a perfect, pocket-sized boost. Made from green tea, acerola cherry, guarana berries and erythritol for sweetener, the tabs are about 70 percent organic and have a tart berry taste.

If you want to free up your hands on the drive to work, want extra energy for the dance floor, or need a final spurt for the last ski run, Voke Tabs are for you.

– Maria Wyllie **\$4 for a three-tab tin, \$7 for a seven-tab tin**

Tender Belly Bacon Every Month Club

Give the gift that keeps on giving this holiday season. Tender Belly’s Bacon Every Month Club will satiate the pork lovers on your gift list with 4 pounds of fine, cherrywood-smoked bacon delivered to their doorstep once a month. The Denver, Colo.-based Tender Belly feeds its pigs a diet that’s 100 percent vegetarian with no hormones or antibiotics.

I cooked up a few slices of the Tender Belly Habenero Dry-Rub for my office mates on a snowy, mid-November morning in Big Sky, and the reviews were glowing.

– Tyler Allen **\$59/month**

“Bacon of the month club? Best gift ever.” – Joseph T. O’Connor

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Ari-O Jewelry Bronze Montana medallion

Big Sky jeweler Arianne Coleman's handmade medallion with the state of Montana etched in pink bronze is an affordable, sentimental gift for women of all ages. Whether you call Montana home, or your favorite vacation spot, you can always keep the treasure state close to your heart with this stylish piece, which is wrapped in fine silver and coated with patina.
– Maria Wyllie **\$77**

Bozeman Watch Company U.S.S. Montana watch



Montana has sent its fair share of brave men and women to honorably serve on battlefields around the world, but remains the only state in the country without a namesake battleship. The Bozeman Watch Co. decided to honor the state with its "U.S.S. Montana" watch. Only 50 of these individually numbered, certified Swiss chronometers exist worldwide.

The U.S.S. Montana's crisp white dial and Roman numerals are reminiscent of the classic era of time-piece aesthetic, and

the date window echoes early American and Swiss watch influences. Proceeds from sales of this collectable watch support the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, which has already raised more than \$7,000 in support of families of fallen soldiers.

The Bozeman Watch Co. is an original watch manufacturer that creates original timepieces sold exclusively through company showrooms in Bozeman, Whitefish, and Jackson, Wyo. – Taylor-Ann Smith **\$7,900**



World Boards Union Super Force snowboard bindings

I spent last winter strapped into a pair of Union's Super Force, the Cadillac of snowboard bindings. Not because they're the most expensive or flashy, but because they're the best in the industry – stiff enough when you need quick response in steeps and trees, and flexible enough for playful jibbing.

The Super Force combines the best attributes from Union's entire lineup into one product. New for 2015, the bindings now feature extruded alu-

minum heel-cups that hold up during aggressive riding but are also super lightweight.

These bindings are a commission-only product exclusively available at World Boards in Bozeman, and a handful of other participating shops around the country. You won't find these babies for sale anywhere online, but the World Boards crew can get you into a new pair in time for your first lift ride of the season.
– Ersin Ozer **\$250**



Ace Hardware Tuffy Shovel

This holiday season, think practically. It snows in Montana. Often. And with the frigid temps that accompany this precip, you need a snow shovel that won't shatter in your hands.

Enter the Tuffy, made by Poly Pro Tools. Ace Hardware-Big Sky sells more than 30 of these "virtually unbreakable" shovels each week. "It's ridiculous how many we have to keep

in stock," says Kelly Scherfig, an associate at the hardware store, located just south of the Highway 191 and Lone Mountain Trail junction. "All the snow plow guys carry one in their trucks."

The Tuffy is no-frills, and may be the best snow shovel on the planet.
– Joseph T. O'Connor **\$29.99**



Big (red) Sky The perfect gift for your Lone Peak lover

After living in Montana for nine years, Big Sky artist (and Outlaw Partners' Creative Director) Kelsey Dzintars couldn't resist the urge to paint Big Sky's mountain muse, also pictured on the cover of this issue of EBS. Dzintars is now offering limited edition giclee prints of her original acrylic painting, "Big (red) Sky," a perfect gift for the Lone Peak lover on your gift list. **8x10: \$40, 11x14: \$60.**

Custom sizes and canvas prints are also available. Order by Dec. 3 to receive by Christmas. Email kelseydzintars@gmail.com or visit kelseydzintars.com.

LOCAL



Gallatin Alpine Sports Forsake Shoes – Pilot

Forsake Shoes live up to the hype. The biggest advantage these kicks have – aside from their durable, quality construction – is their versatility. I’ve worn the Pilots over the last three weeks in the following situations:

- 1) Hiking in one of the first snowfalls of the year to 8,500 feet above Hyalite Canyon to scout backcountry ski lines
- 2) In a conference room while closing a new marketing deal
- 3) Shoveling snow from my driveway

- 4) Handing out Halloween candy
- 5) In the labor and delivery room while my wife gave birth to our daughter Emerson

The Pilots sport a waterproof, breathable membrane with full-grain leather, and a gusseted tongue. The shoes are stable and grip like hiking boots in wet and slushy stuff, yet their sleek design makes it practical for everyday use around town (see examples above). – *E.J. Daws* \$119

Santosha Wellness Center gift certificates

Give the gift of wellness this winter with gift certificates from Big Sky’s Santosha Wellness Center. A variety of packages and treatments are available, from yoga class passes to massages. Encourage your loved one to master their downward dog or get the knots worked out of their back after a hard day of skiing. – *Tyler Allen* 10 yoga class pass: \$100; one-hour massage: \$85; 90-minute massage: \$125



Grizzly Outfitters Custom Ski Boots

The gift of comfort in a ski boot! Visit Grizzly Outfitter’s owner and top bootfitter Andrew Schreiner who will get you dialed in on the best boot. But, more importantly, he’ll fit them with custom liners and foot beds. Goodbye to days of painful ski boots, hello to skiing with boots built just for you. – *Eric Ladd* Intuition liners: \$225; custom foot beds: \$225; Hotronic heaters (to keep your tootsies warm): \$225; boots: whatever you’re willing to spend



East Slope Outdoors Ewe Hoo hat

These one-of-a-kind sturdy wool hats are made to last and keep you warm. Created by Montana artist and sheep farmer Gretchen Fellerhoff-White, the wool from her Bozeman sheep farm is minimally processed so it maintains its natural water resistance, staying warm even when wet. Each hat is lined with American-made Polar Tech for extra warmth and anti-itch comfort. Finally, most are adorned with fun character appliques. Fun fact: Fellerhoff-White’s sheep are also ridden in Big Sky PBR’s Mutton Bustin’ event! – *Kelsey Dzintars* \$80

GIVING BACK

The giving season

We’ve highlighted a number of products and services in our annual Gift and Gear Guide because the holiday season is a time for giving and showing appreciation for the ones you love. This is also a great time of year to consider some of the tremendous nonprofits and charities in our region. The Outlaw Partners staff has highlighted a few at right that we’re passionate about, support financially, or where we volunteer our time. Consider offering your support to one of them or an organization of your choosing this holiday season. – *T.A.*

- Big Sky Community Corporation *bsccmt.org*
- Yellowstone Park Foundation *ypf.org*
- Blue Water Task Force *bluwatertaskforce.org*
- Eagle Mount *eaglemount.org*
- Big Sky Youth Empowerment *byep.org*
- Big Sky Food Bank *bigskyfoodbank.org*
- GNFAC Avalanche Center *mtavalanche.com*
- Paradise Permaculture *paradisepermaculture.org*



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