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Transcript: Bucket List Overview

How many of you have ever skied? Well, most of you already know, but some might not, but I really love to ski. I have been skiing my whole life, and before I accepted this job, I worked in the skiing industry as a snowboard and ski instructor, eventually I became an administrator for the Taos ski school in the southern Rockies of New Mexico. Although I love skiing at ski resorts, I am a powder hound, meaning I love skiing in deep snow. So, today I am going to inform you on how I am going to reach my goal of cat skiing, so I can ski steep terrain, deep snow, and access some of the best backcountry skiing in the entire world.

What is cat skiing? Well, it is not a cat on skis. Instead, this machine is called a snow cat. This is a vintage snow cat, but snow cats today look more like this. Snowcats are basically mountain tanks, they are the machines that create the groomed trails, and they push snow around the mountain resorts to even out the bumps and lumps. But they are good at climbing terrain.

According to mustangpowder.com, cat skiing was developed in British Columbia Canada in the 1970's. Alan Drury saw a snow cat at a resort and had an epiphany to use the machine to access backcountry terrain. Why I want to cat ski is because I can ski all day without using my leg power to access remote terrain. So, instead of spending all day skinning (hiking with skis), I can ski laps with a snow cat.

How I am going to achieve this goal? Well, my goal for cat skiing is to ski powder, so when I was researching cat skiing companies, I read several reviews and found that Mustang Powder accesses wilderness with some of the highest snow accumulation in the world. Mustang Powder Lodge is in the Moshee Mountains in British Columbia, Canada. And it is roughly 1,000 miles away from Hot Springs. Gas will cost me almost \$250 round trip. It costs \$650 per day to cat ski with Mustang. This includes two nights of lodging and five gourmet meals. I would plan to go during my Christmas break, so I would not have to take days off of work.

What do I need? I need my own skis and warm ski clothing. There are risks involved. Does anyone know what the major risk is when skiing steep snowy mountains? Avalanches. However, the company does provide some avalanche precautions, but I will need to bring my own beacon, which is roughly \$150. So, this bucket list goal will cost me roughly \$1,000.

I hope to achieve this goal within the next five years. I am going to leave you with a quote by Les Brown, “if you set goals and go after them with all the determination you and muster, your gifts will take you places that will amaze you”. So I challenge all of you to make your bucket list and to start to make all your goals a reality. Thank you.

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Outline: Bucket List Speech

Specific Purpose: To inform my audience.

Central Purpose: To inform my audience on how I will reach my goal of going cat skiing in British Columbia, Canada.

- I. Introduction
 - A. Hook: How many of you have ever skied or snowboarded?
 - B. Background: My personal story
 - C. Thesis: I am going to inform you on how I am going to reach my goals of cat skiing, so I can ski steep terrain, deep snow, and access some of the best backcountry skiing terrain in the entire world.
- II. History of Cat Skiing
 - A. Snow Cat
 - B. Developed in Canada by Alan Drury in the 70's
- III. Mustang Powder Lodge
 - A. Known for the best snow
 - B. Location
 - C. Price

D. Date

IV. Items Needed

A. Skiing equipment

B. Ski clothing

C. Beacon

V. Conclusion

A. I hope to achieve this goal in the next five years

B. Quote by Les Brown

C. Call to Action