

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): September 10, 2007

Vail Resorts, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-9614

(Commission
File Number)

51-0291762

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

390 Interlocken Crescent, Suite 1000,
Broomfield, Colorado

(Address of principal executive offices)

80021

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(303) 404-1800

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 10, 2007, Vail Resorts, Inc. (“Vail Resorts” or the “Company”), sent a letter to the Chairman of the Board of American Skiing Company (“ASC”) to express Vail Resorts’ continuing interest to purchase all of the outstanding stock of ASC’s wholly-owned subsidiary, ASC Utah, Inc. (“ASC Utah”), the owner and operator of The Canyons ski resort (“The Canyons”) and to offer an increased acquisition price designed to fully repay the preferred stockholders of ASC and to provide the common stockholders of ASC with an opportunity to participate in the proceeds of such a sale.

Vail Resorts is supplementing its offer to pay \$110 million in cash for ASC Utah as previously disclosed by agreeing to grant a 30% interest in the net cash flow (as defined) to Vail Resorts arising from the ownership and development of the real estate development rights held by ASC Utah (“ASC Utah Rights”). Vail Resorts currently estimates that such 30% interest could produce up to \$650 million in incremental cash for ASC through 2020 (the “Deferred Real Estate Purchase Price”).

In addition to the Deferred Real Estate Purchase Price, Vail Resorts is willing to accept the purchase agreement entered into between ASC and Talisker Canyons Finance Company LLC and Talisker Corp. (together, “Talisker”), other than for certain modifications to reflect Vail Resorts’ new offer and the current estimated timing of the transaction.

Vail Resorts’ previous offer for The Canyons, as well as further information and background on Vail Resorts’ attempt to acquire The Canyons, is described in greater detail in its Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 27, 2007.

The information in this Item 7.01, including the exhibit, is furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to liabilities under that section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the filings of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, regardless of any general language in such filings.

Statements in the attached letter, other than statements of historical information, are forward looking statements that are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements which speak only as of the date hereof. Such risks and uncertainties include but are not limited to: the ability of Vail Resorts to complete the consummation of The Canyons; adverse changes in the real estate market in Utah and across the United States in general; the ability to obtain financing on terms acceptable to Vail Resorts to finance such real estate development projects; failure to commence or complete the planned real estate development projects; failure to achieve the anticipated short and long-term financial benefits from the planned real estate development projects; shortages or rising costs in construction materials; our reliance on government permits or approvals for our use of federal land or to make operational improvements; economic downturns; terrorist acts upon the United States; threat of or actual war; unfavorable weather conditions; capital expenditures and growth strategy; and adverse consequences of current or future legal claims. All forward-looking statements attributable to us or any persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. Readers are also directed to other risks discussed in documents filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed or furnished herewith:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Letter to American Skiing Company, dated as of September 10, 2007, regarding increased offer to purchase all outstanding stock of ASC Utah, Inc.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: September 10, 2007

Vail Resorts, Inc.

By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Jones
Jeffrey W. Jones
Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer

September 10, 2007

Mr. Steven Gruber
Chairman of the Board
American Skiing Company
136 Heber Avenue
Suite 303
Park City, UT 84060

Dear Mr. Gruber:

On July 28, 2007, I wrote to you to express the interest of Vail Resorts, Inc. ("Vail") in acquiring ASC Utah, Inc. ("ASCU"). I am again writing to you to express our continuing interest in such an acquisition and to offer you an increased acquisition price designed to fully repay the preferred stockholders of American Skiing Company ("ASC") and to provide the common stockholders of ASC with an opportunity to participate in the proceeds of such a sale.

As an indication of our interest in an acquisition of ASCU and our desire to close such an acquisition in an expeditious manner that would allow a timely and efficient transition of The Canyons to Vail, we are hereby supplementing our previous offer, as follows:

- Purchase price for ASCU of \$110 million in cash plus a 30% interest in the net cash flow to Vail arising from the ownership and development of the real estate development rights held by ASCU ("ASCU Rights"). We currently estimate that such 30% interest could produce up to \$650 million in incremental cash for ASC through 2020 and are providing the details of the calculation of such payments (the "Deferred Real Estate Purchase Price") under separate cover.
- Full acceptance by Vail of the purchase agreement (the "Talisker Agreement") entered into between ASC and Talisker Canyons Finance Company LLC and Talisker Corp. (together, "Talisker"), other than certain modifications to reflect our new offer and the current estimated timing of the transaction. This would include our willingness to provide the same indemnity being provided by Talisker and to put up the same deposit with the same conditions as provided for in the Talisker Agreement. We will be providing a new purchase agreement (the "Vail Agreement") under separate cover, that reflects these minor changes and which we would be prepared to execute once you are free to do so.

We believe this offer represents a very substantial improvement to ASC and its common and preferred stockholders over the Talisker Agreement for the following reasons:

- The Vail Agreement will provide an additional \$10 million in up front cash payment over the Talisker Agreement cash price and the same indemnity protections, albeit from an entity with a significantly higher market capitalization (\$2.1 billion) than the \$100 million representation made by Talisker in the Talisker Agreement.
- The Vail Agreement will also provide significant future upside potential. Estimates of the total future net real estate development profits from the ASCU Rights range from \$2.0 billion to \$2.5 billion through 2020, of which up to \$650 million would be payable as the Deferred Real Estate Purchase Price.
- The Deferred Real Estate Purchase Price provides ASC with the potential to completely pay off its existing preferred stock and offer a material recovery to its common shareholders. We understand that ASC is currently in the process of liquidation. We would be prepared to work with you to either adjust the ASC liquidation plan or alter the terms of the Deferred Real Estate Purchase Price to provide for an efficient mechanism for all ASC stockholders to receive future pay outs.
- The Talisker Agreement is conditioned (as is the Vail Agreement) upon receiving the consent of Wolf Mountain Resorts, LC ("Wolf") pursuant to the terms of the Ground Lease, dated July 3, 1997, by and between Wolf and ASCU (the "Ground Lease"). Pursuant to the terms of the Ground Lease, Wolf is required to provide that consent if the new owner of ASCU has the "financial condition and operating capability and experience reasonably adequate to operate the premises in a manner consistent with other comparably sized ski resorts in the United States." Talisker has never operated a ski resort and Wolf has already manifested its lack of intention to consent to the Talisker Agreement, having filed a complaint in U.S. District Court asking the Court to declare that it would not be unreasonable for Wolf to withhold its consent to the Talisker Agreement and telling the Park City, Utah newspaper, the Park Record, that "Talisker lacks any operating capability to adequately run The Canyons professionally, safely and in a manner consistent with other ski resorts of The Canyons' size". To the contrary in the case of Vail, Mr. Griswold, the principal of Wolf, has indicated his willingness to provide his consent to a transfer of ASCU, if the new purchaser were a world class operator and, more recently, has made comments in the Park Record, indicating that he "chose Vail to operate The Canyons because Talisker lacks experience running ski resorts". Vail is the premier mountain resort operator in the world, with both industry leading operating experience and significant financial where-with-all. As such, we believe a transaction with Vail offers a very high likelihood of obtaining this required consent.
- In addition to our outstanding track record at operating mountain resorts, Vail also has significant real estate development expertise, with some of the most prestigious mountain resort projects anywhere in North America. In addition, maximizing the value of the Canyons real estate will require significant investments in snowmaking, lift access and other mountain infrastructure, which will require the technical expertise and track record of an experienced operator. We believe the ASC stockholders would be very well served with Vail overseeing the future real estate development at the Canyons and they would share in the future upside of our efforts through the Deferred Real Estate Purchase Price.

We are prepared to meet with you immediately to begin working together to bringing this transaction to conclusion for the benefit of ASC and all of its stockholders.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Robert Katz

Robert Katz
Chief Executive Officer
Vail Resorts, Inc.