

Hang Gliding and Paragliding Site Regulations for Crested Butte

1. Pilots must be a guide pilot or be accompanied by a local guide pilot and all pilots must hold advanced rating (H4/P4), or foreign equivalent with current USHPA full membership. At the discretion of the local guide pilot, Rocky Mountain Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association members with intermediate (H3/P3) rating may be permitted to launch.
2. Guide pilots must be approved as a guide pilot by a majority of the local Crested Butte pilots, must hold advanced rating (H4/P4), have 1-year minimum flying experience at Crested Butte, and a minimum of 10 flights from Crested Butte.
3. Adequate helmet is required. A full face helmet is highly recommended.
4. A reserve parachute is required.
5. Two-way radio is required. Radio must be tuned to frequency specified by the guide pilot.
6. Paragliders shall be EN certified gliders, flown within the certified weight range. Speed wings and other paragliders without EN certification are not permitted.
7. Cooperate with CBMR personnel and strictly adhere to CMBR access requirements.
8. Do not block access roads. Set up and preflight your equipment in a place that will leave a wide lane for CBMR vehicles. Yield to hikes, cyclists and other vehicles while driving on CBMR roads. Carpool whenever possible to minimize road usage.
9. An altitude of at least 300' must be maintained above ski lifts.
10. Make sure spectators and launch assistants are a safe distance from the launch area, then shout "Clear" before launching.
11. Pilots must have a current Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search and Rescue (CORSAR) Card in order to cover possible search and rescue costs.
12. Visiting pilots should be well acclimated to our high elevation, supplemental oxygen use is recommended.
13. Commercial tandem flights are not permitted. No commercial use is permitted.
14. All vehicles are required to fill out VR mountain access tags.
15. Flying access begins when Upper Mountain Road access is clear and ends on October 31 of each year. Access to launch outside of those dates is at the discretion of the Mountain Operations Director and shall be communicated to Crested Butte by the club president.

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In addition to the above, for the winter season, the following apply:

16. Local Guide Pilots, or qualified pilots accompanied by a local guide pilot are permitted to fly at Crested Butte Mountain Resort during the winter season. In addition to holding an advance rating (H4/P4), qualified guest pilots will have logged at least 20 flights during the previous season, or 20 hours airtime during the previous 6 months.
17. Launches are allowed only under these optimal conditions:
 - a. Air Temperature of 15 degrees Fahrenheit or greater.
 - b. Wind speed must be less than 30 mph for hang gliders and less than 20 mph for paragliders.
 - c. Wind direction must be between 240 and 330 degrees (WSW to NNW).
 - d. Visibility at least 10 miles.
 - e. Cloud base at 12,500' MSL or above.
18. Gliders shall be transported, set up, and launched so as not to interfere with skier traffic or other CBMR operations.
19. Pilots will notify ski patrol dispatch before each flight.
20. Pilots will radio check with ski patrol before launching and remain in contact during the flight.
21. Pilots must respect the chairlift clearance and minimize passes over the Silver Queen lift.
22. In the event of an inbound helicopter, CBMR ski patrol will contact pilots via radio and pilots must leave the mountain airspace at once.
23. Pilots need to purchase a ski pass to ride the Silver Queen Lift.

I understand that use of the Crested Butte launch and/or individual flying privileges may be immediately revoked for failing to comply with the above regulations.

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USHPA# and Exp. Date



Signature

Petar Dopchev

Name (print)

03/13/2026

Date

CRESTED BUTTE MOUNTAIN RESORT
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HANG GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING ASSOCIATION
HANG GLIDING & PARAGLIDING WARNING, ASSUMPTION of RISK, LIABILITY
RELEASE, INDEMNITY and HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING,
THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS.**

The person who is Hang Gliding / Paragliding at Crested Butte Mountain Resort shall be referred to hereinafter at "PARTICIPANT". "THE UNDERSIGNED" means only the PARTICIPANT when the PARTICIPANT is age 18 or older OR it means both the PARTICIPANT and the PARTICIPANTS parent or legal guardian when the PARTICIPANT is under the age of 18. THE UNDERSIGNED agree and understand that hang gliding / paragliding can be **HAZARDOUS AND INVOLVES THE RISK OF PHYSICAL INJURY OR DEATH.**

THE UNDERSIGNED agree and understand that there are risks associated with strenuous physical exertion and with participating in the ACTIVITY and that falls, **INJURIES AND/OR DEATH** may result from engaging in the ACTIVITY.

In consideration for allowing the PARTICIPANT to participate in the ACTIVITY, THE UNDERSIGNED hereby **ASSUME ALL RISKS** associated with the PARTICIPANTS participation in the ACTIVITY. Additionally, THE UNDERSIGNED **AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS, RELEASE, DEFEND AND INDEMNIFY** Rocky Mountain Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association, US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (USHPA), Crested Butte Mountain Resort (CBMR), its affiliated organizations and companies, and each of their respective insurance carriers, agents, employees, representatives, assignees, officers, directors, and shareholders (each hereinafter a "RELEASED PARTY") **FOR ANY AND ALL LIABILITY** and/or claims for injury or death to persons or damage to property arising from the PARTICIPANTS participation in the ACTIVITY, **including those claims based on any RELEASED PARTIES alleged or actual NEGLIGENCE or BREACH of any express or implied WARRANTY.**

THE UNDERSIGNED take full responsibility for any injury or loss to PARTICIPANT, including death, which PARTICIPANT may suffer, arising in whole or in part out of the ACTIVITY. By signing this release, THE UNDERSIGNED **AGREE NOT TO SUE** any RELEASED PARTY and agree they are **releasing any right to make a claim or file a lawsuit** against any RELEASED PARTY. THE UNDERSIGNED further **AGREE TO DEFEND AND INDEMNIFY** each RELEASED PARTY for any and all claims of THE UNDERSIGNED and/or a THIRD PARTY arising in whole or in part from the PARTICIPANTS participation in the ACTIVITY. THE UNDERSIGNED agrees to pay all costs and attorney's fees incurred by any RELEASED PARTY in defending a claim or suit brought by or on behalf of THE UNDERSIGNED.

THE UNDERSIGNED recognize that helmets are required and PARTICIPANT agrees to wear a helmet at all times while participating in the ACTIVITY. THE UNDERSIGNED understand and agree that a helmet **IS IN NO WAY A GUARANTEE OF SAFETY** and that no helmet can protect the wearer against all foreseeable impacts to the head, and that the ACTIVITY and other related activities can expose the user to forces that exceed the limits of protection provided by this helmet. THE UNDERSIGNED also understands that the helmet does not guard against injury to the neck, spine or any other part of my body, and that these limitations are **INHERENT RISKS** of the ACTIVITY.

THE UNDERSIGNED represents that the PARTICIPANT is in good health and there are no special problems associated with his/her care. THE UNDERSIGNED authorize any RELEASED PARTY and/or their authorized personnel to call for medical care for the PARTICIPANT or to transport the PARTICIPANT to a medical facility or hospital if, in the opinion of such personnel, medical attention is needed, THE UNDERSIGNED agree that upon the PARTICIPANTS transport to any such medical facility or hospital that the RELEASED PARTY shall not have any further responsibility for the PARTICIPANT. Further, THE UNDERSIGNED **agree to pay all costs** associated with such medical care and related transportation provided for the PARTICIPANT and shall **indemnify and hold harmless the RELEASED PARTY from any costs incurred therein, or any claims arising there from,**


In consideration for allowing the PARTICIPANT to participate in the ACTIVITY and for using the ski area facilities, THE UNDERSIGNED agree that **ANY AND ALL CLAIMS** for injury and/or death arising from the PARTICIPANTS participation in the ACTIVITY shall be **GOVERNED BY COLORADO LAW** and **EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION** of any claim shall be in the **DISTRICT COURT** residing **where** the alleged incident **occurred or in the FEDERAL COURT FOR THE STATE OF COLORADO,**

In the case of a minor PARTICIPANT, the undersigned parent or legal guardian acknowledges that he/she is also signing this release on behalf of the minor PARTICIPANT and that the minor PARTICIPANT shall be bound by all the terms of this release. Additionally, **by signing this release as the parent or legal guardian of a minor PARTICIPANT the parent or legal guardian understands that he/she is waiving certain rights on behalf of the minor that the minor otherwise may have.** The undersigned parent or legal guardian agrees that but for the foregoing, the minor PARTICIPANT would not be permitted to participate in the ACTIVITY.

By signing this release without a parent or guardian's signature, the PARTICIPANT represents that he/she is at least 18 years of age, or, if signing as the parent or guardian of the PARTICIPANT, you represent that you are the legal parent or guardian of the minor PARTICIPANT.

This release shall be binding to the fullest extent permitted by law. If any part of this release is deemed to be unenforceable, the remaining terms shall be an enforceable contract between the parties. This release shall be binding upon the assignees, subrogees, distributors, heirs, next of kin, executors, and personal representatives of THE UNDERSIGNED.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING LIABILITY RELEASE, UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS, AND AM AWARE THAT I AM RELEASING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS THAT I OTHERWISE MAY HAVE.

Petar Dopchev Printed name of PARTICIPANT	 _____ Signature of PARTICIPANT	03/13/2026 _____ Date
_____ Printed name of Parent / Legal Guardian #1	_____ Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian #1	_____ Date
_____ Printed name of Parent / Legal Guardian #2	_____ Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian #2	_____ Date
Emergency Contact: <u>John Doe</u> Name / Relation		(<u>600 300-0000</u>) Telephone#

In case of emergency call the county sheriff
CALL 911



COLORADO
Parks and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources

For more information: WWW.IHelpSearch.org

**Subject is responsible for all medical expenses including
vehicular and air ambulance service.**

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Signature: _____

Name: PETAR A DOPGHEV
Address: PO Box 1038
City/State/Zip: Crested Butte, CO 81224-1038
Date of Birth: 4/22/1984
Card #: 3301825890
Purchased: 7/17/2024
Expires: 7/17/2029



5 Year CORSAR Card
COLORADO BACKCOUNTRY SEARCH
AND RESCUE FUND

PETAR DOPCHEV

Member Number: 99153
Member Since 2017

EXPIRATION: 2026-07-31



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