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Nordic Mountain will be first U.S. ski resort to install a System 2.0 cable wakeboarding park

Mt. Morris, WI – Nordic Mountain, a ski resort in Central Wisconsin, has recently announced its plans to install a wakeboard cable system scheduled to open in June of 2009. The cable system, a Sesitec System 2.0, will be the first of its kind set up in the Midwest, and only the seventh installed nationwide.

Cable parks have been popular in southern states such as Florida and Texas for years. Instead of being pulled by a boat, cable systems pull the rider using a system of overhead cables, which are connected to a tow handle that comes down to the water. Unlike a traditional cable system that goes in a circle around a lake, the System 2.0 is an innovative straight line cable with two towers. When the rider gets to either end of the System 2.0, he or she edges out as far as possible. As the rider's momentum slows, the cable switches direction as the rider makes a half circle to seamlessly pull him or her back the opposite direction.

Nordic Mountain's System 2.0 will be installed on their private, 1.5 acre snowmaking lake. The towers will be positioned roughly 400 feet apart. Powered by a 7.5 horsepower electric motor, the system is both quiet and environmentally friendly.

Nordic Mountain's Wake Park will include floating features similar to those found in a snow terrain park. Normally not available to wakeboarders in the Midwest, these features will provide a unique challenge for intermediate and advanced riders. System 2.0 also allows riders to do aerial tricks by tensioning the cable system, also known as "loading the line."

Not limited to advanced riders, the System 2.0 has proven itself as a great way to learn the sport. The upward pull of the cable makes learning a breeze and minimizes impact from falling. For those that don't have their own equipment, helmet, vest, and board rentals will be available in various sizes to fit most anyone's needs.

The System 2.0 made its U.S. debut at Surf Expo 2008 at the Red Bull Wake Lab in Orlando, Florida. Since that time it has created a buzz throughout the wakeboarding community, and professional riders have praised the System 2.0 for its smooth, consistent pull. Industry experts expect the innovation to change the sport, mostly by making it more accessible to people.

One thing is certain: this exciting new System 2.0 will make wakeboarding more accessible and more thrilling for riders in the Midwest this summer. More information on the Nordic Mountain Wake Park can be found on their website at www.nordicmountain.com.