

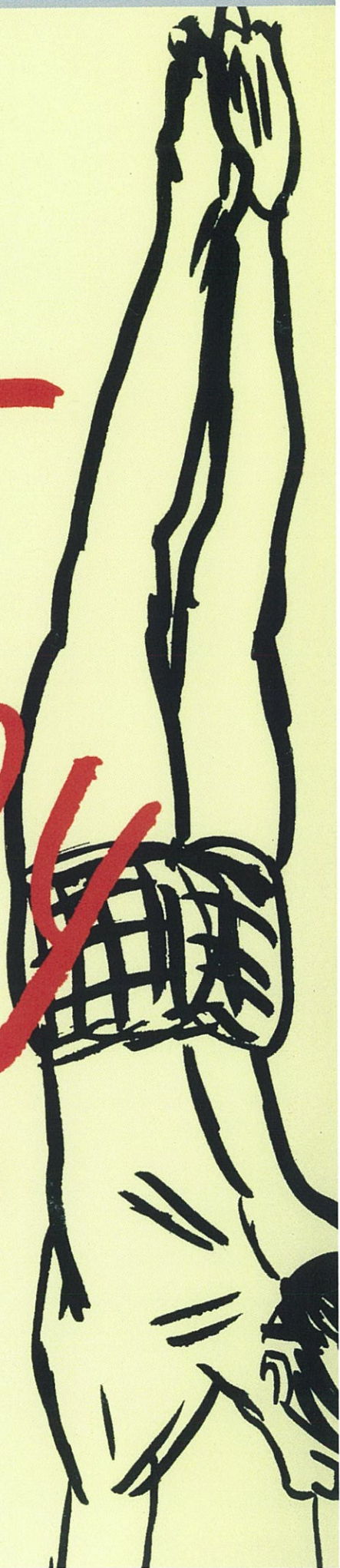
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SNOWCATTING IN GRAND TARGHEE

The snowcat is a nine-foot-tall monster truck developed in the forties, once used to cross the Antarctic. Practically invulnerable to all weather conditions, it is an alternative-transport hit among the "I'd rather be heli-skiing" crowd. This because the very storms that create perfect powder are the same ones that keep copters grounded. At Grand Targhee in Wyoming, 50 minutes from Jackson Hole, the resort outfits its two trucks with custom-made canopies—here, 'cat skiing is particularly popular. Of the 1,500 acres of untouched snow, 500 are accessible by chairlift while the rest are solely for 'cat skiers. Each snowcat carries 12 people to the 9,827-foot top of Peaked Mountain as many times as a ski day permits. "Some people get so excited about the trucks," says Shannon Walsh, Grand Targhee's lead snowcat guide, "they follow me to Argentina's Las Lenas resort to check out the snowcat skiing there in August and September." —B.C.

