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Shepherd Mountain Ski Resort Closes

Ironton's Shepherd Mountain Ski Resort is no more.

The operator of the financially troubled recreation facility announced Tuesday, Jan. 22 to the Mountain Echo that she is calling a halt to her efforts to reopen the resort for a second season, adding that she is now actively seeking another community in which to develop a similar attraction.

Mrs. Grace Smith Pennington, president of the Arcadia Valley Ski Corp., cited failure of one project—construction of a privately financed state correctional facility on the site of the Pilot Knob Pellet Co.—as the reason for the ski resort's defeat. She had hoped to fund development of the Shepherd Mountain resort with proceeds from the prison project, she said, and was unable to secure alternative financing locally.

She expressed confidence to the Mountain Echo that her ski corporation would have another resort in operation next season. Cities which have shown more than a passing interest, she said, include Arnold, Bonne Terre, Piedmont, Kansas City, Poplar Bluff and Cape Girardeau.

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