

Going up

Skimobiles have found a new use at Ski Tonka in Mound, Minnesota. They're appearing in the guise of a Sitz lift. Touted to combine the ease of operation of a rope tow with the rider comfort of a chairlift, the Sitz consists of seats that travel uphill at 10-foot intervals on a steel track which has artificial ski surfaces on either side. Like the skimobile, it can run where there's no snow.