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## **ALMOST 90% OF U.S. OLYMPIC MOGULS TEAM PRODUCED BY COLORADO'S ROCKY MOUNTAIN FREESTYLE PIPELINE**

**SUMMIT COUNTY, CO** — Following today's official nomination of the 2026 U.S. Olympic Team by U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Rocky Mountain Freestyle (RMF) is proud to announce that seven of the eight mogul skiers heading to the Milano Cortina Games, **almost 90% of the entire squad**, are alumni of the RMF divisional circuit.

The roster confirms Colorado's status as the global epicenter of freestyle skiing. From the world-class resorts of Steamboat Springs and Vail to the legendary moguls of Telluride, the RMF pipeline has produced nearly every American athlete selected for the 2026 Games.

"Today's announcement is a historic milestone for our division," said David Dreitlein, Chairman of Rocky Mountain Freestyle. "Having almost 90% of the U.S. Olympic Moguls team come through our regional program is an incredible achievement. It proves that the competitive framework we provide as part of the Rocky Mountain Division (RMD) is the most effective ladder to the Olympic podium in the world."

RMF operates as a critical part of the **Rocky Mountain Division (RMD)** of U.S. Ski & Snowboard. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, RMF provides the essential "stepping-stone" between local club programs and the U.S. Ski Team. The organization relies on community investment and fundraising to maintain elite-level competition infrastructure, specialized snowmaking, and high-quality live-streaming technology required to develop athletes of this caliber.

### **The RMF-Produced Olympic Representatives:**

- **Jaelin Kauf** (Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club)
- **Elizabeth Lemley** (Ski & Snowboard Club Vail)
- **Tess Johnson** (Ski & Snowboard Club Vail)
- **Olivia Giaccio** (Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club)
- **Landon Wendler** (Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club)
- **Dylan Walczyk** (Ski & Snowboard Club Vail)
- **Charlie Mickel** (Durango Winter Sports Club)

As the 2026 Games approach, RMF is inviting the Colorado community to support the next generation of Olympic talent through our **Colorado Gives** campaign. Every donation directly funds the events, timing gear, and safety equipment that keep Colorado athletes at the top of the world rankings.

**Support the Pipeline via Colorado Gives:**

<https://www.coloradogives.org/organization/Rockymountainfreestyle>

**About Rocky Mountain Freestyle (RMF):**

Rocky Mountain Freestyle is the freestyle-specific arm of the Rocky Mountain Division (RMD) of U.S. Ski & Snowboard. We are dedicated to the development of mogul and aerial skiers through a robust regional competition circuit covering Colorado and Wyoming.

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