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# $4,000 Fire at Big Bearskin Ski Hill Motor Room

Fire, believed to have started from an overheated stove, destroyed the motor room at the Big Bearskin lake ski hill Sunday morning. Frank Erlitz, owner and manager of the sports activity, estimated the damage at more than $4,000. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

Erlitz said he built a fire in a heater in the frame building about 11 a.m. Sunday, the day of Big Bearskin's grand opening for the season. When he returned to the site two hours later, the building was leveled.

The fire destroyed 14 toboggans, an extra tow-rope, water hose, the ski-tow motor and other equipment, the owner reported.

Erlitz said Wednesday that work has already started on a rebuilding project at the hill. He said that all new toboggans will be built and that when the hill reopens next year, there will be all electric motors on the tow. He said, too, that this will give him a chance to make even more improvements in the hill before next year.

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