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SOUTHERN EXPOSURE

Closer to the casinos of Las Vegas than the Salt Lake Tabernacle, the Brian Head resort in southern Utah is still blessed with the state's greatest natural resource. Despite its southern location, just 200 miles from the Vegas strip, the resort receives 400



inches of snow annually due mostly to its elevation, which spans from 9,600 feet at its base to 11,307 feet at its summit.

Development at America's highest little resort town had been at a standstill since the 1980s, but a flurry of new construction led by Las Vegas-based companies is about to begin. **The Lofts at Brian Head**, a collection of 72 contemporary residences (priced from \$500,000), boast 20-foot ceilings and glass walls with views of the mountain. Also in the works is the **Summit at Brian Head** (below), a project that expects to put the town on the radar of second home owners from Las Vegas and beyond. As the town's first all-season luxury resort complex, the 42-acre master-planned community will feature 420 condominiums and 34 townhomes (both priced from \$200,000 to \$1 million) as well as a clubhouse. A golf course, additional lifts, a ski village and more

residential units, all backed by the Brian Head Resort company, are also in the plans.

In Beaver, another southern Utah resort is getting a makeover. Pending permit approval, the former Elk Meadows ski resort is scheduled to become a gated community with private skiing and golf facilities, fashioned after the Yellowstone Club in Big Sky, Mont. In the works for the **Mt. Holly Club** (left) is a Jack Nicklaus signature course, clubhouses and a 200,000-square-foot village with shopping, dining and spa. Residences range from 1.5- to 10-acre estate lots (priced from \$1.5 million), 2,700- to 5,000-square-foot mountain homes (priced from \$2.3 million) and 1,500- to 3,000-square-foot condominiums (priced from \$1.5 million). Membership, which requires a \$250,000 fee, will be limited to 1,200.

Further south where the mountains give way to desert, dramatic topography paired with views of Lake Powell will serve as the backdrop for the new **Amangiri**, an Aman Resorts-managed destination that is in the works. In addition to a 40-room hotel and a 12,000-square-foot spa, the project plans to include 28 villas measuring 6,000 square feet each (priced from \$4.5 million to \$6.5 million). Recreation at Amangiri will include trips on the resort's houseboat and hiking, but the primary focus will be on enjoying the serenity of the location—a 1,900-acre oasis surrounded by steep red rock canyons and glimmering water.

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