

POOL REPORT

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

DECEMBER 19, 1976

About two thousand residents and visitors to Vail met the President and Mrs. Ford at 4:45 p.m. this afternoon. Mayor John Dobson addressed the crowd and welcomed Mr. Ford and the First Lady. The President then thanked everyone, and stated that between him and the Ute Indians he was confident that the snow would come to Vail and the rest of Colorado.

He went on to say that this was the ninth Christmas in Vail and that he planned to spend more here. Ford said "there isn't a place in the world he would rather come than Vail, Colorado. Mayor Dobson then invited the President to flip the switch to light the town of Vail Christmas tree. Ford said he rejected a suggestion from a staff member that his family vacation in a place where he could play golf. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ford were dressed warmly with the temperature a chilly 18°. The First Family is expected to stay here in Vail for two weeks.

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