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**SUN MOUNTAIN LODGE WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE CHEF**

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Sun Mountain Lodge, the AAA Four Diamond Award winning resort near Winthrop, Washington in the beautiful Methow Valley is thrilled to welcome new Executive Chef J. Russell Bradshaw.

Starting as a line cook at age 13 in his hometown of Stratford, Connecticut, Chef Russell realized his career path would be in the culinary arts. He graduated in the top ten percent of his class at the Culinary Institute of America. His experience includes working for John Novi (“The Father of New American Cooking”) at the five-star Deputy Canal House in High Falls, New York; Dick and Ella Brennan (Commander’s Palace, Mr. B’s) in New Orleans and the five-star/five-diamond New Orleans Hilton Riverside and Towers. He then spent six years in various culinary positions with the Hyatt Hotel Corporation.

Chef Bradshaw has recently served as Executive Chef at the four-star/four diamond Resort at Longboat Key in Sarasota, Florida. Consistently rated as one of the top 25 resorts in North America by Conde Nast Magazine, Longboat Key is nationally renown for its food and beverage program.

The Chef is a member of the James Beard Foundation and is a certified Executive Chef with the American Culinary Federation. One of his passions is training new, young chefs and he looks forward to utilizing his varied experiences in teaching the culinary team at Sun Mountain Lodge. He will continue to build upon and strengthen Sun Mountain Lodge’s current culinary apprenticeship program. “We will be aggressive in our commitment to the apprentice and train them in the areas they’ll need to be successful in the culinary world”, he says.

His travels around the country have exposed him to many different cultures and flavors, from southwestern fare in New Mexico to ethnic restaurants from New York to San Francisco, and is excited to incorporate these influences into his new menus at Sun Mountain Lodge.

Chef Bradshaw is married with twin sons, and enjoys gardening, home improvement, and building museum-quality scale model ships.

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