# Recommendations for Big Mountain

# Purpose

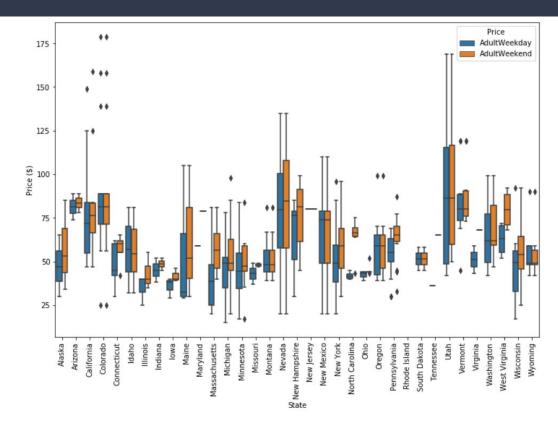
- Long-standing suspicion Big Mountain is not maximizing profits, relative to its position in market
- Previous strategy: charge a premium above the average price of resorts
- What facilities matters more to visitors, so that they will be willing to pay more?
- Need a new predictive pricing model for ski resort tickets in our market segment, based on data
- Aid in future facility investment plans too!



### Overview of State Prices

This graph gives an overall views of how the average weekday and weekend prices vary for each state. In Montana, there is little variability.

Other visualization also shows that weekend prices being higher than weekday prices seem restricted to sub \$100 resorts.



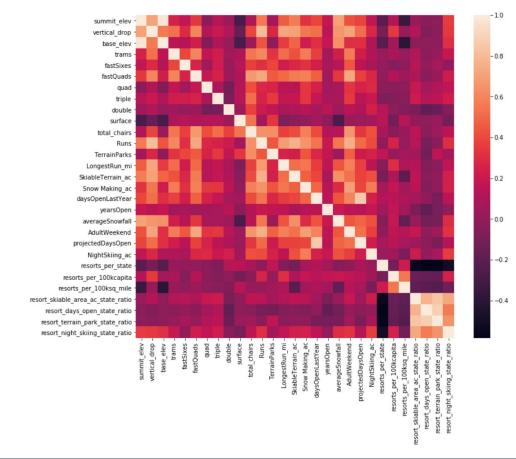
### Recommendations

Out of the four shortlisted scenarios, the model predicted the Big Mountain Resort should add a run, which

would increase the vertical drop by 150 ft, and install an additional chair lift to bring skiers back up.

The increases support for a ticket price hike by \$8.46.

Over the season, this would bring in \$14,811,594



Initial EDA showed these correlations for AdultWeekend price with:

- > FastQuads
- > Runs
- ➤ Snow making\_ac
- > Vertical drop
- > Resort night skiing state ratio
- > Total chairs

#### Other takeaways:

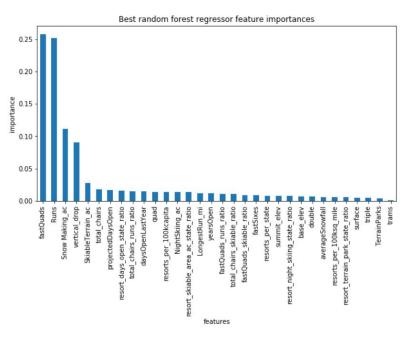
- ➤ Visitors seem to value more guaranteed snow
- More night skiing provided in more densely populated areas

## Models

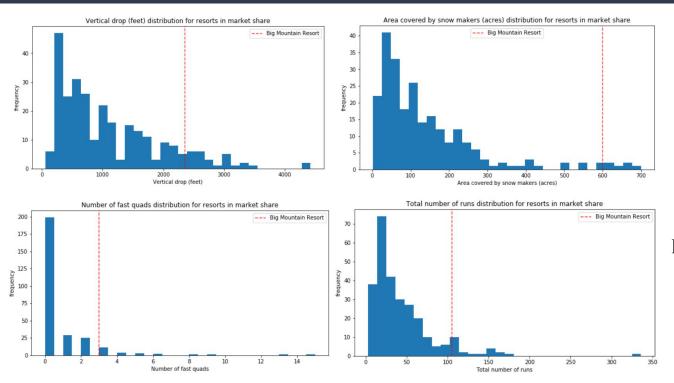
### Linear Regression

vertical_drop	10.767857
Snow Making_ac	6.290074
total_chairs	5.794156
fastQuads	5.745626
Runs	5.370555
LongestRun_mi	0.181814
trams	-4.142024
SkiableTerrain_ac	-5.249780

#### Random Forest



# How Big Mountain Compares



For all these features, BM is on the higher end of the distribution
Great sign that BM is underselling the ticket price and can increase it to generate more revenue!

## Conclusion

The data that visitors care a significant amount fastQuads, Vertical Drop, Runs, Chairlifts and guaranteed snow that they are willing to pay more.

Revenue will increase ~15 million if BM increases the vertical drop by 150 ft, making more runs and adding another chair lift by raising the ticket price by \$8.46.