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AVERILL HOSPITALITY UNVEILS PLANS TO REMODEL, RENAME, AND REBRAND THE PINE LODGE AS WHITEFISH RIVERFRONT HOTEL

With phase one of renovations already underway and scheduled for completion in June, Averill Hospitality is adding thoughtful upgrades while preserving the heart of a highly regarded guest experience.

(WHITEFISH, Mont.) — Whitefish-based, family-owned Averill Hospitality, whose portfolio already includes two of Whitefish's most celebrated properties — The Lodge at Whitefish Lake and The Firebrand Hotel — has announced plans to remodel, rename, and rebrand The Pine Lodge as Whitefish Riverfront Hotel.

Phase one of renovations is already underway at the property, which Averill Hospitality acquired in October 2024. These upgrades are expected to be completed in June, ahead of the busy summer travel season.

As the new name implies, Whitefish Riverfront Hotel boasts an ideal location along the Whitefish River, just blocks from downtown and conveniently located for accessing Glacier National Park, Whitefish Lake, and Whitefish Mountain Resort. Bringing together modern comfort and the authentic charm of the Montana mountain lifestyle, Whitefish Riverfront Hotel is guided by the vision of affordable luxury. The rebranded hotel will still offer guests that deep connection to Whitefish's natural beauty, culture, and welcoming spirit with an elevated twist.

"The heart and spirit of the property will remain at the core, with thoughtful, modern upgrades and new amenities that enhance the sense of community and place our guests have come to love," says Brian Averill, President of Averill Hospitality. "The first phase of improvements began in March and is on track for completion by mid-June. Phase two will commence this fall. It's an exciting time, and we look forward to welcoming guests to a refreshed and elevated experience at this popular property."

Working in collaboration with award-winning Colorado-based <u>OZ Architecture</u> – whose notable projects include the Telluride Four Seasons, Grand Hyatt Deer Valley, and The

Stockman Hotel in Steamboat Springs – the transformation touches nearly every aspect of the guest experience while maintaining the warm, approachable personality that has defined The Pine Lodge for years.

Among the notable changes guests can expect to enjoy at Whitefish Riverfront Hotel include:

- Lobby Expansion & Modernization: The hotel lobby has been completely reimagined as a vibrant social hub, with a newly added wine and beer bar, expanded space, on-the-go food and beverage offerings, and retail.
- Exterior Facelift & Signage: A refreshed arrival experience, including exterior, porte cochère, and improved signage, will enhance the guest experience and ensure a seamless arrival process.
- Upgraded Game Room: Families and friends can gather in a refreshed space featuring fun for all ages, including a pool table, video games, and a side room for small group seating.
- Hallway Refresh: The freshly painted hallways offer a cleaner, more modern aesthetic.
- **Fitness Center Expansion:** A larger, better-equipped fitness center allows guests to stay active even on rest days with added cardio, plyometric equipment, weights, televisions, and expanded space.
- **Breakfast Experience:** The lobby expansion will allow us to offer guests improved seating along with hot breakfast options as part of the lodging experience.
- **Gear Room:** Fully equipped to support enthusiasts of Whitefish's year-round outdoor recreation with gear for a variety of adventures.

While new enhancements are being introduced, the property continues to offer its signature amenities, including convenient ski storage and ski shuttle service to Whitefish Mountain Resort. Summer brings even more ways to explore, with complimentary town bikes, kayaks, and paddleboards for guests as well as e-bikes available for rent.

Whether guests are visiting Whitefish for the slopes, trails, or town charm, Whitefish Riverfront Hotel will be ready to welcome them—with more comfort, style, and soul than ever before.

For more information, visit www.thepinelodge.com or follow @visitpinelodge for real-time updates.

About Averill Hospitality

Averill Hospitality is a family-owned hospitality company based in Whitefish, Montana,

dedicated to delivering exceptional service and unforgettable experiences in some of the area's most picturesque locations. With a commitment to quality and support for local communities, Averill Hospitality operates several properties that cater to travelers seeking elevated experiences and memorable stays, including The Lodge at Whitefish Lake and The Firebrand in Whitefish, Montana, the Edgewater Doubletree by Hilton in Missoula, Montana, and the Best Western Edgewater Resort in Sandpoint, Idaho.