

5 U.S. men in top 30 at Beaver Creek

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BEAVER CREEK -- Five-time Olympic medalist Bode Miller (Franconia, N.H.) rallied into 13th place despite continuous snow and sub-zero temperatures in the Audi Birds of Prey World Cup opening.

Miller, who is back on the World Cup tour after taking a year off to heal his knee, moved up in the results again this week to show continual progress as he guns for a historic fifth Olympics.

Norway's Aksel Lund Svindal claimed his second downhill win in Beaver Creek.

The downhill course combined the upper part of Raptor, the 2015 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships women's speed track, and the bottom part of the traditional Audi Birds of Prey men's course.

The U.S. Ski Team pulled out five top-30 results, including Travis Ganong (Squaw Valley) finishing on the heels of Miller in 15th. Teammates Steven Nyman (Sundance, Utah), Marco Sullivan (Squaw Valley) and Erik Fisher (Middleton, Idaho) went 21, 28 and 29.