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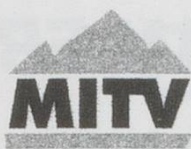
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BLM FUNICULAR - END OF AN ERA



The Bergbahn Lauterbrunnen Mürren (BLM) funicular from Lauterbrunnen to Grütschalp, part of the link to Mürren, will close on May 1st 2006. Over time, ground water movement has caused the track to move considerably, and it is no longer viable to maintain it. The track alignment has been affected over a period of many years, not just as a result of last summer's storms. The funicular will be replaced by one double-deck cable car, the lower deck's function being to handle the considerable freight for Mürren. It is planned that the current freight facilities at Grütschalp and

the tramway from there to Mürren will be kept. It is hoped that the cable car will open in December 2006 ready for the winter season.

This summer extra buses will operate from Lauterbrunnen, to connect with the existing cable car via Gimmelwald, to Mürren and services from Mürren to Grütschalp will be reduced. Built in 1891 with coaches dating from 1958, closure will mark the end of an era.

Photo: Taken on a rainy 7th August 2005, through the coach window, the photo shows how the once symmetrical passing loop works and how unsymmetrical it has become!

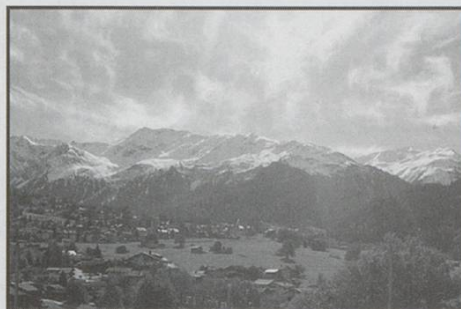
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The Chalet



View from the balcony

- Chalet Rhaetia is a unique luxury self-contained wooden chalet in Klosters Dorf, Graubunden, just 5 minutes' walk from the RhB station. It is owned by a member of the SRS. The Landquart-Klosters Rhb line passes within 100 metres of the terrace. It's pure bliss to watch a minimum of 4 trains per hours pass by whilst enjoying a drink on the terrace. Trains can be tracked for at least 20 minutes as they spiral upwards towards Davos across the meadow. Access to the Albula line, the Engadine Valley and the Bernina line are all just a few minutes away.
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- Visit the Chalet Rhaetia website, prices off season start from as little as £250 per week for the whole chalet. [www.klosterschaleet](http://www.klosterschaleet.com)

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