

Bear Valley expands terrain for skiers

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Skiers and snowboarders will have more room to roam when they visit Bear Valley Ski Area this year.

Bear Valley has announced that it is opening the 2010-11 ski and snowboard season with 400 acres of new terrain. The new acreage is on the sunny southern slope of the main ski area, accessible via the Kuma and Koala chairs. It features intermediate and advanced terrain, said Rosie Sundell, senior director of marketing at Bear Valley.

Sundell said the new section makes Bear Valley the seventh-largest ski resort in the state, with more than 1,680 acres of ski terrain, surpassing Sugar Bowl near Lake Tahoe.

Skiers and riders who take advantage of the new area at Bear Valley will have an opportunity to ride and slide through challenging grades and chutes, Sundell said. Once at the bottom, a shuttle will drive them back to the chairlift at base lodge for another run.

Bear Valley is the only California winter sports resort to expand its ski terrain this season.

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