

# Sierra ski resorts continue effort to be green

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Sierra ski resorts are continuing a greening trend, according to an environmental report card prepared by conservationists.

The Ski Area Citizens Coalition released its annual evaluation of western ski resorts Tuesday, concluding they are showing an improved environmental performance for the fourth year in a row.

Squaw Valley USA and Alpine Meadows placed No. 1 and No. 3 in the rating of 82 resorts, while no Sierra resorts made the list of the worst 10 for their treatment of the environment.

“For the Sierra, with a lot to lose from climate change shrinking our snowpack, improving environmental stewardship is a good thing,” said Richard McIntyre, campaigns director for the Sierra Nevada Alliance, a coalition member group.

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## Environmental scorecard

1. Squaw Valley USA: A.
2. Alpine Meadows: A.
3. Sugar Bowl: A.
4. Boreal: A.
5. Kirkwood Mountain: B.
6. Homewood Mountain: B.
7. Sierra-at-Tahoe: B.
8. Mt. Rose-Ski Tahoe: B.
9. Northstar-at-Tahoe: C.
10. Heavenly Mountain: C.

Source: *Ski Area Citizens Coalition*