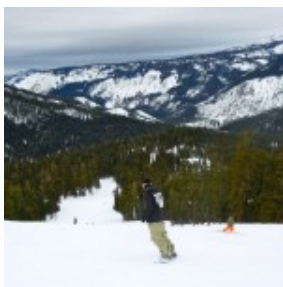


Storm expected to bring at least half foot of snow to Tahoe

By Kathryn Reed

The rain and drizzle that have soaked much of the Lake Tahoe Basin for the past few days is expected to turn to snow today.

This will be welcome news for ski resorts that have endured rain and snow in the latest system.



Plenty of room
on Upper
Powderhorn at
Sierra on Dec.
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Although the texture of the snow at Sierra-at-Tahoe on Saturday pointed to rain having fallen on the white stuff, the groomers did a great job.

A few bare spots are starting to show, but for the most part the coverage remains good. People could be heard whopping it up in the trees, though most people stayed on the runs where it is safer this time of year.



Snowboarders hike a bit to catch a jump under the Grandview chair.

"A low pressure system developing off the coast of California will impact the Sierra and Western Nevada late Sunday into Monday morning. The low will move inland bringing snow to the Sierra, with mainly rain in the western Nevada valleys," according to the National Weather Service in Reno.

Forecasters are calling for snow levels to start about 7,000 feet before falling to 5,000 feet by Monday morning. Accumulation projections are 8 to 14 inches above 7,000 feet and 4 to 8 inches in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Tuesday's forecast is for mostly sun, with snow returning that night and continuing into Wednesday.

Daytime highs will be in the upper 30s to low 40s, with overnight lows in the upper 20s.