

Chairlift cable dislodges at Heavenly

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No one was injured this week when the Mott Canyon chairlift at Heavenly Ski Resort derailed. Fourteen people were evacuated by rope and the lift remains offline.

“At approximately 1pm on Jan. 4, a male snowboarder at Heavenly Mountain Resort slid through the entrance gate at Mott chairlift, hitting an outgoing chair and causing it to derail. The lift system worked as designed, automatically stopping the lift and preventing any further derailment,” according to resort spokesman Russ Pecoraro.

Ski patrol used ropes to bring the 14 to solid ground on the Nevada side of the bi-state resort.

“The lift has received a post-incident inspection and is scheduled to operate pending U.S. Forest Service approval,” Pecoraro told *Lake Tahoe News*. The resort resumed operations Thursday.

The incident did not affect other lift operations.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*