Ski readers: Heavenly best Lake Tahoe resort

Now in it's 24th year, Ski magazine's reader survey offers a glimpse into what people have to say about resorts in North America and provide a bit of insider info about why it's time to get out the wax.

The survey is divided between the West and East. No California (or Nevada) resort made it in the top 10. Deer Valley came in at No. 1. Heavenly did the best overall for Tahoe resorts at No. 13. Readers consider the proximity to the Stateline casinos a plus and a minus.



Heavenly is ranked the highest of any Tahoe resort in Ski magazine.

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The magazine's editors, though, say keep an eye on Squaw Valley with all of the planned upgrades.

Mammoth Mountain was in the top 20 at No. 17.

No Tahoe area resort made it in the top 10 for snow, value, service, weather, on-mountain food, lodging, dining, character or overall satisfaction.

For grooming, Mammoth is No. 6, Northstar No. 7 and Heavenly No. 8.

Terrain variety: Mammoth No. 4, Squaw Valley No. 7

Terrain challenge: Squaw No. 3.

Lifts: Mammoth No. 7.

Access: Sugar Bowl No. 10.

Après/nightlife: Heavenly No. 5

Off-hill activities: Heavenly No. 2.

Family programs: Northstar No. 10.

Scenery: Heavenly No. 3, Homewood No. 5

Terrain parks: Mammoth No. 1, Northstar No. 2

Digital programs: Heavenly No. 9, Mammoth No. 10.

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