

Cyclists train for race despite threat of snow



Cyclists on May 5 get acclimated to Lake Tahoe in preparation for the May 8-9 races. Photo/LTN

Some of the 84 racers who will compete in the Amgen Tour of California Women's Race this week in South Lake Tahoe have been training on local roads.

The 14 teams of top professional women cyclists are set to race Friday and Saturday, with the start and finish at the California Lodge of Heavenly Mountain Resort.

The problem is Mother Nature may have something to say about it.

Like 2011 when the men were set to race from the South Shore, snow is in the forecast. The white stuff ended up canceling the South Shore leg.

Carol Chaplin, executive director of the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority, told *Lake Tahoe News* there are contingency plans in place for Friday if the forecast for snow and rain come true. It's possible the start could be moved to the afternoon.

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