

Resorts closed, travel in Tahoe dangerous



A Heavenly ski patroller digs out the protective pad Jan. 21 from a lift tower. Photo/Heavenly Mountain Resort

There is such thing as too much snow.

“Due to these blizzard conditions we will not be opening Alpine Meadows and only very limited terrain will be available at Squaw Valley,” these two resorts said early Jan. 22.

Sierra-at-Tahoe and Sugar Bowl are also closed for today. Homewood has limited offerings.

Check with the ski resort before going there to make sure it is open and has the amount of terrain open to your liking.

Sierra Avalanche Center says, "High avalanche conditions exist at all elevations."

Placer County Office of Emergency Services has deemed certain streets in Alpine Meadows at risk of high avalanche danger. In the storms earlier this month a dozen homes in that area were struck by avalanches, but with no injuries or serious damage reported.

More than 150 NV Energy customers at the lake are still without power. The transformer problem is expected to be fixed Sunday morning.

Liberty Utilities had 52 customers without power in the Tahoe Keys of South Lake Tahoe on Saturday, with that problem being fixed.

Roads are expected to be difficult to travel on throughout Sunday-Monday; this includes highways and streets in residential areas. For highway road conditions, click on the the state icons on the home page of *Lake Tahoe News*.

Most agencies, including the National Weather Service in Reno, are saying to not travel at all today in the Sierra.

A winter storm warning for the Tahoe basin and Truckee remains in effect through 4am Monday. Several more feet of snow are expected on top of the multiple feet already on the ground. Wind is also going to be a factor.

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