

Storm shuts down buses, schools in Tahoe

Crystal Bay-Third Creek area residents have been told to shelter in place.

North Lake Tahoe Fire District at 4:30pm Jan. 22 issued this statement, "With the forecasted snow depth over the next 24 hours, we are raising the avalanche danger to high for the Crystal Bay/Third Creek area to match the Sierra Avalanche Center advisory of 'high' in the backcountry."

The department will work with people who are not comfortable remaining in their home. Call 775.831.0351, ext. 0.

Looking at the forecast and the fact that South Lake Tahoe snow removal crews are not hitting all the streets where buses go, Lake Tahoe Unified School District has already canceled classes for Jan. 23.

Roads are so bad that the public bus service on the South Shore has also temporarily suspended service. This includes ski shuttles, demand response services, express and local routes. Conditions will dictate if BlueGo is running on Monday.

Heavenly Mountain Resort closed early Sunday because high winds.

"Today we were unable to open Alpine Meadows due to blizzard conditions and Squaw Valley opened with very limited terrain. Because we've had little access to the mountain, it's going to take us some time to dig out our lifts and complete snow safety (Monday) morning, so expect delayed opening times for our scheduled lifts," the resorts said in a statement.

Squaw, like many resorts, has received 5 feet of snow since

Thursday.

A winter storm warning remains in effect until 4am Monday. The Tahoe basin is also under an avalanche warning.

Significant shoveling may be required when people in the Tahoe-Truckee area wake up Monday morning.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report