Squaw may stay open throughout the summer

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Did you hear? It snowed a lot in the Sierra Nevada this winter. Unless you spent the cold months avoiding the news (we wouldn't blame you), then you already know it's a record-breaking season.

Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows, sister ski resorts, have tallied nearly 60 feet of snow this winter. At a slightly higher elevation, Sugar Bowl at Donner Summit hit 751 inches — 63 feet! — this month. Last week alone, Squaw reported three feet of snow.

"I'm actually considering staying open through the summer and fall so it becomes the 16-17-18 season," CEO Andy Wirth said. "We're taking a hard look at that. Maybe we spin Shirley [a back-side chair lift] through the summer. There's so much snow up there."

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