

No snow in forecast for Tahoe's holiday ski season

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On Sunday morning at Tahoe, there wasn't a cloud in the sky. The long-range outlook, though not always reliable, showed no storms into early January.

There's hardly a soul there who isn't concerned about the lack of snow in the forecast across the Sierra, Cascade and Shasta-Siskiyou ranges. The Christmas and New Year's holidays, popular times for skiing, snowboarding and other winter sports, are a couple of weeks away.

In the greater Tahoe region, it snowed enough in late November, and was cushioned by snowmaking on recent cold nights, that 10 of 13 ski areas were open in some capacity this past weekend: Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows, Northstar, Heavenly, Kirkwood, Mount Rose, Sierra-at-Tahoe, Sugar Bowl, Boreal, Tahoe Donner and Soda Springs.

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