

# Sugar Bowl set to overhaul snowmaking system

When skiers and snowboarders visit Sugar Bowl Resort next season they will be sliding on more snow, produced in less time, and using less energy than ever before.

This summer the first \$3 million of an \$8 million snowmaking system upgrade and expansion will be invested to produce more snow to cover trails, race venues and terrain parks faster when temperatures drop.

Because of a 50 percent increase in water pumping capacity and the latest snow gun technology, the time it takes to cover Sugar Bowl's snowmaking terrain will be reduced by two-thirds. With the addition of more than 150 low energy-use snow guns, Sugar Bowl will significantly reduce its need for high-pressure compressed air. Less compressed air equals elimination of diesel-powered air compressors and a significant reduction in CO2 gas emissions.

The resort is seeking regulatory approvals for snowmaking to be added to advanced terrain on Mt. Disney, including East Face, Disney Traverse, Montgomery, and Upper and Lower McTavish trails.