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## **Tahoe Donner Cross Country Ski Area Opens for the Winter Season**

**Truckee, Calif.** (Nov. 25, 2015) – With the new snow, Tahoe Donner Cross Country Ski Area will open for the winter season tomorrow, Nov. 26, on Thanksgiving Day. This is the earliest opening in recent years.

“We are thrilled opening day is here, and sooner than expected,” said Sally Jones, Tahoe Donner Cross Country Ski Area manager. “Now folks can get in early morning skiing starting at 8:30 a.m. on freshly groomed trails before enjoying their turkey dinner.”

Initial operations will include 20 kilometers of terrain with plans to open more terrain as conditions permit. Beginner terrain open includes the Home Range trails: Northfork, Pony Express, Lion’s Leap, Meadow Loop and Night Hawk. Intermediate trails to open include Home Range trails: Sundance, Boothill, Big Dipper and Rough Rider Loop. Euer Valley trails from north to south will also be open, excluding Coyote Hut bridge.

Additionally, new to cross country this year are fat bike rentals. A fat bike is a bicycle with oversized tires designed for riding on snow and on soft surfaces. Starting tomorrow, riders may explore 1 kilometer of terrain. Riders will need to purchase a day or season pass and are required to stay on the designated trails to minimize impact to skiing terrain. Fat bike rentals are \$16 per hour. Bikes will only be permitted on the trails when conditions allow.

Beyond the trails, visitors will also enjoy the grand Alder Creek Adventure Center, a state-of-the-art facility offering streamlined services with an eco-friendly design. Ski enthusiasts will be treated to luxury with new rental racking systems, expanded wax rooms, ski tuning services and upgraded locker rooms. Visitors will also enjoy spacious seating, large windows overlooking Hawks Peak, a grand fireplace and the Alder Creek Cafe, complete with a bar and televisions. The new retail shop even has one of the largest selections of Nordic attire and accessories available in the Truckee/Lake Tahoe region. Guests are encouraged to return to the Alder Creek Adventure Center on Nov. 27 to take part in the

official grand opening celebration with complimentary appetizers, a no-host bar, live music and family entertainment from 5 – 7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

To learn more about Tahoe Donner Cross Country Ski Area, including season passes, ski programs and special events, visit [www.tahoedonner.com/cross-country](http://www.tahoedonner.com/cross-country) or call 530-587-9484.

#### **About Tahoe Donner**

*Tahoe Donner is one of America's largest homeowner's associations, with nearly 6,500 properties and 25,000 members enjoying over 7,000 acres in the Sierra Nevada. Tahoe Donner is an eclectic community with a passion for outdoor recreation and a celebration of the Tahoe lifestyle.*

*Tahoe Donner offers three venues to explore each winter. At Tahoe Donner Cross Country Ski Area, skiers and snowshoers may explore over 100 kilometers of groomed terrain and five huts throughout the expansive trail system. This year, a brand new state-of-the-art facility (Alder Creek Adventure Center) with expanded services has opened, and many events will take place throughout the season, such as the new Winter Festival and Taste of Truckee gourmet tour. At Tahoe Donner Downhill Ski Area, skiers will reap the benefits of snowmaking, new this year, while taking advantage of a variety of learn-to-ski programs and family events. Highlights include the Annual Torchlight Parade and the 200-Foot Banana Split Extravaganza. Tahoe Donner Snowplay is the perfect venue for families with children as well as the young at heart, offering the most affordable sledding and tubing options in the area, plus snowball launching contests and more wacky events throughout the season. New to Snowplay this year is a food truck serving up delicious and affordable cuisine options.*

*Located 15 minutes from Lake Tahoe in Truckee, California, Tahoe Donner operates a wide variety of recreational facilities – some which are for members only and others which are also open to the general public. These amenities can be explored in detail at [Tahoedonner.com](http://Tahoedonner.com).*

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