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What's New at Tahoe Donner Winter 2015/2016

Truckee, Calif. (Sept. 30, 2015) – Tahoe Donner is pleased to introduce the installation of snowmaking at Tahoe Donner Downhill Ski Area this winter season for 2015/2016. Additionally, after six years of planning, Tahoe Donner will also celebrate a new Cross Country Ski Area facility this winter season. The new building, known as the Alder Creek Adventure Center, will serve as the base area for Tahoe Donner Cross Country Ski Area in the winter months and Tahoe Donner Equestrian Center and Tahoe Donner Bikeworks in the spring and summer months.

Alder Creek Adventure Center

The Alder Creek Adventure Center brings several new and exciting upgrades, including improvement to the operation and energy efficiencies while protecting natural resources. The new facility is designed to meet the growing needs of the community and will include the following benefits.

- Energy efficient and environmentally conscious design
- Adherence to environmental regulations by governing agencies
- An architectural vision that contributes to this mountain community
- Improved level of service for both winter and summer operations
- A new multi-purpose room with large windows for grand views of Hawks Peak, providing improved utilization by school teams, youth groups and additional educational programs.
- Enhanced rental facility to create a more comfortable and more efficient experience for renters, which includes state-of-the-art racking systems and boot dryers
- Upgraded season pass/member locker room and changing areas with optional season ski locker rentals
- Larger public wax room and expanded ski tuning services
- Improved parking lot capacity, designed to protect adjacent wetlands

- Expanded dining area, bar and new kitchen with improved food varieties to include nutritious options and beverage service
- Large windows and doors overlooking the nearby meadow with stunning views of Hawks Peak
- Grand terrace with fire pits and outdoor seating to create a memorable start and finish to a day of Nordic activities

A grand opening date will be announced in the near future.

Snowmaking at Tahoe Donner Downhill Ski Area

After careful consideration and review of past winter seasons, the team at Tahoe Donner broke ground for snowmaking construction last month. Snowmaking will allow the following benefits:

- Tahoe Donner aims to be the first U.S. ski area to utilize the silent PoleCat snowmaking machine. It was chosen for its dampened sound levels and reduced energy consumption.
- The new Silent PoleCats are significantly quieter than traditional snowmaking systems. This model was selected after a committee of homeowner volunteers and staff members spent more than a year analyzing details and options. In addition, a sound demonstration with an older model PoleCat was held last February to measure sound impacts to neighbors, and it was found that the machines produced an acceptable sound level; the model Tahoe Donner is installing will be quieter still.
- The new system at Tahoe Donner includes seven machines, a pump station building, and 12 hydrants and electrical pedestals. A cooling tower, which lowers the water temperature quickly and allows for shorter operating times, will also be installed.
- The installation of snowmaking is a capital cost that will help insure that the Downhill Ski Area continues to provide a quality experience to its market niche of beginners and families.
- Most of the 15 ski areas in the Lake Tahoe area consider snowmaking as insurance against business interruptions. Tahoe Donner is proud to join this group.

With an objective to continue being known as “the best place to begin,” Tahoe Donner’s beginner terrain was selected as the location for this improvement project. An official date for the winter season will be announced in the future.

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 will open, 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.

For more information on Tahoe Donner, as well as its recreational facilities and events, please visit tahoedonner.com or call 530-587-9400. 'Like' Tahoe Donner on Facebook at facebook.com/tahoedonner and follow Tahoe Donner on Twitter @tahoedonner and Instagram @TahoeDonnerAssociation.

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