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## **Tamarack Resort Conducts Snowmaking System Test**

**Resort preparing for December 11<sup>th</sup> opening**

**DONNELLY, ID (October 23, 2015)** – After several months of construction to expand its snowmaking system, Tamarack Resort took advantage of today's cold temperatures and tested their system this morning. With temperatures in the mid-20's, the resort was able to fire-up its snowmaking system to ensure the water pumps and snow guns were producing good quality snow in preparation for their scheduled opening day of December 11.

Tamarack, along with Schweitzer Mountain and Sun Valley, is one of only three Idaho ski resorts with a snowmaking system. This summer, the team at Tamarack expanded their system with an additional of 1,840 feet of new snowmaking pipe and five hydrant locations on the Walt ski trail – an important trail for skiers and riders of all ability levels as it is a major egress route from the top of the popular Tamarack Express chairlift.

The resort's snowmaking system pumps 1,150 gallons of water per minute across the resort to 14 mobile snow guns. Today, those water pumps and several of those snow guns were tested.

"The snow guns are working great," said Brian Amundson, the Snowmaking and Grooming Manager at Tamarack Resort. He continued, "With cold temperatures and little help from Mother Nature – we hope to be open by Friday, December 11."

Although today's activities were just a test of the snowmaking system, full-time snowmaking activities are scheduled to begin in early November. At that time, the resort will have a team of individuals operating the snowmaking system around the clock when temperatures are below 25 degrees Fahrenheit. The resort will use between 25 and 35 million gallons of water in a season, depending upon natural snowfall. Snowmaking is considered a non-consumptive use of water, as very little is lost to evaporation – most of it will melt and replenish rivers, lakes and aquifers.

Link to photos and videos: [Tamarack Resort Dropbox](#)

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*Tamarack Resort is a four season resort located in Donnelly, Idaho. Tamarack Resort is the Treasure Valley's closes mountain resort with snowmaking, which makes the snow conditions more reliable, even when Mother Nature doesn't deliver. During the summer, the resort is the home to mountain biking, hiking, rafting and watersports on Lake Cascade.*