

Snowmaking Means Winter, El Nino or No

The forecast calls for El Nino—a moderately strong one too—for the 2009-10 winter season. Even if it doesn't happen, there will be plenty of blizzards in Big Bear just the same.

Expect frequent nightly dumpings that freshen the snow surface with a layer of packed powder. Not to mention week-long storms where snow falls around-the-clock for days, really piling up the white stuff. Even if it never rains a drop at your house!

Some \$12-\$15 million in snowmaking-related improvements at Snow Summit and Bear Mountain in recent years means it's going to dump in Big Bear this winter, whether the weather cooperates or not. Spend enough money and you can change the weather, as the Big Bear resorts have so ably demonstrated the past few years, building incredible base depths with regular packed powder surfaces, all thanks to snowmaking.

Between the resorts there's 125 Super Wizard fan guns, still more convention hydrants that mix compressed

air and water, plus an unlimited water supply courtesy of beautiful Big Bear Lake. With so much firepower, both Snow Summit and Bear Mountain can indulge themselves to blow open extras like halfpipes—including Southern California's only competition-quality Superpipe at Bear—enormous glacier-sized jumps, rollers, boardercross track, you name it.

The Big Bear resorts spent \$1.7 million this past off-season and very little was snowmaking related. Not a single



fan gun was purchased. Only a little pipe was realigned on the upper mountains at Snow Summit and Bear Mountain to make them more efficient for snowmaking.

In fact the Big Bear resorts make so much snow—each blankets virtually all its runs with an incredible three to five feet of white stuff through the season—

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Walking on Lake Ice Will Cost You Money!

It could cost YOUR LIFE!


It is against the law to venture out on the ice on Big Bear Lake— *and for good reason.*

The winter temperatures in our mountains fluctuate greatly, never getting cold enough for long enough to create a safe, frozen surface.

While the frozen lake may look inviting, it is extremely dangerous.

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