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**Schweitzer Mountain Resort to Open  
Friday**

*Snowmaking assists natural snowfall resulting in a  
target date opening*

Sandpoint, ID - Mother nature heard the call, and Schweitzer helped her along, firing up the snow making last week allowing for an opening aligned with the target date...

Schweitzer's target opening date is traditionally the Friday after Thanksgiving, weather providing, and this year, Schweitzer was optimistic they would meet that target and thrilled with the success of the snowmaking as well as the forecast!

The opening is possible in part due to Schweitzer's snowmaking system installed in 2008 and completed in 2009 which has aided the ideal weather conditions. Musical Chairs and the Basin Express will operate and more chairlifts and runs will open as conditions allow.

Schweitzer's snowmaking installation is the most energy efficient and low impact snowmaking system available with

the latest proven technology. These high tech automated snowmaking guns are able to produce 25% more snow for the amount of energy consumed than other types of systems. They sense when conditions make snowmaking possible and turn on automatically, and also turn off automatically to conserve energy when conditions are not ideal.

Musical Chairs and the Basin Express are scheduled to operate from 9am to 3:45pm. Lift tickets will be available at reduced prices. Keep an eye on the website for more details on prices and snow conditions. More information about open runs and lifts will be available as it develops at [schweitzer.com](http://schweitzer.com) and on the snow phone at 208-263-9562.

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#### **About Schweitzer Mountain Resort**

Schweitzer Mountain Resort is quickly rising in the ranks of the nation's top destination resorts with 2900 acres of amazing terrain and renowned tree skiing. Located in the rugged Selkirk Mountains of the northern Idaho panhandle and the northwest Rocky Mountains, Schweitzer overlooks the town of Sandpoint and Lake Pend Oreille. Schweitzer is well known for its two massive bowls, breathtaking views and amazing gladed terrain. For more information on Schweitzer Mountain Resort call 800.831.8810 or visit [www.schweitzer.com](http://www.schweitzer.com).