



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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Media Advisory

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DWR's First Snow Survey of 2018 Set for Jan. 3

Measurements Will Provide Assessment of Snowpack's Water Content

SACRAMENTO – The Department of Water Resources (DWR) will conduct the first of five scheduled snow surveys in 2018 at Phillips Station in the Sierra on January 3. The Phillips snow course is one of hundreds that will be measured during the winter and early spring to support the California Cooperative Snow Surveys program. Water managers use measurements of the snowpack's water content to help them anticipate runoff from the mountains during the spring snowmelt. DWR's Frank Gehrke will brief the media on the Phillips measurements, and DWR Director Grant Davis is expected to discuss what the wet season's current conditions may mean for California's water year. More information on the importance of the snow surveys can be found at the California Data Exchange Center: <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/snow/>

When: Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018 – 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Where: Phillips Station, 90 miles east of Sacramento, intersection of US 50 and Sierra-at-Tahoe Road

Who: Frank Gehrke, Chief, California Cooperative Snow Surveys Program

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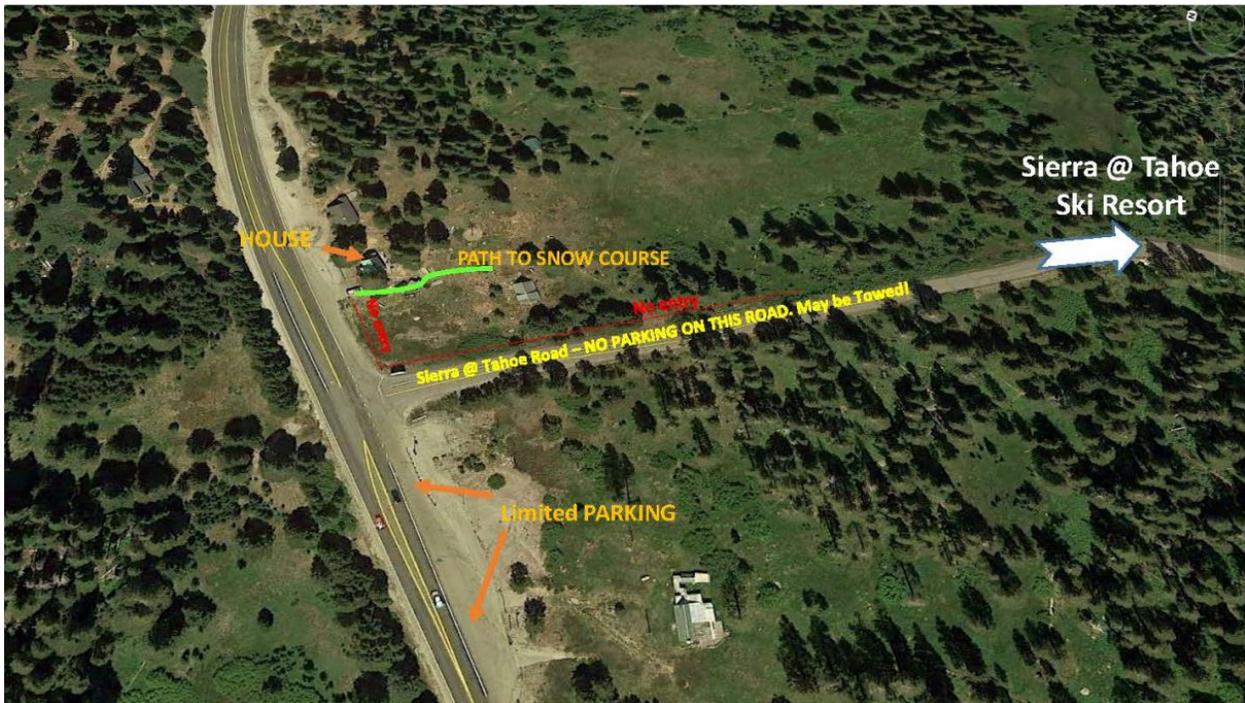
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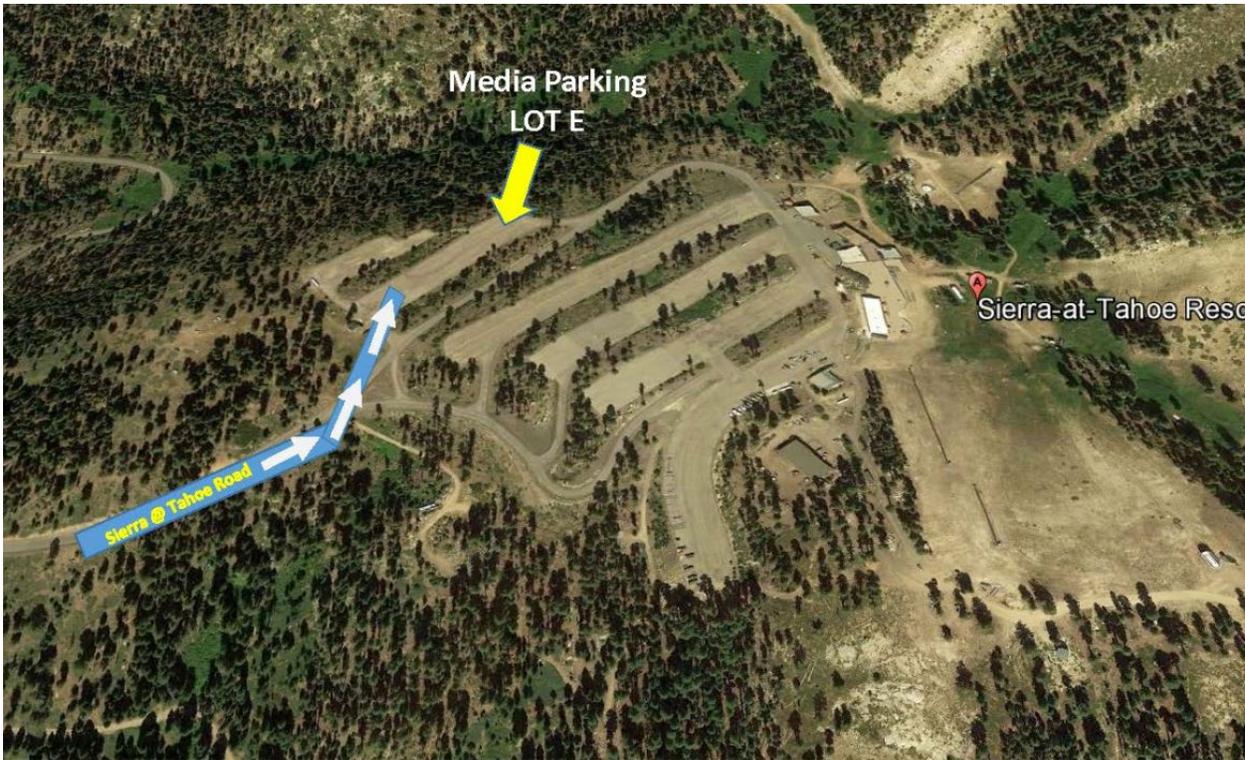
Media Driving and Parking:

Media should stay aware of road conditions, including washouts and landslides, and be prepared to equip vehicles with chains. Arrival at Phillips by 10:30 a.m. at the latest will allow time for parking in the designated location on Highway 50 or, if all parking spaces are filled, for shuttle service from Lot E at Sierra-at-Tahoe Resort. See graphics below for parking zones. Media should not arrive before 10 a.m. due to the landowner's concerns; early arrivals may be towed. Avoid blocking the driveway at the landowner's home. Note that **no parking is allowed along Sierra-at-Tahoe Road**. The survey will begin at 11 a.m., with results for the Phillips survey announced by Frank Gehrke at the location. A press release with results there and at other locations will be distributed by early afternoon. Snowshoes are recommended for walking in deep snow. Video of the Phillips survey, as well as Gehrke's and Davis's comments, will be posted here:

<https://fts.water.ca.gov/owncloud/public.php?service=files&t=e4d7942c2b003e540b9e55ee2ea454c9>



See map below for location of Lot E at Sierra-at-Tahoe Resort, where spillover parking will be sent if space along Highway 50 is not available. Shuttles will transport the media between Lot E and Phillips Station.



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