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## **Wisp Resort Set to Re-Open for Winter Operations**

DEEP CREEK LAKE, MARYLAND (March 11, 2017)- In February, Wisp Resort was forced by rain and temperatures in the 50's to suspend skiing and snowboarding operations. Now, in the midst of a cold and snowy March, Wisp Resort is anticipating a re-opening of winter operations sometime this week. The exact day will depend on just how much natural snow they get from Winter Storm Stella and how much machine-made snow they can make with the colder temperatures.

With a depleted snow base and mild forecast, Wisp Resort closed for skiing two weeks ago after just 72 days of operation. It was their lowest number of operating days in the past ten years even though they had pumped more than 160 million gallons of water for snowmaking up to that date, the third highest total in the past ten years. "The weather was pretty uncooperative this winter," dryly noted Artie Speicher, Mountain Operations Director at Wisp. "Mother Nature was testing our resolve, just like she is now. She's given us another window this week, so we're going to make the most of it."

The Deep Creek Lake Area received 5 inches of snow on Friday, March 10 along with temperatures dipping into the single digits. Wisp's snowmaking team will be making snow as weather permits this week, and Winter Storm Stella is expected to add several more inches of natural snow Tuesday. The resort suggested skiers and snowboarders check [www.wispresort.com](http://www.wispresort.com) and Wisp's Facebook page for updates and opening announcements.

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