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Snowmaker Mike Bentley checks the man-made snow falling from one of dozens of guns set up along the Vagabond trail at the Steamboat Ski Area. Snowmakers are hoping for cooler temperatures this week in order to make snow at the resort — which is scheduled to open Nov. 30.

No snow, no show, no go

Steamboat Ski Area postpones opening day to Nov. 30

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

For the second time in seven years, mild November weather has caused the Steamboat Ski Area to push back its opening

The traditional opening Scholarship Day benefit for the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club has been delayed from Nov. 21 to Nov. 30.

Corp. officials said Thursday. last night, are ready to take full All season and value passes will be honored beginning Dec. 1.

"The warm weather patterns we've experienced lately have made snowmaking a challenge," said Andy Wirth, executive vice president of sales and marketing and chief marketing company. "Snowmaking crews. Steamboat Ski and Resort which were busy making snow

advantage of colder temperatures and conditions; and, as we've seen in the past, everything can change in a matter of days."

The last time Steamboat delayed its opening day was in 2001. Opening day was delayed until Nov. 30 that year, too, but officer for Intrawest, Steamboat heavy snow began to fall almost Ski and Resort Corp.'s parent as soon as the postponement was announced.

> opening Vail of

Mountain also was delayed Thursday because of a lack of snow. Originally scheduled to open today, Vail will now open Wednesday.

Scientists with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said this week that early winter snowfall in Northern Colorado could depend on the positioning of a high-pressure system associated with the La Niña phenomenon

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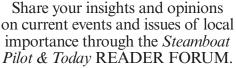
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