

Water failure closes Targhee

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Grand Targhee Resort is expected to reopen for skiing this morning after a failure of the resort's water system forced it to shut down Wednesday.

A broken pipe on the back side of the Sioux Lodge late Tuesday night contributed to a water pump failure and left the resort without water. Maintenance crews identified the problem Wednesday morning and worked through the evening to replace the damaged pump and pipe.

"Our hope is that it is a quick fix," Grand Targhee Resort General Manager F. Scott Pierpont said.

The resort said in a statement Wednesday evening that it will operate all lifts today and portable toilets will be available if necessary. All lodging, restaurants, pools and hot tubs will remain closed to the public today, however, as will the spa and Kids Club. The resort said it would offer alternate food and beverage options on the main plaza.

Grand Targhee will be offering discounted lift tickets: \$49 for an adult full-day ticket and \$29 for a junior or senior all-day lift ticket.

The resort's water system began experiencing problems late Tuesday, said communications manager Shannon Brooks Hamby. Guests staying at the resort were provided water to get through the night and were then transferred to properties in nearby Teton Valley, Idaho, for the remainder of Wednesday.