

Ski areas down in state

The 1973-74 skiing season wasn't so good.

Weather and fires have taken a heavy toll of Michigan ski areas. Of 63 ski areas reporting to the AAA last year, 11.1 per cent have closed.

On the plus side, AAA reports a new ski area may open if its equipment arrives from Europe on time.

Vulcan U.S.A. is located near Iron Mountain. Tom Friel of Triple-A says owner Mike Marone reports that if the equipment does arrive, the ski area will be open. Skiers will know for sure by calling 906-563-5568.

Also on the plus side, according to

Friel, is the Cole Creek ski area near Comins. It has been closed due to a July fire, but if reconstruction is on schedule, it will reopen in late January or early February. It has a new name, formerly being called FonRo.

On the negative side, the following ski areas have closed: Bear Mountain near Grayling, closed because of court order at state attorney general's request; Brady's Hill near Lakeview; Carousel Mountain near Macatawa; Timberline Mountain, burned out; Tyrolean Hills near Gaylord; Circle TNT near Jeddo.