

A Week Later, Most Cars Freed at Alta

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ALTA — Almost a week after giant snowslides roared down on Alta ski resort, workers Saturday were still digging out cars engulfed by the avalanches.

Saturday, workers uncovered a number of cars from under eight feet of snow, plus carefully lowering a few which were left sitting atop the snow when they were picked up by the heavy slide.

By late Saturday, snow rangers — with the help of the Utah National Guard — had removed most of the cars and many were in shape to be driven off.

However, about a half-dozen or more were so heavily damaged that they were classed as total losses.

A snow ranger said many were hit hard by the slide, carried down the slope into rocks and the frames bent out of shape.

The ranger said, "I can see the lots by Alta Lodge now, and they are mostly clear."

A report that one car was missing and not found was said to be false.

The guard and snow rangers had to retrieve one van from a gulch, where it was swept by the Sunday avalanche.