

POOL REPORT

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The President came out at 10:55 a.m. dressed in the same maroon ski pants and jacket he wore Monday. Also wore orange, yellow and red striped sweater and blue ski cap with yellow tassel. He carried his own poles while someone else carried his skis.

After he stepped into his skis he chatted for a few moments with reporters, saying, "I don't know why all these bad stories, you ought to come up and try it!". He was smiling as he said it. Then he was asked about the potency of the Indian magic to produce snow and he said, "I have a lot of faith in them". Talking about his skiing Tuesday, he said, "It was great up there yesterday. We skied too long, though".

Ford asked the reporters how they were doing and one cameraman replied that he was hung over. This led the President to make the observation, apparently in joking reference to the press: "They're all in good shape. They train every night."

Lou Cannon, Washington Post
Chris Ogden, Time
Thomas Jarriel, ABC

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