

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, February 18, 2010 - **UPDATED as of 7:00am**

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Thursday, February 18th. Another Beautiful Day to enjoy Skiing & Riding. Expect Mostly Clear Sunny Skies with Light to Moderate Winds and Temps warming into the Mid 40's and 50's on the slopes. Dress in light layers with your Jacket or Shell. Wear a helmet for safety. Wear good Sunglasses or Goggles. Don't forget to use Sunscreen at Least SPF15 and reapply thru-out the day. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed & Skier-Rider Packed Snow and variable Off-Piste all Firm in the morning then softening with day-time temperatures. The Best Skiing is in the Morning on Fresh MG Corduroy. Ski and Ride with Care. Keep an eye out for marked and unmarked obstacles and "Stay In Bounds and on opened runs only".

South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

***Heavenly Mountain Resort** - South Lake Tahoe – Reports a base of 41-62". 28 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4). Access to the mountain will be from The Gondola, The CA Base Lodge and both Stagecoach and Boulder Lodges on the NV side. 14 Lifts scheduled on the CA Side & 14 Lifts on the Nevada Side including Mott Canyon. 92 trails are open (70 MG) Plus 3 Terrain Parks. Adventure Peak activities at the top of the Gondola are open (10-4:30) with the Snow Tubing, Sledding, Snowshoeing & Snow Bikes for Rent. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / Clear & Lt Winds). Heavenly Village Ice Rink is open from 10 till 8pm and the Heavenly's Complimentary Shuttle Buses are running thru-out the South Shore to all base facilities. **1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com**

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 – Reports a base of 47-90". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) including Grandview Express to the top, West Bowl & the backside open. 48 Trails are open (35 MG) + Jacks Bowl and Avalanche Bowl Open. Gates 1, 2 & 3 accessing Huckleberry Canyon Open – Check with Patrol at the top. 4 T-Parks, Boarder X and Super Pipe are open. (MG & SKRPP / 33F / Clear & Lt Winds). Snowshoe Trails & Tubing Hill are open. Complimentary Shuttle Buses are running from the South Shore. **(530) 659-7475. www.sierraattahoe.com**

***Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center** - on Emerald Bay Road - Hwy 89 - Is open daily from 9-4. They have a base of 8-12". 10-12km of groomed XC trails open & 2-3km of Snow Shoe trails. Plus Skier packed Trails along the beach. **(530) 542-6584. www.camprichardson.com**

***Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center** - 14655 Hwy 89/88 – at Pickett's Junction. The Yurt is open (9-5) They report a base of 48-60". They and have 40 miles of Marked and Skier Packed Trails and 25 miles of groomed XC Skiing & Snow Shoeing. No Fees to XC or Snowshoe up in Hope Valley and No Snow Park fees. They do except donations. Rental & Lessons available. **(530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com**

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 – Reports a base from 118-161". All 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Chairs #6 & #10 to the top of the Front Side + 5 Lifts to the Back Side including Vista & Covered Wagon. Plus all Timber Creek Lifts to turn. 72 Trails are accessible (49MG – Including the Wall) + 7 Bowls, 4 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X and a Half Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP / 27F / Clear & Lt Winds). Slide Mtn Tubing Hill open (12-4) Mid Winter Season Pass on Sale for only \$249. Ski or Ride everyday thru the end of the season = April 25. **Kirkwood XC Center:** is open with 70km of groomed trails. **(877) KIRKWOOD. www.kirkwood.com**

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

***Spoooner Lake Cross Country** - Highway 28 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open (9-5) with a base of 20-70". They have 65Km of Groomed Trails up North Canyon to Marlette Lake and to the Dam. Separate Snowshoe Trails also open around Spooner Lake and above Spooner Meadow. **(775) 749-5349. www.spoonerlake.com**

***Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – is reporting a base of 49-77". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Lakeview and the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (20MG) + T-Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 22F / Clear & Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttle buses running thru-out Incline Village **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 – Reports a base of 44-71". 6 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4) Including NW Magnum 6 to the top of the Rose Side and the Blazing Zephyr (opening at 8:30) on the Slide Side. 60 Trails + 3 T-Parks open. 8 of the Chutes Gates are scheduled to Open. It's Ladies Day Thursday with a \$35 Lift Tickets. Hosting their Slide Back Retro 80's Ski Party Saturday, Feb 20. (MG & SKRPP / 32F / MClear & Lt Winds). **(775) 849-0704 #1. www.skirose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – Reports a base of 37-81". 19 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are open top to bottom - Front to Back including Lookout Mountain. 88 trails are open (61 MG) with 8 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP / 25F / Clear & Lt Winds). **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** – is open with 40km of groomed XC & Snowshoe trails. Snow Tubing Center is open (10-5) & Village Ice Rink open (1-8). **(530) 562-1330. www.northstarattahoe.com**

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – is open with a base of 65-85". 3 Lifts are scheduled to

operate (9-4) 12 Trails open + T-Park open. (MG-PP / 21F / Clear & Calm Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill).**
Tahoe Donner XC – Also open (8:30-5) with 50 Trails = 102Km of XC & Snowshoe Trails. **(530) 587-9484.**
www.skitahtoeonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Reports a base 90-130". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top of the Front Side + Lost Dutchman Triple on the Back Side. 41 Trails are open + 3 Terrain Parks, Super Pipe & Boarder X. Their Playland Tubing Park open (11-3). 2 Lifts will continue to operate till 9pm for night skiing & riding. (MG & SKRPP / 24F / Clear & Lt Winds). (530) 426-3666 #1.
www.rideboreal.com

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 – Is open with a base up to 100". 2 Lifts will operate (9-4) for Skiing & Riding with 16 Trails open. They also have 3 Moving Carpets scheduled to open (10-4) for Tube Town, Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. (MG & PP / 24F / Clear & Lt Winds). Mini Snowmobiles are open. (530) 426-3901.
www.skisodasprings.com

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 in Soda Springs – Is open (9-4:30) with a base of 85-95". 57 Trails = 175 km of groomed XC trails & Snow shoe trails are open. (26F / Clear & Lt Winds). **(530) 426-3871.**
www.royalgorge.com

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – is open with a base of 92-140". All 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side & Back Side with 53 Trails open. Snow Tubing Carpet also open today. (MG & SKRPP / 27F / Clear / Lt Winds). **(530) 426-3635.** **www.donnerrskiranch.com**

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd - Reports a base of 87-139". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Lincoln Express & Summit Chair to the Top. 95 Trails are open (55MG)+ 4 T-Parks including Switching Yard open. (MG & SKRPP / 27F / Clear & Calm Winds). **(530) 426-1111.** **www.sugarbowl.com**

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

***Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 – Reports a base of 72-93". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the Ellis Chair & The Quail Chair with 55 Trails open (34MG) + 2 Terrain Parks and Quail Face Bowl open. Both their North and South Lodges are open. (MG & SKRPP / 27F / Clear & Calm Winds). **(530) 525-2900.** **Skihomewood.com**

***Granlibakken Ski Hill** – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – is open (9-4) thru out the Presidents week. They have a base of 60" with 2 tows and 3 runs open. They also have XC & Snow Shoe Trails and the Snow Play Area open daily. **(530) 581-7533.**

***Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area** - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 – is open (8:30-5) with a base of 34-60". They have 19 Trails open = 65km of groomed set track for XC with adjacent Snow shoe trails. Plus 2 Dog Friendly trails are open. Free Beginner XC Lessons offered every Thursday. **(530) 583-5475.** **www.tahoexc.org**

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – Is reporting a base of 74-125". 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Roundhouse and Summit Six to the top of the front side + Scott & Sherwood Express scheduled to the Back Side. 90 Trails, 8 Bowls scheduled to open, 3 T-Parks & Skier/Boarder X are open. Hosting 2nd Annual Telemark Free Ride Festival, Today. (MG & SKRPP / 29F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(530) 581-8374.** **www.skialpine.com**

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Reports a base of 80-105". 27 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 12 Lifts from the Bottom with the Cable Car & Funitel and Red Dog & KT22 scheduled. Plus, 15 Lifts scheduled to operate on the Upper Mountain including Shirley Lake, Granite Chief, Silverado & Broken Arrow on the scheduled. 170 trails open + The Belmont & Monster T-Parks open and the Riviera Super Pipe. The Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled open for Ice Skating (11-7). Snow Tubing offered at Papoose (10-4). Kid-O-Rama continues daily with events including Family Ski Racing. You can Ski / Ride, Ice Skate & Dine till 7pm at High Camp. Hosting the Helly Hansen Big Mountain Battle for 2 person teams on Saturday, Feb 20. (MG & SKRPP/ 23F / Clear / Lt Winds). **(530) 583-6955 #1.**
www.squaw.com.

The Resort at Squaw Creek has 18Km of groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails open daily (9-5), as well as their Ice Rink open.

Central Sierra Resorts

***Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 - is reporting a base of 84-132". 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) out of all 3 Lodge Bases including the Village Gondola. 150 Trails (111MG) & 7 T-Parks and Wonderland Pipe, Super Pipe & The Super Duper Pipe open (MG & SKRPP / 30F / Clear & Lt-Mod Winds). Nordic Center has 19 miles of Groomed trails open. **(888) 766-9778.** **www.mammothmountain.com.** **June Mountain** – is open on a base of 60-96". 6 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 37 Trails & 3 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP/ 26F / Clear & Lt Winds). **(760) 934-2224.**
www.junemountain.com

***Yosemite/Badger Pass** - is open with a base of 84". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 9 runs open. (MGPP / 29F / Clear & Lt Winds). Snow Tubing offered. For XC Skiing, there is 10.5 miles (one way) of groomed trails out to Glacier Point & 2.8 Miles groomed out to Bridalveil Campground. Several miles of Skier Packed trails as well. **(209) 372-8430.**
www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx

***Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 – Reports a base of 64". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 61 Trails Open (34 MG) + 4 T-Parks and Granite Bowl open. (MG & SKRPP / 26F / Clear & Lt Winds). Hosting their 2nd annual Family Winter Carnival this weekend. **(209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com**

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – Reports a base of 82". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Front & Back-Sides & Grizz Open. 67 Trails open + 2 T-Parks. (MG & SKRPP / 28F / Clear & Lt Winds). **(209) 753-2301 #2.**
Bear Valley XC – Open with a base of 66-72". 37 Trails = 65Km of groomed track open + 4km of separate Snow Shoe trails. Sledding open daily & Tubing Hill open weekends. **(209) 753-2834. www.bearvalley.com**

So there you have it. For updates on all Resorts visit **BikeandSkiTahoe.Com**. Stay tuned to KTHO for the latest in Weather and Road Conditions or Dial 511. Be Safe and have a great day on the mountain. It's Curtis Fong, TGFT and that's today's Mtn Resort Report on KTHO AM590 & 96.1FM.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

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Borges Sleigh Rides are open 11-4pm, on the Corner of Lake Parkway and Hwy 50 – Across from Montbleu Parking lot.

Heavenly Village Ice Rink is open 10-8pm in the Heavenly Village.

Explore Tahoe Visitor Center open 9-5pm in the Heavenly Village.

For Information and Lodging on the South Shore please visit:

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On another note, this year I am working the **RSN** and producing a weekly feature titled, **"What's Up Tahoe"**. I have Resort News & Interviews, action Video and a weekly calendar of fun events on and off the slopes. It airs 6 times daily in various programs. Tune into RSN in South Lake Tahoe, North Lake Tahoe, Reno, Carson City & Carson Valley.

See you on the Slopes...

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