

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Saturday, February 20, 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 Saturday, February 20th. Remember that Ground Hog? Well, we have the return of Winter over the next few days. Expect Mostly Cloudy Skies with a Slight Chance of Snow Showers in the Morning, then Scattered Snow Showers in the afternoon. Temps in the Mid 30's on the slopes and Light Winds. Dress in layers with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket. Take a hat, beanie or wear a helmet for safety. Wear good Goggles. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed & Skier-Rider Packed Snow and variable Off-Piste. With some Fresh Snow reported at some resorts. 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 trace of new on base of 41-62". 29 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. 15 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 / MCldy & Lt-Mod 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 41-89". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) including Grandview Express to the top, West Bowl & the backside open. 48 Trails are open (38 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 / 28F / MCldy & Lt Winds). They also have Snowshoe Trails, The Tubing Hill & Snow Play Area 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 24-60". They and have 60 miles of Marked and Skier Packed Trails with 25 miles of groomed XC Skiing & Snow Shoe trails open. No Fees to XC or Snowshoe up in Hope Valley and No Snow Park fees. They do except donations. Rental & Lessons available. The Friends of Hope Valley are Hosting their Winter Safety Day today on Blue Lakes Road. For XC, Back Country, Snow Shoe and Snowmobile users **(530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com**

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 (R1) – Reports 1-2" of new on a base from 112-155". 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) + 7 Bowls, 4 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X and a Half Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP / 18F / PCldy & 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 41-71". 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 / 28F / Cldy & Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttle buses running thru-out Incline Village **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) – Reports 1" of new on a base of 43-70". 7 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. All of the Chutes Gates are scheduled to Open. Hosting their Slide Back Retro 80's Ski Party Today. (MG & SKRPP / 22F / MCclear & Lt Winds). **(775) 849-0704 #1. www.skirose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – Reports ½" of new on a base of 36-80". 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 (70 MG) with 8 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP / 28F / MCldy & 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 ½" of new on a base of 65-85". 3 Lifts are

scheduled to operate (9-4) 12 Trails open + T-Park open. (MG-PP / 18F / Cldy & Calm Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). Tahoe Donner XC** – Also open (8:30-5) with 42 Trails = 82Km of XC & Snowshoe Trails. **(530) 587-9484. www.skitahtodonner.com**

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Reports ½” of new on a base 90-130”. 7 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 (10-4). 2 Lifts will continue to operate till 9pm for night skiing & riding. (MG & SKRPP / 18F / MCldy & Calm Winds). (530) 426-3666 #1. **www.rideboreal.com**

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 – Is open with ½” of new on 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 / 18F / MCldy & 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”. 61 Trails = 186 km of groomed XC trails & Snow shoe trails are open. (20F / MCldy & Lt Winds). **(530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com**

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – is open with a base of 90-136”. 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 / 20F / MCldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 426-3635. www.donnerrskiranch.com**

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd - Reports a base of 85-137”. 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Lincoln Express & Summit Chair to the Top. 95 Trails are open (57MG) + 4 T-Parks including Switching Yard open. (MG & SKRPP / 20F / MCldy & 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 Madden Chair & The Old Homewood Express. 55 Trails are open (35MG) + 2 Terrain Parks and Quail Face Bowl open. Both their North and South Lodges are open. (MG & SKRPP / 27F / Clear & Lt 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 (3-5). **(530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org**

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – Is reporting a base of 71-120”. 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, 2 Bowls are open, 3 T-Parks & Skier/Boarder X are open. (MG & SKRPP / 29F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting their Telemark Ski & Freeride Festival. **(530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com**

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Reports a trace of new on a base of 80-105”. 32 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 15 Lifts from the Bottom with the Cable Car & Funitel and Red Dog & KT22 scheduled. Plus, 17 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 (11-9). Snow Tubing offered at Papoose (10-8). Kid-O-Rama continues daily with events including Family Ski Racing. You can Ski / Ride, Ice Skate & Dine till 9pm at High Camp. Hosting the Helly Hansen Big Mountain Battle for 2 person teams on Saturday, Feb 20. (MG & SKRPP/ 27F / PCldy / 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 (93MG) & 7 T-Parks and Wonderland Pipe, Super Pipe & The Super Duper Pipe open (MG & SKRPP / 24F / PCldy & 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/ 24F / PCldy & 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 / 26F / MCldy & 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 1-2” of new on a base of 60-64”. 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 61 Trails Open (45 MG) + 4 T-Parks and Granite Bowl open. (MG & SKRPP/ 30F / Cldy & 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 80”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Front & Back-Sides & Grizz Open. 67 Trails open + 2 T-Parks. (MG & SKRPP / 27F / Cldy & 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. Don't Miss the 2nd Annual Ullr's Jib Jam – Rail Jam tonight at Lakeside Inn starting at 4pm. 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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Zephyr Cove Snowmobile Center open. Guided tours to the top of Tahoe. For more info on tour times and services, visit zephyrcove.com.

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 in to RSN in South Lake Tahoe, North Lake Tahoe, Reno, Carson City & Carson Valley.

You can also watch Nevada Trails where I am a monthly guest supplying information about skiing and bicycling in Nevada. This is a :30 minute program, produced by Michael Smith and Access Carson City Television and is Broadcast weekly in the Reno, Carson City, Carson Valley and at Lake Tahoe on Public Access Cable Stations. Please visit:

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