

# Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, February 25, 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 25th. There's Fresh Powder and more coming! A Beautiful Morning with Mostly Clear to Partly Cloudy Skies, then becoming Mostly Cloudy. Temps will get into the mid 30's on the Slopes with Light Winds. More Snow coming tomorrow with a Winter Storm Watch already posted for Friday Afternoon thru Saturday Morning above 7000 feet. Dress warm in layers with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket. Take a hat, beanie or wear a helmet for safety. Wear good Sunglasses or Goggles. Don't forget the sunscreen when the sun is out. Surface conditions are Powder, Machine Groomed and Skier / Rider Packed Powder. Ski and Ride with Care and always with a buddy if go off piste. 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 4-7" of new on a base of 45-70". 28 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 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. 92 trails are open, Plus 2 Terrain Parks on the CA side. Adventure Peak activities at the top of the Gondola are scheduled to open (11-4) with the Snow Tubing, Sledding, Snowshoeing & Snow Bikes for Rent. (PWDR, MG & SKRPP / 18F / MClear & Lt Winds). Heavenly Village Ice Rink is scheduled to open from 10 till 8pm and the Heavenly has Complimentary Shuttle Buses are running thru-out the South Shore to all base facilities. **1-800-HEAVENLY. [www.skiheavenly.com](http://www.skiheavenly.com)**

**Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 – Reports 4" of new on a base of 47-100". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Grandview Express to the top, West Bowl & the backside open. 48 Trails are open (37 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 open. (PWDR, MG & SKRPP / 19F / PCldy & Lt Winds). They also have Snowshoe Trails & The Tubing Hill open. Complimentary Shuttle Buses are running from the South Shore. **(530) 659-7475.**

**[www.sierraattahoe.com](http://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 10-14". 10-12km of XC trails are open & 2-3km of Snow Shoe trails. Plus Skier packed Trails along the beach. **(530) 542-6584. [www.camprichardson.com](http://www.camprichardson.com)**

**Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center** - 14655 Hwy 89/88 – at Pickett's Junction. The Yurt is open (10-5) They report a base of 30-70". They and have 60 miles of Marked and Skier Packed Trails with 25 miles groomed. 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](http://www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com)**

**Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 – Reports 4" 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 (36MG) + 7 Bowls, 4 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X and a Half Pipe open. (PWDR, MG & SKRPP / 25F / Lt Snow & Mod Winds). Hosting the North Face Masters of Snowboarding Feb 25-28. **Kirkwood XC Center:** is open with 70km of groomed track, skating lanes & trails. Hosting both a Sunset Snow Shoe Trek & Full Moon Snowshoe Trek Saturday night. **(877) KIRKWOOD. [www.kirkwood.com](http://www.kirkwood.com)**

## North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

**Spooner 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 around to the Dam. Separate Snowshoe Trails also open around Spooner Lake and above Spooner Meadow. (775) 749-5349. **[www.spoonerlake.com](http://www.spoonerlake.com)**

**Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – is reporting a base of 51-76". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Lakeview and the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (18MG) + T-Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 15F / MClear & Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttle buses running thru-out Incline Village **(775) 831-3211. [www.diamondpeak.com](http://www.diamondpeak.com)**

**Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 - Reports a base of 46-74". 5 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. 50 Trails + 3 T-Parks open. All Chutes Gates are scheduled to today. (PWDR, MG & SKRPP / 21F / MClear & Lt Winds). Ladies Day Thursday with \$35 Lift Tickets.. Hosting Spirit of the Games Ski Races Feb 26-28, and the Chutes Best Line Challenge on Saturday, Feb 27. **(775) 849-0704 #1. [www.skirose.com](http://www.skirose.com)**

## Truckee Area Resorts

**Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – Reports 3-6" of new on a base of 42-88". 15 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are open top to bottom - Front to Back including Lookout Mountain. 91 trails are open (61 MG) with 7 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (PWDR, MG & SKRPP / 34F / 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](http://www.northstarattahoe.com)**

**Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – is open with 1-2” of new on a base of 65-85”. 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 12 Trails open + T-Park open. (MG-PP / 33F / Cldy & Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2**  
**(Downhill). Tahoe Donner XC** – Also open (8:30-5) with 25 Trails = 50 Km of XC & Snowshoe Trails. **(530) 587-9484.**  
[www.skitahtoeonner.com](http://www.skitahtoeonner.com)

#### Donner Summit Resorts

**Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Reports 1-2” of new on 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 & Boarder X (Super Pipe being Rebuilt). Their Playland Tubing Park open (11-3). 2 Lifts will continue to operate till 9pm for night skiing & riding. (MG & SKRPP / 13F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3666 #1. [www.rideboreal.com](http://www.rideboreal.com)

**Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 – Has 1-2” of new on a base up to 100”. 2 Lifts will operate (9-4) for Skiing & Riding with 16 Trails. They also have 3 Moving Carpets scheduled to open (10-4) for Tube Town, Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. (MG & PP / 14F / MCldy & Lt Winds). Mini Snowmobiles are open. (530) 426-3901.  
[www.skisodasprings.com](http://www.skisodasprings.com)

**Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 in Soda Springs – Is open (9-4:30) on a base of 85-95”. 14 Trails are open offering 42 km of groomed XC trails & Snowshoe trails to open. (20F / MCldy & Lt Winds). Hosting a Full Moon XC & Snow Shoe Wine Tasting Tour Saturday, Feb 27. **(530) 426-3871. [www.royalgorge.com](http://www.royalgorge.com).**

**Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – is open with 2” of new on a base of 95-132”. 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 / 18F / MCldy / Lt Winds). It's Old School Thursday with \$22 Lift Tickets. **(530) 426-3635. [www.donnerranch.com](http://www.donnerranch.com)**

**Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd - Reports 2” of new on a base of 82-135”. 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Lincoln Express, Jerome Hill, Judah Express & The Summit Chair open. 95 Trails are open (52MG) + 4 T-Parks including Switching Yard open. (PWDR, MG & SKRPP / 18F / MCldy & Lt Winds). **(530) 426-1111.**  
[www.sugarbowl.com](http://www.sugarbowl.com)

#### West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

**Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 (Closed at Emerald Bay) – Reports 3-6” of new on a base of 73-96”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the Madden Chair & The Old Homewood Express. 55 Trails are open (24MG) + 2 Terrain Parks and Quail Face Bowl open. Both their North and South Lodges are open. (MG & SKRPP / 23F / PCldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 525-2900. [Skihomewood.com](http://Skihomewood.com)**

**Granlibakken Ski Hill** – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – is open (9-4) Friday thru Sundays. Closed today, But they 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 are grooming 19 Trails to offer 65km of groomed set track for XC with adjacent Snow shoe trails. Plus 2 Dog Friendly trails are open (8:30-5). **(530) 583-5475. [www.tahoexc.org](http://www.tahoexc.org)**

**Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – Is reporting 6-9” of new on a base of 89-139”. 8 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 open + 3 T-Parks & Skier/Boarder X are open. (PWDR, MG & SKRPP / 23F / PCldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 581-8374. [www.skialpine.com](http://www.skialpine.com)**

**Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Reports 1-4” of new on a base of 89-126”. 23 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 10 Lifts from the Bottom with the Cable Car & Funitel and Red Dog & KT22 scheduled. Plus, 13 Lifts scheduled to operate on the Upper Mountain including Shirley Lake, Granite Chief & Silverado on the Scheduled. 170 trails to 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). You can Ski / Ride, Ice Skate & Dine till 7pm at High Camp-WWP. (PWDR, MG & SKRPP/ 19F / MCldy-Flurries / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting the Freeride World Tour Feb 27. **(530) 583-6955 #1. [www.squaw.com](http://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 2.5” of new on a base of 108-156”. 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP out of all 3 Lodge Bases including the Village Gondola. 150 Trails (72MG) & 7 T-Parks and Wonderland Pipe, Super Pipe & The Super Duper Pipe open (PWDR, MG & SKRPP / 21F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). Nordic Center has 19 miles of Groomed trails open. **(888) 766-9778. [www.mammothmountain.com](http://www.mammothmountain.com). **June Mountain** – is open with 2” of new on a base of 84-120”. 6 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 37 Trails & 3 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (PWDR, MG & SKRPP/ 23F / Clear & Lt Winds). **(760) 934-2224. [www.junemountain.com](http://www.junemountain.com)****

**Yosemite/Badger Pass** - is open with a base of 96”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 9 runs open. (MGPP / 17F / MClear & 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](http://www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx)

**Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 – Reports 1” of new on a base of 77”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 61 Trails Open (35 MG) + 4 T-Parks and Granite Bowl open. (MG & SKRPP/ 23F / MClear / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. [www.dodgeridge.com](http://www.dodgeridge.com)

**Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – Reports 2” of new on a base of 90”. 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Front & Back-Sides & Grizz Open. 67 Trails open + 2 T-Parks. (MG & SKRPP / 20F / MClody & 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](http://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.

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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 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:

[www.nvtrails.acctv.org](http://www.nvtrails.acctv.org)

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See you on the Slopes...  
Curtis Fong  
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