

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Friday, March 12, 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 Friday, March 12th. Get out early today as a Winter Weather advisory is posted to start at 1pm thru 4am tomorrow morning. Expect Mostly Clear to Partly Cloudy Skies with give way to Mostly Cloudy Skies and Isolated Snow Showers in the morning. Then, Snow and Rain in the afternoon with Temps into the high 30's on the Slopes. Light Winds will increase to 30 to 45 mph with possible ridge Gusts 70 to 100mph that will affect the operation of Upper Mountain Lifts later in the day. Dress warm, in layers with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket. Take a hat, beanie or wear a helmet for safety. Also, wear good Sunglasses or Goggles. Don't forget to use the sunscreen when the sun is out. Surface conditions are 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 a base of 57-87". 27 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. 13 Lifts are scheduled on the CA Side & 14 Lifts on the Nevada Side. 94 trails are open (70+MG), Plus 3 Terrain Parks on the CA side. Adventure Peak activities at the top of the Gondola are scheduled to open (11-4:30) with the Snow Tubing, Sledding, Snowshoeing & Snow Bikes for Rent. (MG & SKRPP / 19F / MClear / Mod Winds). Heavenly Village Ice Rink is scheduled to open from 10 till 8pm and Heavenly has 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 on base of 56-122". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Grandview Express to the top, West Bowl & the backside open. 48 Trails are open (37MG) + Jacks Bowl and Avalanche Bowl Open. Gate 1 accessing Huckleberry Canyon Open – Check with Patrol at the top. 4 T-Parks & Boarder X & Super Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP / 25F / MClidy & Lt Winds). They also have The Tubing Hill & Snowshoe Trails 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 from 9-4. They have a base of 10-12" with fresh snow on top. 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**

***Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center** - 14655 Hwy 89/88 – at Pickett's Junction. The Yurt is open (10-5) They have a base of 30-70". They and have 60 miles of Marked and Skier Packed Trails with 25 miles groomed out. 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 124-174". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Chairs #6 to the top of the Front Side (Chair #10 Closed for repairs) + 5 Lifts to the Back Side including the Vista & Covered Wagon tows. Plus all Timber Creek Lifts to turn. 72 Trails are accessible (40MG) + 8 Bowls, 3 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X and the Half Pipe open. (PWDR, MG & SKRPP / 26F / PClidy & Lt Winds). **Kirkwood XC Center:** is open with 70km of groomed trails with Skating lanes. **(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 36-84". 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**

***Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – is reporting a base of 66-107". 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 / 28F / PClidy / Lt Winds). Learn to Ski or Ride week thru March 12, with First Time Beginner Packages for ages 7 and up with Equipment Rental, 1:45hr Lesson & Beginner Lift Ticket for only \$29. 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 57-90". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including NW Magnum 6 to the top of the Rose Side and the Blazing Zephyr & Chuter Chair (opening at 8:30) on the Slide Side. 60 Trails + 3 T-Parks open. 8 of the Chutes Gates are scheduled to open. (MG & SKRPP / 22F / MClear & Mod-Strong Winds). Hosting their Big Air Beach Party tomorrow, Saturday. **(775) 849-0704 #1. www.skirose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – Reports a base of 41-104". 15 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) They are open top to bottom - Front to Back including Lookout Mountain. 90 trails are open (64 MG) + 7 T-Parks open. (Super Pipe Closed today). (MG & SKRPP / 30F / Snow Showers / Mod Winds). **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** – is open (9-3) with 40km of groomed XC & Snowshoe trails. Snow Tubing Center is open (12-4) & Village Ice Rink open (1-8). **(530) 562-1330. www.northstarattahoe.com**

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

operate (9-4) 12 Trails open + T-Park open. (MGPP / 29F / Cldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). Tahoe Donner XC** – Also open (8:30-5) with 50 Trails = 102 Km 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 100-160". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top of the Front Side. 41 Trails are open + 3 Terrain Parks, Super Pipe & the Boarder X are Open. Their Playland Tubing Park open (11-3). 2 Lifts will continue to operate till 9pm for night skiing & riding. (MG & SKRPP / 29F / PCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 – Reports a base up to 100". The 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. (MGPP / 29F / PCldy & 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) on a base of 95-100". 57 Trails = 175 km of groomed XC trails & Snowshoe trails open. (30F / PCldy & Lt Winds). **(530) 426-3871.**
www.royalgorge.com

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – Is open on a base of 90-148". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side & Back Side with 53 Trails open. Snow Tubing scheduled to open in the afternoon. (MG & SKRPP / 28F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(530) 426-3635.** www.donnnerskiranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd - Reports a base of 104-166". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Lincoln Express, Jerome Hill & Judah Express are open. 95 Trails are open (53MG) + 4 T-Parks including Switching Yard open. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / MClear & Lt Winds). Hosting the Silver Belt Banzai both Saturday and Finals on Sunday. **(530) 426-1111.** www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

***Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 – Reports a base of 72-95". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the Madden Chair & The Old Homewood Express. 60 Trails are open (40MG) + 2 Terrain Parks and Quail Face Bowl open. (MG & SKRPP / 28F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Hosting 2nd Annual Mini Slopestyle Event for Kids 12 & under on Saturday. It's also Hawaiian Day Saturday, wear an Aloha Shirt and get \$5 off on Your Lift Ticket. **(530) 525-2900.**
Skihomewood.com

***Granlibakken Ski Hill** – Hwy 89 (R2) - Tahoe City – is open (9-4) Friday thru Sundays on a base of 60". 2 tow will operate (9-4) with 3 Trails 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 offering 65km of groomed set track for XC with adjacent Snow Shoe trails. Plus 2 Dog Friendly trails are open (8:30-5). Hosting their 9th Annual Gourmet Ski Tour on Sunday. **(530) 583-5475.** www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – Is reporting a base of 96-157". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Roundhouse and Summit Six to the top of the front side + Scott Chair & Sherwood Express scheduled to the Back Side. 100 Trails open + 2 Bowls and 3 T-Parks are open. (MG & SKRPP / 25F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Hosting the Red Bull Schlittentag 3-man homemade Sled Races tomorrow. **(530) 581-8374.** www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Reports a base of 115-170". 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 11 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 schedule. 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 (11-9). Snow Tubing offered at Papoose (10-4). You can Ski / Ride, Ice Skate & Dine till 9pm from High Camp-WWP. (MG & SKRPP/ 33F / MClear / Lt-Mod 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 120-174". 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) out of all 3 Lodge Bases including the Village Gondola. 150 Trails (96MG) & 6 T-Parks and Wonderland Pipe, Super Pipe & The Super Duper Pipe open (MG & SKRPP / 27F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). Nordic Center has 19 miles of Groomed trails open. **(888) 766-9778.** www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain** – is open with a base of 72-120". 6 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 37 Trails & 3 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP/ 20F / Clear & Lt Winds). **(760) 934-2224.**
www.junemountain.com

***Yosemite/Badger Pass** - is open with 5" of new on a base of 96-120". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 9 runs open. (MGPP / 27F / MClidy & Lt Winds). Snow Tubing offered. For XC Skiing, there's 145 KM of Skier Packed trails and 32 KM of Groomed track. **(209) 372-8430.**
www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx

***Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 – Reports a base of 87". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 61 Trails

Open (35 MG) + 4 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X & Granite Bowl Open. (MG & SKRPP / 25F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Hosting the California Senior Games Starting today thru the Weekend. (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 – Reports a base of 106". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Front & Back-Sides & Grizz Open. 67 Trails open + 2 T-Parks. (MG & SKRPP / 27F / PCldy & 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

The North Lake Tahoe & Truckee Snowfest continues daily with events and activities on and off the slopes thru Sunday. For the complete schedule of events, visit TahoeSnowFestival.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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Special Events and Promotions:

The **29th Annual North Lake Tahoe & Truckee Snowfest** is going on daily with events and activities on and off the slopes, thru March 14th. For the complete schedule of events, visit TahoeSnowFestival.com

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.

Date: March 18, 2010

Time: 6:00pm

“Bring Back the Sugar Pines”

John Pickett and Maria Mircheva of the Sugar Pine Foundation will present the agency's collaborative strategy to preserve the White Pines currently plagued by a non-native fungus. Stewardship opportunities will be announced. Cones and seedlings available to purchase.

This event is FREE! Refreshments provided by Cinnamon House cafe and Seattle's Best Coffee!

More Info: 530.542.4637 / www.recreationintahoe.com / Email: lthomaselli@cityofslt.us

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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

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See you on the Slopes...
Curtis Fong
“The Guy From Tahoe”