

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Friday, March 26, 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 26th. Some Fresh Snow... The forecast is calling for Partly Cloudy Skies with Temps into the low 40's on the Slopes and Light to Moderate Winds with Stronger Gusts that may affect the operation of upper mountain lifts. Dress warm in layers with your Windproof – Waterproof Jacket. Take a hat, Beanie or wear a helmet for safety. Also, wear good Goggles. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed and Skier / Rider Packed Spring Snow... Firm Pack in the morning then Softening with rising day-time temperatures. 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 1-2" of new on a base of 69-101". 27 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 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. (Pwdr, MG & SKRPkd / Spring / 25F / PCldy / Mod Winds). Spring Loaded kicks off this weekend with Pond Skimming both Saturday and Sunday and the Snowed Inn Rail Jam & Concert at Mont Bleu on Saturday. 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 (R1) – Reports 6-7" of new on a base of 46-109". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Grandview Express to the top, West Bowl & the backside open. 48 Trails are open (36MG) + 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 are open. (Pwdr, MG & SKRPkd / Spring / 23F / MClear & Lt Winds). They also have Snow Shoe Trails & The Tubing Hill open. Hosting the VZ Highlander 2 – The Jibbening Event on Saturday and Rome Stoken event on Sunday. 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 10-14". 10-12km of XC trails are open & 2-3km of Snow Shoe trails. **(530) 542-6584. www.camprichardson.com**

***Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center** - 14655 Hwy 89/88 (R2) – at Pickett's Junction is open (10-5) They have a base of 30-56". They and have 60 miles of Marked and Skier Packed Trails and 25 miles of groomed trails open. No Fees to XC or Snowshoe up in Hope Valley and No Snow Park fees. They do except donations and they have Rentals & Lessons available. **(530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com**

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 (R2) – Reports 4-6" of new on a base from 130-190". All 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with Chairs #6 & #10 to the top of the Front Side + 5 Lifts to the Back Side including the Vista & Covered Wagon tows; and all Timber Creek Lifts to turn. 72 Trails are accessible (46MG) + 7 Bowls, 3 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X and the Half Pipe open. (MG, SKRPkd / Spring / 21F / MClear & Mod Winds). Hosting a 2-day Back Country Clinic this weekend. **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 28/50 (R1) - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open (9-5) on a base of 36-84". They have 65Km of Groomed Trails up North Canyon to Marlette Lake and around to the Dam. High Notch, Flying Goose, & Saints Rest all open. They also have Separate Snowshoe Trails 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 49-91". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Lakeview Chair & the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (18 MG) + T-Park open. (MG & Spring / 16F / MCldy / 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 58-94". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP Including the 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. Chutes Gates are closed, but call ahead. (Pwdr, MG & SKRPkd / Spring / 18F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(775) 849-0704 #1. www.skirose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 (R1) – Reports 2-4" of new on a base of 30-96". 15 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. They are open top to bottom - Front to Back including Lookout Mountain. 89 trails are open (66 MG) + 7 T-Parks open & Super Pipe Open. (Pwdr, MG & SKRPkd / Spring / 21F / PCldy / Lt 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). The Village Roller Rink is now open (12-9pm). Hosting the Red Bull Butter Cup today and the 4th annual Butter Box on

Saturday. (530) 562-1330. www.northstaratahohoe.com

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – is open reporting 4-6” of new on a base of 65-85”. 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 12 Trails open + T-Park open. (MG-Spring / 13F / Cldy / Lt Winds). Hosting their 200 ft Banana Split Extravaganza on Saturday. (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – Also open (8:30-5) with 50 Trails = 95 Km of Groomed XC & Snowshoe Trails. (530) 587-9484. www.skitaohedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Reports 4-6” of new on a base 100-160”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4), Including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top of the Front Side & the Lost Dutchman Triple on the Backside. 41 Trails are open + 3 Terrain Parks, the Boarder X & Super Pipe open. Their Playland Tubing Park open (10-4). 2 Lifts will continue to operate till 9pm for night skiing & riding. (Pwdr, MG & SKRPkd / Spring / 13F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) – Reports 4-6” of new on a base up to 100”. 2 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) for Skiing & Riding with 16 trails open. They also have 3 Moving Carpets open (10-4) for Tube Town, Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. (MG Spring / 13F / MClear & Lt Winds). Mini Snowmobiles are open. (530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) in Soda Springs – Is open (9-4:30) with fresh snow on top a base of 95-100”. They have 56 Trails = 175 km of groomed XC trails & Snowshoe trails open. (15F / MClear & Lt Winds). (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – Is open with 2-4” of new 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 & SKRPkd / Spring Snow / 15F / MClody / Lt Winds). \$22 Lift Tickets midweek. (530) 426-3635. www.donnerrskiranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd - Reports 3-5” of new on a base of 105-166”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Lincoln Express, Judah & Jerome Hill. 90 Trails are open (50+MG) + 4 T-Parks including Switching Yard open. (Pwdr, MG & SKRPkd / Spring / 15F / Cldy / Lt Winds). (530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

***Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 – Reports 3-6” of new on a base of 77-161”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the Madden Chair & The Old Homewood Express. 60 Trails are open (31MG) + 2 Terrain Parks and Quail Face Bowl open (MG & SKRPkd / Spring / 15F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

***Granlibakken Ski Hill** – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – is open (9-4) Friday thru Sundays on a base of 48-60”. 2 Tows 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 2” of new a base of 14-36”. 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. Hosting Full Moon XC Ski & Yurt Dinner tomorrow evening. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – Is reporting 4-9” of new on a base of 93-152”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top of the front side open + Scott Chair & Sherwood Express open on the Back Side. 100 Trails open + 3 T-Parks are open. Tubeville open (12-4:30) (MG & SKRPkd / Spring / 15F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Reports 2-6” of new on a base of 119-125”. 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, Siberia, Granite Chief & Silverado on the schedule. 177 trails to open + The Belmont & Monster T-Parks open as well as the Riviera Super Pipe. The Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is open for Ice Skating (11-9). The Swimming Lagoon & Spa is open (11-4). You can Ski / Ride, Ice Skate & Dine till 9pm from High Camp. Hosting the Sprint US Freestyle Nationals today thru the Weekend. (Pwdr, MG & SKRPkd / Spring Snow / 19F / 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 trace of new on a base of 108-162”. 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) out of all 3 Lodge Bases including the Village Gondola. 150 Trails (92 MG) & 6 T-Parks and Wonderland Pipe, Super Pipe & The Super Duper Pipe open (MG & SKRPkd / Spring Snow / 15F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting the 2010 Roxy Chicken Jam starting today thru the Weekend. 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”. 7 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 37 Trails & 3 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (MG & SKRPkd / Spring Snow/ 15F / Clear & Lt-Mod Winds). (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com

***Yosemite/Badger Pass** - is open with a base of 72-90”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 9 runs open.

(MGPP-Spring / 19F / MClear & 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 1-4” of new on a base of 72”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 61 Trails Open (35 MG) + 4 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X & Granite Bowl Open. (Pwdr, MG & SKRPkd / Spring / 19F / PCldy / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – Reports 1” of new on a base of 102”. 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Front & Back-Sides & Grizz Open. 67 Trails open + 2 T-Parks. (MG & SKRPkd / Spring / 18F / MClear / 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.

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See you on the Slopes...
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