

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Tuesday, March 30, 2010 - **UPDATED as of 8:00am**

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Tuesday, March 30th. Updated from my earlier Report as Conditions on the Mountain Tops are deterioration with the Storm... The Blizzard Watch has been Changed to a Winter Storm Warning that remains in effect until 11pm this evening. Expect Snow mixed with Rain this morning then Heavy Snow and Stronger Gusty Winds throughout the day. Temps only into the upper 20's to low 30's on the Slopes. Moderate to Strong Winds will increase with Stronger Gusts up to 60 mph and up to 120 mph over the Ridge Tops by afternoon and currently affecting the operation of upper mountain lifts, so be aware – Call Ahead. The Good News is that there could be up to 2 feet of Fresh Snow above 7000 feet. If you're going, 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 Fresh Snow over Machine Groomed & Skier-Rider Packed Snow. 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" of new on a base of 69-101. 18 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. **CALL AHEAD**. Access to the mountain will be from **The Gondola (on HOLD)** The CA Base Lodge and both Stagecoach and Boulder Lodges on the NV side. 11 Lifts are scheduled on the CA Side (**Gondola, Canyon & Sky on HOLD**) & 8 Lifts on the Nevada Side Boulder & Stagecoach open but **Tamarack, Comet, Dipper, North Bowl & Big Easy are on HOLD** 94 trails to open (70+MG). **3 Terrain Parks on the CA side CLOSED**. **Adventure Peak activities at the top of the Gondola is CLOSED** (11-4:30) with the Snow Tubing, Sledding, Snowshoeing & Snow Bikes for Rent. (MG & SKRPkd / 31F / Snow / Strong Winds). 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 (R2) – Reports 1" of new on a base of 45-108". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP 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 Scheduled to Open – But, check with Patrol at the top. 4 T-Parks, Boarder X & Super Pipe are open + Snow Shoe Trails. (MG & PWDR / 28F / Lt Snow / Mod Winds). 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 (R2) - 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, The Yurt 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" of new on a base from 130-190". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with Chairs #5 - #7 & #9 to Start. – **CALL AHEAD**. **5 Lifts to the Back Side (CLOSED)** including the Vista & Covered Wagon tows; and the Timber Creek Lifts to turn. 72 Trails are scheduled to open (46MG) + 7 Bowls, 3 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X and the Half Pipe open. (MG, Fresh Snow / Wet Pack / 31F / Snow / Strong Winds). **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, Upper & Lower Aspen and 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 2" of new on a base of 47-92". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Lakeview Chair & the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (17 MG) + T-Park open. (MG & Fresh Snow / 30F / Snow / Lt-Mod 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 5-8" of new on a base of 61-97". **CLOSED TODAY**. 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with the NW Magnum 6 to the top of the Rose Side and the Blazing Zephyr (opening at 8:30) on the Slide Side is scheduled to go. Call Ahead. 60 Trails + 3 T-Parks to open. The Chutes Gates are Closed – Call Ahead. (MG & PWDR / 32F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds with higher Gusts). 2 Fer Tuesday = Tow Can Ski or Ride for the price of one lift ticket today. **(775) 849-0704 #1. www.skirose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 (R2) – Reports 4-5" of new on a base of 32-96". 15 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. They are open top to bottom - Front to Back including Lookout Mountain. 92 trails are open (60 MG) + 7

T-Parks open & Super Pipe Open. (MG & Fresh Snow / 34F / LT Snow / Mod-Strong 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 (12-8pm). (530) 562-1330. www.northstaratahohoe.com

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way (R1), Truckee – is open reporting 1" of new on a base of 65-85". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 12 Trails open + T-Park open. (MG-Fresh Snow / 29F / Snow / Mod Winds). (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – Also open (8:30-5) with 50 Trails = 98 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 1" of new on a base 100-160". **CLOSED TODAY** - they expect to open tomorrow with 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, 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 (11-3). 2 Lifts will continue to operate till 9pm for night skiing & riding. (MG & Fresh Snow / 28F / Snow / Strong Winds). (530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) – Reports 1" of new on a base up to 100". **CLOSED TODAY** - They expect to reopen tomorrow with 3 Moving Carpets open (10-4) for Tube Town, Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. (MG Spring / 28F / Snow & Mod-Strong Winds). Mini Snowmobiles are Closed. (530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) in Soda Springs – Is scheduled to open (9-1:30) with 1" of new on a base of 95-100". They have 12 Trails open with 30 km of groomed XC trails & Snowshoe trails open. (30F / Snowing / Mod Winds). (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – Is open with 1" of new on a base of 90-148". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP on the Front Side with limited Trails open. CALL AHEAD. (MG & Fresh Snow / 32F / Snow / Mod Winds). (530) 426-3635. www.donnerrskiranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd - Reports 1-3" of new on a base of 100-154". One Lift, Nob Hill is open all other lifts are on HOLD or CLOSED. CALL AHEAD /// are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Mt Lincoln Express & Jerome Hill. 83 Trails are open (52 MG) + 4 T-Parks including Switching Yard open. (MG & Fresh Snow / 30F / Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

***Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 – Reports 2-4" of new on a base of 76-159". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP Including the Madden Chair & The Old Homewood Express. 60 Trails are open (36MG) + 2 Terrain Parks and Quail Face Bowl open (MG & Fresh Snow / 25F / Snow / Mod-Strong Winds). (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

***Granlibakken Ski Hill** – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – is open Friday thru Sundays so the Ski Hill is Closed today, but, they do 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 14-30". 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.. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 (R1) – Is reporting 1-2" of new on a base of 90-147". **CLOSED TODAY**. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top of the front side scheduled + Scott Chair & Sherwood Express scheduled on the Back Side. Call Ahead. 100 Trails to open + 3 T-Parks are open. (MG & Fresh Snow / 25F / Snow / Mod-Strong Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 (R1) – Reports 2-6" of new on a base of 119-125". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 10 Lifts from the Bottom with Red Dog & KT22 scheduled. Plus, 1 Lifts scheduled to operate on the Upper Mountain-WWP, Call Ahead... (**UPPER MTN ON HOLD**) 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 (11-4). The Swimming Lagoon & Spa is open (11-4). (MG & Fresh Snow / 32F / Snow / Mod-Strong 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 1" of new on a base of 102-156". 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP out of all 3 Lodge Bases including the Village Gondola. 150 Trails (99 MG) & 6 T-Parks and Wonderland Pipe, Super Pipe & The Super Duper Pipe open (MG & SKRPkd / Spring Snow / 27F / Snow / Mod-Strong 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". 7 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 37 Trails & 3 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (MG & SKRPkd / 27F / Snow / Mod-Strong Winds). (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com

***Yosemite/Badger Pass** - is open with a base of 66-84". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 9 runs open. (MG / 25F / MClody & Lt-Mod 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 72". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 61 Trails Open (35 MG) + 4 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X & Granite Bowl Open. (MG & SKRPkd / 32F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – Reports a base of 97". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with the Front & Back-Sides & Grizz Open. 67 Trails open + 2 T-Parks. (MG & SKRPkd / 33F / Snow / Lt-Mod 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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Heavenly Village Ice Rink is open 10-8pm in the Heavenly Village.

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