

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, March 4, 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, March 4th. A Break in Storms and Shaping up to be a beautiful day to hit the slopes. Mostly Clear to Partly Cloudy Skies with some Isolated Snow Showers in the morning with Temps in the low to mid 30's on the Slopes and Light Winds in the afternoon. Dress warm, in layers with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket. Take a hat, beanie or wear a helmet for safety. Wear good Sunglasses or Goggles and 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 11-14" of new on a base of 57-87". 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 are scheduled on the CA Side & 14 Lifts on the Nevada Side. 93 trails are open, Plus 3 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-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. (Hwy 207 – R1) **1-800-HEAVENLY**.

www.skiheavenly.com

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 (R2) – Reports 13" of new on a base of 60-131". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Grandview Express to the top, West Bowl & the backside open. 48 Trails are open (36 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 / 18F / PCldy & Lt Winds). They also have 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 (Closed at EM Bay) - Is open from 9-4. They have a base of 10-14" with new 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 (R2) – at Pickett's Junction. The Yurt is open (10-5) They have 6" of new on 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 (R2) – Reports 12-16" of new on a base from 122-170". 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 the Vista & Covered Wagon tows. Plus all Timber Creek Lifts to turn. 72 Trails are accessible (42MG) + 7 Bowls, 4 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X and the Half Pipe open. (PWDR, MG & SKRPP / 13F / Clear & Lt Winds). Hosting the North American Freeskiing Championships, starting to today thru Saturday. **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 1" of new on 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

***Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – is reporting 1" of new on a base of 59-100". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Lakeview and the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (19MG) + T-Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 6F / Cldy & Calm Winds). Hosting the Special Olympics Celebrity WinterFest Race on Saturday March 6. Complimentary Shuttle buses running thru-out Incline Village **(775) 831-3211**. www.diamondpeak.com

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) - Reports 1-2" of new on base of 54-87". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)_WWP 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 the Chutes Gates are open. (MG & SKRPP / 15F / MClear & Lt Winds). Ladies Day Thursday with \$35 Lift Tickets. Hosting the Chutes Best Line Challenge on March 6. **(775) 849-0704 #1**.

www.skirose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – Reports 5-6" of new on a base of 45-105". 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 (68 MG). 7 T-Parks & Super Pipe is open. (MG & SKRPP / 16F / MClear & Lt Winds). **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** – is open with 40km of groomed XC & Snowshoe trails. Snow Tubing Center is open (12-4) & Village Ice Rink open (1-8).

(530) 562-1330. www.northstaratahое.com

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – is open reporting 14-18” of new on a base of 65-85”. 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 12 Trails open + T-Park open. (MGPP / 4F / Clear & 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.skitahtoedonner.com**

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Reports 12-18” 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 = Closed) & Super Pipe open. Their Playland Tubing Park Closed (11-3). 2 Lifts will continue to operate till 9pm for night skiing & riding. (PWDR, MG & SKRPP / 10F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3666 #1. **www.rideboreal.com**

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 – Reports 12-14” of new on a base up to 100”. 2 Lifts for Skiing & Riding will operate (9-4) with 16 Trails open. They also have 3 Moving Carpets scheduled to open (10-4) for Tube Town, Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. (MGPP / 2F / 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 85-95”. 50 Trails = 165 km of groomed XC trails & Snowshoe trails open. (8F / MClear & Lt Winds). **(530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com**

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – received 2” 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 & SKRPP / 8F / MClear / Lt Winds). Old School Thursday with \$22 Lift Tickets. **(530) 426-3635. www.donnerrskiranch.com**

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd - Reports 1-2” of new on a base of 96-156”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Lincoln Express, Mt Judah & Jerome Hill open. 94 Trails are open (52MG) + 4 T-Parks including Switching Yard open. (PWDR, MG & SKRPP / 7F / MClody & Lt Winds). **(530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com**

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

***Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 (Closed at EM Bay) – Reports 2-4” 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 (37MG) + 2 Terrain Parks and Quail Face Bowl open. Both their North and South Lodges are open. (MG & SKRPP / 12F / Fog / Lt Winds). **(530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com**

***Granlibakken Ski Hill** – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – is open (9-4) Friday thru Sundays – The ski hill is closed today. 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 4-6” of new on a base of 34-60”. They are grooming 19 Trails to 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 the Start of the 34th Annual Great Ski Race on Sunday March 7. **(530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org**

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – Is reporting 8-12” of new on a base of 101-160”. 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 + 2 Bowls and 3 T-Parks are open. (PWDR, MG & SKRPP / 12F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com**

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Reports 1-3” of new a base of 110-164”. 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. 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 from High Camp. (PWDR, MG & SKRPP/ 8F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Local Merchant Day bring ID & Pay Stub and get \$25 Lift Ticket. Hosting Snow Fest Opening Ceremonies, Torchlight Parade & Fireworks Friday – 6:30pm. **(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 13” of new on a base of 132-172”. 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) out of all 3 Lodge Bases including the Village Gondola. 150 Trails (94MG) & 6 T-Parks and Wonderland Pipe, Super Pipe & The Super Duper Pipe open (PWDR, MG & SKRPP / 12F / PCldy / Mod-Strong Winds). Nordic Center has 19 miles of Groomed trails open. **(888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com. June Mountain** – is open with 10” of new on a base of 72-144”. 6 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 37 Trails & 3 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP/ 12F / PCldy & Lt Winds). **(760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com**

***Yosemite/Badger Pass** - is open with 8” of new on a base of 96-120”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 9

runs open. (MGPP / 17F / 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 (R2) – Reports 8” of new on a base of 80-91”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 61 Trails Open (35 MG) + 4 T-Parks and Granite Bowl open. (PWDR, MG &SKRPP/ 6F / Cldy / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 (R2) – Reports 5” of new a base of 114”. 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Front & Back-Sides & Grizz Open. 67 Trails open + 2 T-Parks. (PWDR, MG &SKRPP / 12F / 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.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

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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:

TahoeSouth.Com

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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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