

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Friday, April 16, 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, April 16th as we head into the Final Weekend for many Resorts. Shaping up to be a Great Day for Spring Skiing & Riding. Expect Mostly Cloudy to Partly Cloudy Skies and temps warming up into the Low 50's on the Slopes with Light Winds. Dress in light layers with your Jacket or Shell. Take a Hat or Visor with a brim or wear a Helmet for Safety. Also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles and don't forget the Sunscreen when the sun is out. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed & Skier-Rider Packed Spring Snow – Firm Packed 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 a base of 81-117". 20 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). Access to the mountain will be from The Gondola, The CA Base Lodge, and Stagecoach on the NV side. Boulder Lodge & Lifts are Closed for the season. 88 trails are open + 3 Terrain Parks open on the CA side. Adventure Peak activities at the top of the Gondola scheduled to open (11-4:30) with the Snow Tubing, Sledding, Snowshoeing & Snow Bikes for Rent. (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 27F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Heavenly has Complimentary Shuttle Buses are running thru-out the South Shore to all base facilities. Open Thru April 25. **1-800-HEAVENLY**. www.skiheavenly.com

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 – Reports a base of 60-136". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Grandview Express to the top, West Bowl & Short Stuff on the backside open. 46 Trails are open (36 MG) + Jacks Bowl and Avalanche Bowl are Open. Gates 1 & 2 accessing Huckleberry Canyon are scheduled to open, so check with Patrol at the top. 4 T-Parks, Boarder X & Super Pipe are open as well as Snow Shoe Trails. (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 35F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttle Buses are running from the South Shore. Open Thru April 18. Community Day Monday, April 19 from 9 till 2pm with \$25 Lift Tickets Benefiting Local Athletic Programs. **(530) 659-7475**. www.sierraattahoe.com

Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center - on Emerald Bay Road - Hwy 89 – Closed for the Season. **(530) 542-6584**. www.camprichardson.com

Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center - 14655 Hwy 89/88 – at Pickett's Junction, The Yurt is scheduled to open (10-5). They report a base of 24-60". 30 miles of Marked & Skier Packed Trails are open. 10 miles groomed out. 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. They may stay open one more week after this weekend. **(530) 694-2266**. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com

Kirkwood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 88 – Reports a base from 182-256". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side with Chairs #1, #5, #6, #7, #10 and #11. Back Side Closed for the Season. 65 Trails are to open (18MG) + 5 Bowls are accessible + 2 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X and the Half Pipe open. (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 28F / MClear / Lt Winds). **Kirkwood XC Center**: is open with groomed trails. Open Thru April 25. **(877) KIRKWOOD**. www.kirkwood.com

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

Spooner Lake Cross Country - Highway 28/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – This will be their Final Weekend. They are open (9-5) with a base of 24-84". They have 65Km of groomed Trails up North Canyon to Marlette Lake and around to the Dam. Flying Goose, Upper & Lower Aspen, High Notch, Saint's Rest and more Trails are open as well. They also have Separate Snowshoe Trails open around Spooner Lake and above Spooner Meadow. This Sunday, April 18 their Final Day of the Season. (775) 749-5349. www.spoonerlake.com

Diamond Peak - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – is CLOSED **(775) 831-3211**. www.diamondpeak.com

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431– Reports a base of 75-115". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 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 are open. The Chuter Lift and Chutes Gates are scheduled for Delayed opening. (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 35F / Cldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting their Kayak BOATer Cross on Saturday and will be closing Sunday. **(775) 849-0704 #1**. www.skirose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 – Is in the Final Weekend of the Season. They Report a base of 34-110". 13 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are open top to bottom - Front to Back including Lookout Mountain. 92 trails are open (66 MG) + 7 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 32F / Clear / Lt Winds). **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** – is Closed for the Season. Snow Tubing Center is open (12-4). The Village Roller Rink is open (12-8pm). Sunday, April 18 their Final Day. **(530) 562-1330**. www.northstarattahoe.com

Tahoe Donner Ski Area - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – is reopening today for a Final Weekend. They have a base of 65" and have 3 Lifts operating (9-4) with 16 trails open (MG Spring / 32F / MClear / Lt Winds) **(530) 587-9444 #2**

(Downhill). Tahoe Donner XC – is Closed for the Season. (530) 587-9484. www.skitaohedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is CLOSED for the Season. (530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 – Is CLOSED for the Season. (530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort – Off I-80 in Soda Springs – Is Closed re-opening April 17-18 for a Final Weekend. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road – Is Re-opening today on a base of 84-148". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side with 45 Trails open. (MG & SKRPP / 32F / ClDy / Lt Winds). Plans to stay open on Weekends until the snow is gone. (530) 426-3635. www.donnerskiranch.com

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd - Reports a base of 95-164". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Lincoln Express, Jerome Hill & Judah Express. 93 runs are open (43 MG) + 4 T-Parks including Switching Yard open. (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 33F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Plans to stay open thru April 25. (530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

Homewood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 89 – is CLOSED for the Season (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski Hill – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – is CLOSED for the season. (530) 581-7533.

Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 – is open (8:30-5) on a base of 12-40". They have 58km of groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails accessible. Plus 2 Dog Friendly trails are open. They plan to stay open thru April 25. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 – Is in their Final Weekend for full operation and report a base of 104-171". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top of the front side; Scott Chair & Sherwood Express on the Back Side. 100 Trails are open + 3 T-Parks. (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 30F / Clear / Lt Winds). Hosting Community Appreciation Day Sunday, with \$25 lift tickets benefiting Excellence in Education. They will close midweek, then Open Friday thru Sunday with Summit Six (9-2) thru May 16. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 – Reports a base of 157-181". 19 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 8 Lifts from the Bottom with the Cable Car & Funitel as well as Red Dog & KT22 scheduled. Plus, 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate on the Upper Mountain, including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Head Wall, Granite Chief & Silverado on the schedule. 170 trails to open + The Belmont & Monster T-Parks, as well as the Riviera Super Pipe are scheduled to open. Olympic Ice Pavilion & the Swimming Lagoon and Spa are open (11-4). (MG & SKRPd Spring / 36F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting the US Ski Patrol Olympics and PSIA Western Convention today thru the Weekend. Plan to stay Open into May. (530) 583-6955 #1. www.squaw.com.

The Resort at Squaw Creek Closed – Call Ahead.

Central Sierra Resorts

Mammoth Mountain - off Hwy 395 - is reporting a base of 126-180". 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) out of all 3 Lodge Bases including the Village Gondola. 150 Trails (103 MG) & 6 T-Parks and Wonderland Pipe, Super Pipe & The Super Duper Pipe open (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 33F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting their Spring Fest Kick Off and Annual Pond Skim on Sunday. Planning to stay open thru July 4. (888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com.

June Mountain – Closed for the season. (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com

Yosemite/Badger Pass - is CLOSED for the season. (209) 372-8430. www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx

Dodge Ridge - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 – Reports a base of 93". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 61 Trails Open (35 MG) + 4 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X & Granite Bowl Open. (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 37F / MClear / Lt Winds). Open Thru April 18. (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 – reopening for a final weekend today. They report a base of 117". 7 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 100% Mtn Open with 67 Trails & 2 Terrain Parks. (MG Spring / 33F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Closing after Sunday. (209) 753-2301 #2. **Bear Valley XC** – Closed for the Season. (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalley.com

So there you have it. With only a few resorts remaining open after this weekend, this will be my Final Weekend for the Mountain Resort Report. For updates on all Remaining open Resorts visit my Website at 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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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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See you on the Slopes...

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