

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Monday, April 5, 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 Fun Day - Monday, April 5th. Grab the Fat Boards... Lots of Fresh Powder and the Winter Storm Warning expires at 9am this morning. Should be a Great Day for Deep Powder Skiing & Riding. Expect Snow in the morning then Snow Showers thru the afternoon. Temps only into Mid 20's to low 30's on the slopes and Light to Moderate Winds with Stronger Ridge Gusts up to 50 mph in the afternoon... and that may affect the operation of upper mountain lifts, so be aware of possible changing lifts status' or Call Ahead. Dress warm in layers with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket. Take a Hat, Beanie or wear a Helmet for Safety. Also, wear Good Goggles and Warm Gloves. Surface conditions are POWDER and Machine Groomed 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 15-20" of new on a base of 77-111. 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. 94 trails open + 3 Terrain Parks are open on the CA side. Adventure Peak activities at the top of the Gondola are scheduled to open (11-4:30)-WWP with the Snow Tubing, Sledding, Snowshoeing & Snow Bikes for Rent. (PWDR & MGPP / 15F / Snow / Mod-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 23" of new on a base of 59-123". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, including Grandview Express to the top, West Bowl & the backside open. 47 Trails are open (38MG) + Jacks Bowl and Avalanche Bowl scheduled to 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. (PWDR & MGPP / 18F / Snowing / Lt 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 (Closed at EM Bay) - Is open from 9-4 with fresh snow on a base of 16-18". They have 10-12km of XC trails & 2-3km of Snow Shoe trails open. **(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 report 10-12" of new on top a base of 30-50". 30 miles of Marked & Skier Packed Trails are open. 20 miles being 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. **(530) 694-2266**. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 (HELD - R2) – Reports 20-30" of new on a base from 160-230". 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP and after Snow Safety, with Chairs #6 & #10 to the top of the Front Side + 5 Lifts to the Back Side, including the Vista & Covered Wagon tows; and the Timber Creek Lifts to turn. 72 Trails are to open (36MG) + 7 Bowls, 3 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X and the Half Pipe open. (PWDR & MGPP / 23F / Snowing / Mod Winds). **Kirkwood XC Center**: is open with 70km of set track & skating lanes. **(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) with 4-6" of new on a base of 24-84". They have 65km of groomed Trails up North Canyon to Marlette Lake and around to the Dam. They also have Separate Snowshoe Trails open around Spooner Lake and above Spooner Meadow. Open thru April 11. (775) 749-5349. www.spoonerlake.com

***Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 (R1) - in Incline Village – is reporting 5" of new on a base of 63-112". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Lakeview Chair & the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (15 MG) + T-Park open. (PWDR, MG & SKRPP / 17F / Lt Snow / 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 13-17" of new on a base of 73-112". 4 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. 60 Trails + 3 T-Parks are open. The Chuter Lift and All the Chutes Gates are on Delayed opening. (PWDR & MGPP / 17F / Mod Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). **(775) 849-0704 #1**. www.skirose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 (R2) – Reports 17-22" of new on a base of 58-136". 14 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are open top to bottom - Front to Back including Lookout Mountain. 91 trails are open (53 MG) + 7 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (PWDR & MGPP / 21F / Snow / 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 Closed (12-8pm). **(530) 562-1330**. www.northstarattahoe.com

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way (R1), Truckee – is open reporting 14-20” of new on a base of 65-85”. 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 12 Trails are open + T-Park open. (MGPP & PWDR / 20F / Snow / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). Tahoe Donner XC** – is also open (8:30-5) They have 50km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails. (Plans to remain open until April 11). **(530) 587-9484. www.skitaheedonner.com**

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Reports 17-25” 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 is open (11-3). Night skiing & riding closed for the season. (PWDR & MGPP / 16F / PCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3666 #1. **www.rideboreal.com**

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) – Has 15-25” of new on a base up to 100”. They have 2 Lifts for Skiing & Riding open (9-4) with 16 trails open, plus 3 Moving Carpets open (10-4) for Tube Town, Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. (MG & PWDR / 20F / Snow & Lt Winds). Mini Snowmobiles 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 12” of new on a base of 95-100”. They have 58 Trails open with 175 km of groomed XC trails & Snowshoe trails open. (18F / Snow / Lt Winds). **(530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com**.

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – Is open with 12-18” of new on a base of 90-148”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side with 45 Trails open. Tubing Carpet to open this afternoon. (PWDR & MGPP / 17F / Snow / Lt Winds). **(530) 426-3635. www.donnerskiranch.com**

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd (R2) - Reports 15-21” of new on a base of 103-160”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Lincoln, Jerome Hill & Judah Express. 94 runs are open (51 MG) + 4 T-Parks including Switching Yard open. (PWDR & MGPP / 17F / Snow / Lt Winds). **(530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com**

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

***Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 (Closed at Em Bay – R1) - Reports 19-26” of new on a base of 86-163”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the Madden Chair, The Ellis Chair & The Old Homewood Express. 60 Trails are open (25MG) + 2 Terrain Parks and Quail Face Bowl to open (PWDR & MGPP / 21F / PCldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com**

***Granlibakken Ski Hill** – Hwy 89 (R1) - Tahoe City – is closed for the season, but, they have XC & Snow Shoe Trails and the Snow Play Area open. **(530) 581-7533.**

***Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area** - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 (R1) – is open (8:30-5) with 6” of new on a base of 18-34”. They have 19 Trails open with 64km of groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails accessible. Plus 2 Dog Friendly trails are open. (Open thru April 18) **(530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org**

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 (R1) – Is reporting 21-30” of new on a base of 127-199”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP 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. (PWDR & MGPP / 18F / Lt Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). **(530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com**

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Reports 8-18” of new on a base of 157-181”. 23 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 11 Lifts from the Bottom with the Cable Car & Funitel as well as Red Dog & KT22 scheduled. Plus, 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate on the Upper Mountain, including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Head Wall & Granite Chief. 170 trails to open + The Belmont & Monster T-Parks, as well as the Riviera Super Pipe are scheduled to open. Snow Tubing open at Papoose (10-3). (PWDR & MGPP / 13F / Lt Snow / 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 from 10 till 10pm.

Central Sierra Resorts

Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 (R1) - is reporting 20” of new on a base of 132-186”. 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) out of all 3 Lodge Bases including the Village Gondola. 150 Trails (74 MG) & 6 T-Parks and Wonderland Pipe, Super Pipe & The Super Duper Pipe open (PWDR, MG & SKRPP / 22F / Snowing / Mod-Stong Winds). Nordic Center has 19 miles of Groomed trails open. **(888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain* – is open with 16” of new on a base of 72-120”. 7 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 37 Trails & 3 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (PWDR & MGPP / 22F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). **(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 (R2) – Reports 22” of new on a base of 77-82”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 61 Trails Open (35 MG) + 4 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X & Granite Bowl Open. (PWDR & MGPP / 15F / Snow / Lt Winds). **(209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com**

Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 (R2) – Reports 20” of new on a base of 106”. 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Front & Back-Sides & Grizz Open. 67 Trails open + 2 T-Parks. (PWDR & MGPP / 18F / 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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See you on the Slopes...
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