

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Sunday, April 11, 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 Sunday, April 11th. More Winter Weather Coming in late today as a Winter Weather Advisory is posted to start at 5pm thru 9am, Monday morning... Forecasters are calling for another 8 to 14 inches of snow above 7000 feet... But for today, Expect Cloudy Skies with increasing Showers & Snow Showers thru out the day with temps into the low 40's on the Slopes. Light to Moderate Winds will increase in the afternoon with Gusts up to 50 mph over the Ridge tops and could affect the operation of upper mountain lifts. Be aware of possible Lift Status changes or Call Ahead. Dress in layers with your Windproof Waterproof Jacket. Take a Hat, Beanie or wear a Helmet for Safety. Also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles. Don't forget the Sunscreen when the Sun is out. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed & Skier-Rider Packed Spring Snow – Firm in the morning and 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. 27 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. **CALL AHEAD.** Access to the mountain will be (from The Gondola - On Hold –Tamarack/ Big Easy on Hold), The CA Base Lodge (Gunbarrel open / Sky, Canyon on Hold) and both Stagecoach (Comet / Dipper / Olympic / Mott on HOLD) and Boulder Lodges (North Bowl on HOLD) on the NV side. 92 trails are open + 3 Terrain Parks open on the CA side. Adventure Peak activities at the top of the Gondola CLOSED (10-4:30 – Call Ahead) with the Snow Tubing, Sledding, Snowshoeing & Snow Bikes for Rent. (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 25F / MClear / Mod-Strong 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 56-122". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) including Grandview Express to the top, West Bowl & the backside open. 47 Trails are open (40 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 The Snow Tubing Hill & Snow Shoe Trails. (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 35F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Hosting Their Salsa Showdown today. Complimentary Shuttle Buses are running from the South Shore. Open Thru April 18. **(530) 659-7475. www.sierraattahoe.com**

***Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center** - on Emerald Bay Road - Hwy 89 – Call Ahead. **(530) 542-6584. www.camprichardson.com**

***Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center** - 14655 Hwy 89/88 – at Pickett's Junction, The Yurt is open (9-5) They report a base of 36-60". 30 miles of Marked & Skier Packed Trails are open. 20 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. **(530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com**

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 – Reports a base from 160-230". 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, with Chair 4 on HOLD; and the Timber Creek Lifts to turn. 65 Trails are to open (46MG) + 11 Bowls, 3 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X and the Half Pipe open. (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 25F / MCldy / Mod-Strong Winds). Slide Mtn Tubing Hill open (12-5) and Hosting their annual Banked Slalom Competition today. **Kirkwood XC Center:** is open with groomed trails. Open Thru April 25. **(877) KIRKWOOD. www.kirkwood.com**

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

***Spoooner Lake Cross Country** - Highway 28/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is 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. Open thru April 18. **(775) 749-5349. www.spoonerlake.com**

***Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – is reporting a base of 57-108". 4 Lifts will operate (9-4) including Lakeview Chair & the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (16 MG) + T-Park open. (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 40F / MCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). This is their Last Day and Season Pass Holders enjoy a free barbecue. Complimentary Shuttle buses running thru-out Incline Village. **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 – Reports a base of 74-113". 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 scheduled with Delayed opening. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 28F / Cldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Open thru April 18. **(775) 849-0704 #1. www.skirose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – Reports a base of 43-113". 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 (64 MG) + 7 T-Parks & Super Pipe

open. (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 34F / MCldy / Lt-Mod 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 open (12-9pm). Open thru April 18. **(530) 562-1330. www.northstaratahove.com**

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – is open reporting a base of 65-85". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 12 Trails are open + T-Park open. (MG & Spring / 227F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Hosting Dummy Downhill & Rail Jam today, Closing mid week, then reopening April 16-18 for a Final Weekend. **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill)**. **Tahoe Donner XC** – is also open (8:30-5) They have 35 Trails open offering 70km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails. **(530) 587-9484. www.skitahoedonner.com**

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Reports 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 (10-4). (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 31F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Last Day of the Season. (530) 426-3666 #1. **www.rideboreal.com**

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 – Last Day of the Season and reports a base up to 100". They have 2 Lifts operating (9-4) for Skiing & Riding with 16 trails open, plus 3 Moving Carpets open (10-4) for Tube Town, Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. (MG & SKRPP / 31F / MCldy & Lt Winds). Mini Snowmobiles open. (530) 426-3901. **www.skisodasprings.com**

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 in Soda Springs – Is Open (9-4:30) with a base of 95-100". They have 59 Trails open with 180 km of groomed XC trails & Snowshoe trails open. (32F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Closing April 13-16, re-opening April 17-18 final Weekend. **(530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com**.

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – Is open with a base of 84-148". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side with 45 Trails open. (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 32F / MCldy / Lt Winds). No announced Closing Date. **(530) 426-3635. www.donnerrskiranch.com**

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd - Reports a base of 103-160". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Lincoln, Jerome Hill & Judah Express. 92 runs are open (54 MG) + 4 T-Parks including Switching Yard open. (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 32F / Cldy / 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 in their Final Day of the Season. They report a base of 83-162". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the Madden Chair, The Ellis Chair & The Old Homewood Express. 59 Trails are open (27 MG) + 2 Terrain Parks and Quail Face Bowl to open (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 25F / PCldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com**

***Granlibakken Ski Hill** – Hwy 89 - 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 – is open (8:30-5) with a base of 18-34". They have 19 Trails open with 60km 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 – Is reporting a base of 105-174". 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. (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 25F / PCldy / Mod-Strong Winds). Open thru April 18. **(530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com**

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Reports a base of 157-181". 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 11 Lifts from the Bottom with the Cable Car & Funitel as well as Red Dog & KT22 scheduled. Plus, 13 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. Snow Tubing offered at Papoose (10-3). Olympic Ice Pavilion & the Swimming Lagoon and Spa are scheduled to open (11-4). (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 27F / Cldy / Mod Winds). Hosting the Billy Dutton Uphill Race. **(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 - is reporting a base of 126-180". 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP out of all 3 Lodge Bases including the Village Gondola. 150 Trails (93 MG) & 6 T-Parks and Wonderland Pipe, Super Pipe & The Super Duper Pipe open (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 29F / PCldy / Mod-Strong Winds). Planning to stay open thru July 4. Nordic Center has 19 miles of Groomed trails open. **(888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com**. **June Mountain** – is open with a base of 84-132". 6 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 37 Trails & 3 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (MG Spring / 30F / PCldy / 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 – Reports a base of 85". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 61 Trails Open (42 MG) + 4 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X & Granite Bowl Open. (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 26F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Open Thru April 18. (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – Reports a base of 108". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Front & Back-Sides Open. 67 Trails open + Grizz & 2 T-Parks. (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 29F / MClDy / Lt-Mod Winds). (Closed April 12-15 then Reopening April 16-18 final weekend.).(209) 753-2301 #2. **Bear Valley XC** – Open for final day, with a base of 60-66". 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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