

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Friday, Nov. 19, 2010 - **UPDATED as of 7:00am**

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your First Mountain Resort Report as of Friday, November 19th. It's the Kick Off Weekend for many Resorts and with that, of course the First significant Series of Winter Storm of the season is expected to affect the region this weekend. A Winter Storm Warning is now posted in effect from 4pm this afternoon thru 4pm, Sunday afternoon. 3 to 5 Feet of snow is expected above 7000 ft. and 1 to 2 feet below. Expect Cold Temperatures in to the Mid 20's on the slopes, increasing clouds and snow in the afternoon and increasing moderate to strong gusty winds that may affect the operation of upper mountain lifts... So, all lift operations will be Wind and Weather permitting. Dress for Winter conditions in your Windproof – Waterproof Jacket, take along a hat, beanie or wear a helmet for safety; also wear good goggles and warm gloves. Surface conditions today are mainly MG machine made snow. Ski and Ride with care, as early season conditions exist so keep an eye for marked and unmarked obstacles and stay on opened runs only.

South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

***Heavenly Mountain Resort** - South Lake Tahoe – Has been making snow and is opening today. They have a base of 20-25". 2 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with access to the mountain from the Gondola and Tamarack Express on the upper mountain – WWP. California Trail is open with 13 Terrain Features. (MG-MM Snow / 31F / MCldy / Mod Winds) Heavenly Season Passes are still available and allow you to ski Northstar as well Sierra. **1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com**

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 – preparing the lifts to open as soon as they receive a couple of feet of snow. Look for them to open in this next week. Sierra only Season Passes still available for \$199. **(530) 659-7475. www.sierraattahoe.com**

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

Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center - 14655 Hwy 89/88 – at Pickett's Junction – Closed. **(530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com**

Kirkwood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 88 – Received 12" of natural snow a couple of weeks ago and is getting ready for the Winter. We'll check back after this Weekend's Storm. Kirkwood Season Passes available starting at \$239. **(877) KIRKWOOD. www.kirkwood.com**

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

Spooner Lake Cross Country - Highway 28/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – Closed. (775) 749-5349. **www.spoonerlake.com**

Diamond Peak - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – Is planning to open on Dec 16. **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431– is opening today for the 2010/11 Winter season, on a base of 10-18". 2 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, Ponderosa & Flying Jenny. Terrain Features available. (MG MM Snow / 32F / MCldy / Mod-Strong Winds). \$19 Lift Tickets offered this weekend. **(800) SKI ROSE www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 –is now a member of the Vail Family of Resorts. They are Opening today on a base of 8". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate on the front side with 6 Trails accessible and Terrain Features. (MG MM Snow / 35F / MCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** – Closed. **(530) 562-1330. www.northstarattahoe.com**

Tahoe Donner Ski Area - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is planning to open on Dec. 10. **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). Tahoe Donner XC** – Closed. **(530) 587-9484. www.skitaheodonner.com**

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is OPEN daily with a base of 8-10". They have 3 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4:30) including Castle Peak Quad & Accelerator Express Quad to the top plus, Nugget Chair. 15 Trails are open. (MG MM Snow / 34F / MCldy / Lt Winds). 2 lift will operate for Night Skiing & Riding till 9pm-WWP. They are Planning to open their Playland Tubing Park (10-3) Nov 20-28. (530) 426-3666 #1. **www.rideboreal.com**

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 – Closed. (530) 426-3901. **www.skisodasprings.com**

Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort – Off I-80 in Soda Springs – Closed. **(530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.**

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road – Closed. **(530) 426-3635. www.donnerskiranch.com**

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – Picks up 5-8" of snow. **(530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com**

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

Homewood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 89 – CLOSED **(530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com**

Granlibakken Ski Hill – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – CLOSED. **(530) 581-7533.**

Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 – Closed. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 – is scheduled to open on Dec 10. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Received some natural snow a couple of weeks ago and the snow gun have been making snow. Look for Squaw to open tomorrow, Sat. Nov 20. (530) 583-6955 #1. www.squaw.com.

The Resort at Squaw Creek XC Trails - Closed.

Central Sierra Resorts

***Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 - is OPEN daily, reporting a base of 12-26". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) including the Lower & Upper Panorama Gondola to the top plus, Chairs #1, #3, #6 & #11. 13 Runs are open + Main T-Park. (MG, MM & PP / 33F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). (888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain** – Closed (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com

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

Dodge Ridge - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 – Closed. (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 – Closed. (209) 753-2301 #2. **Bear Valley XC** – Closed for the Season. (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalley.com

One other note, don't miss the Heavenly Ski & Snowboard Foundation's 22nd Annual Ski & SnowBoard Swap, at Montbleu Casino Resort, starting tonight with the Midnight Madness Sale, from 6pm till 11pm, then continues Saturday from 10am till 5pm. So there you have it. For updates visit and book mark my Website at BikeandSkiTahoe.Com. It's Curtis Fong, TGFT and that's today's Mtn Resort Report

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

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Special Events and Promotions:

“Wintervention” from Warren Miller Productions will be premiering on the South Shore on **December 3 & 4, 7pm - Montbleu Casino Showroom**. Tickets available at **Tahoe Sports Ltd.** I will be Emceeding the event with lots of swag and giveaways.

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 **Lake Tahoe Television / Outside TV** 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 Lake Tahoe Television / OUTSIDE TV 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:

www.nvtrails.acctv.org

for my archived programs:

Episode 406 - Ski Report

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Episode 324 – Bike the West / Episode 238 – Bike the West

See you on the Slopes...
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