

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010 - **UPDATED as of 8:00am**

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Thanksgiving weekend at Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for Saturday, November 27th. A Winter Weather Advisory is posted for more Snow thru 10pm this evening. Another 8 to 12" of new snow is predicted and Moderate to Strong Gusty Winds that will hamper the operation of upper mountain lifts, so All Lifts will Operate Wind and Weather Permitting and we advise everyone to Call Ahead. Temps only into the mid 20's to low 30's on the Slopes. Dress warm, wear your Windproof – Waterproof Jacket, take along a hat, beanie or wear a helmet for safety; Also, wear Good Goggles and warm gloves. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed and Skier / Rider Packed Powder & MM Snow. Ski and Ride with care. 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 – Reports a trace of new on base of 42-50". 16 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP with 9 Lifts scheduled in California including Canyon & Sky Express (HOLD) and 7 Lifts (On HOLD) on the Nevada Side All On HOLD. Access to the mountain is from the Gondola (On HOLD) But you can access the Mtn from the California Base Lodge – Call Ahead. 52 Trails are open (42MG). (MG & SKRPP - MM Snow / 18F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds) Heavenly / Northstar Season Passes are still available for \$379. **1-800-HEAVENLY**. www.skiheavenly.com

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 (R2) – Is open reporting a trace of new on base of 30-76". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, on the Front Side including Grandview Express to the top and the West Bowl open. 39 Trails are open (26MG) + T-Park Features. (MG & SKRPP / 17F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). 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 (R1) – Is now open (9-4) on a base of 18". They have 3 trails open = 8km of groomed XC / Snowshoe Trails Open. Also skier / snow shoe packed trails along the beach. **(530) 542-6584**. www.camprichardson.com

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

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 – Is open reporting 2" of new snow on a base of 75". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, on the Front Side, including Chairs 1, 5, 6, 11 And Chair 7. 35 Trails open (20MG). (MG & SKR PP / 34F / Snowing / Mod Winds). Kirkwood Season Passes available starting at \$239. **Kirkwood XC Center** – Open with 30KM of Groomed Track. **(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 daily (9-5). They have a base of 30". 22KM of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails are open. **(775) 749-5349**. www.spoonerlake.com

Diamond Peak - Hwy 28 (R1)- in Incline Village – Is scheduled to open on Dec 16. **(775) 831-3211**. www.diamondpeak.com

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1)– Checks in reporting a trace of new on a base of 28-52". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, including the NW Magnum Six to the top of the Rose side & The Blazing Zephyr on the Slide Side opening at 8:30-WWP. 20 Trails are open, plus Terrain Park Features available on Ponderosa. (MG & SKRPP / 22F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE** www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 (R2) – is open, reporting 1" of new on a base of 38-57". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) – WWP including the Back Side open-WWP. 76 Trails are open (46MG). 2 Terrain Parks Open with 14 Features. (MG, SKRPP & MM Snow / 22F / Snowing / Lt Winds). Village Ice Rink is open (1-8pm)-WWP. **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 (R2) at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 1-3" of new on a base of 58-65". They have 6 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4:30)-WWP, including Castle Peak Quad & Accelerator Express Quad to the top. 30 Trails are open (12MG) with their South 40 Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 24F / Snowing / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park is open (10-4 / till 8pm Fri/Sat)-WWP. 2 lifts will operate for Night Skiing & Riding till 9pm-WWP. **(530) 426-3666 #1**. www.rideboreal.com

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) – Is open 1-3" of new on a base of 58-65". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP for Skiing & Riding; Plus 2 Lifts for Snow Tubing with Tube Town & Kids Tube Carousel. (MGPP / 27F / Snowing & Lt Winds) **(530) 426-3901**. www.skisodasprings.com

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) in Soda Springs –open today thru Sunday. They have 19 trails open = 55 Km of groom track and adjacent snow shoe trails. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – Is open today thru Sunday. They have 3” of new on a base of 50-60”. 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, Chairs 1, 4 & 6. Plus the Tubing Hill is scheduled open-WWP. (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80(R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is open reporting 4-7” of new on a base of 62-72”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Jerome Hill & Lincoln Express. 88 Trails to open (43MG). (MG & SKRPP / 23F / Snowing / Lt Winds). Enter from the Mt Judah Base area. (530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

Homewood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 89 – 55-77” of Snow from Storms. Opening Dec 10 (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – CLOSED. (530) 581-7533 www.granlibakken.com.

***Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area** - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 (R1) – Is now open daily (8:30-5). They Report 1” of new on a base of 38-60”. 13 trails are open offering 42 Km of Groomed trails + 3 Dog Friendly Trails are open. (27F / Snowing / Lt Winds) (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 (R2)– is now open reporting 2-3” of new on a Base: 48-67”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, including Summit Six, Roundhouse, Hot Wheels & Meadow Chairs. 17 Trails open (11MG). (Powder, MGPP / 20 / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds) (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 (R2) – Check in reporting 1-3” of new on a base of 45-65”. 17 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 10 Lifts from the bottom, including the Cable Car & Funitel, plus Red Dog & KT-22. Plus, 7 Lifts up top including Gold Coast & Shirley Lake - WWP. 70 Trails are open. (MG & SKRPP / 20F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting a ThanksJibbin’ Rail Jam today on Exhibition. Olympic Ice Pavilion is scheduled to open (11-4) – WWP and Snowtubing offered at Papoose. (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 and reporting a base of 42-88”. Full Operation with 27 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP including the Upper Panorama Gondola, Plus Chair 23 to the top, Plus access from Canyon & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails open (77 MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 25F / Cldy-Lt Snow/ Lt-Strong Winds). (888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain** – Closed (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com

Yosemite/Badger Pass - is CLOSED. Scheduled to open Dec. 17. (209) 372-8430. www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx

***Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 (R1)–open on a base of 30-34”. 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails (39MG) open plus terrain park features accessible. (MG & SKRPP / 22F / Snowing / Lt Winds) (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 (R1) – is opening today on a base of 36-48”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate. (209) 753-2301 #2. **Bear Valley XC** – open with 14Km of groomed XC trails. (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalley.com

Don't miss the Traditional Kick off to Winter with Warren Miller's "Wintervention" premiering on the South Shore, Dec 3 & 4, at the Montbleu Showroom. Get your tickets in advance at Tahoe Sports Ltd. Be Prepared for Winter Driving Conditions - Road Conditions can change rapidly this morning. For Updates on Road Controls, Dial 5-11. So there you have it. And for updates on this Report, visit my Website at BikeandSkiTahoe.Com. It's Curtis Fong, TGFT and Have Yourself a Great Thanksgiving Holiday... And, that's today's Mtn Resort Report.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

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CALIFORNIA: 1-800-427-7623 • NEVADA: 1-877-NV-ROADS or 511

R1=CHAINS OR SNOWTIRES REQUIRED

R2=CHAINS MANDATORY EXCEPT 4WD WITH SNOWTIRES

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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 Family Fun, the Heavenly Village Ice Rink is open and Borges Sleigh Rides are also offered on the corner of Hwy 50 & Lake Parkway (across from Montbleu Parking Lot)

**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

**Episode 331 – Skiing at Tahoe / Episode 335 – Heavenly Skiing / Episode 336 – Skiing Nevada
Episode 324 – Bike the West / Episode 238 – Bike the West**

See you on the Slopes...
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