

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010 - **UPDATED as of 8:00am**

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for Thursday, December 2nd. Continued Unsettled Weather as the Forecast Calling for Mostly Cloudy Skies with a Chance of Showers and snow level above 7000 feet. Temperatures warming into the mid 40's on the Slopes. Light to Moderate Winds will increase with Possible Ridge Gusts up to 65mph increasing to 90mph in the afternoon and this could hamper the operation of upper-mountain lifts, so Lift Operations will be Wind & Weather Permitting. Take along your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket, wear a hat, beanie or a helmet for safety; Also, wear Good Goggles. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed and Skier-Rider Packed Powder & Machine Made 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 base of 45-54". 17 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)- WWP with 9 Lifts scheduled in California including Canyon & Sky Express and 8 Lifts on the Nevada Side, including Dipper, Comet & Mott Canyon Opening today. Access to the mountain is from the Gondola and the California Base Lodge. Stagecoach & Olympic is scheduled to open tomorrow. 66 Trails are open (40+MG) + Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 37F / MCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Heavenly / Northstar Season Passes are still available for \$379. **1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com**

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 – Is open reporting a on base of 32-62". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side including Grandview Express to the top and the West Bowl open. 41 Trails are open (29MG) + 2 T-Parks and snow play area open. (MG & SKRPP / 38F / PCldy / Lt 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 – is open (9-4) on a base of 18". They have 3 trails = 8km of groomed XC / Snowshoe Trails Open. Also skier / snowshoe 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 a mid mountain base of 44". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side, including Chairs #5, #11 & #7, Plus Chairs #6 & #10 to the top-WWP. 60 Trails open (20MG) + 2 Terrain Parks. (MG & SKRPP / 29F / PCldy / Lt 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

Spooner Lake Cross Country - Highway 28/50 - 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– Checks in reporting a base of 30-52". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)- WWP including the NW Magnum Six to the top of the Rose side & The Blazing Zephyr opening at 8:30 on the Slide Side. 20 Trails are open. Black Jack Terrain Park is open. (MG & SKRPP / 36F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). Ladies Day Thursday with \$35 Lift Tickets. **(800) SKI ROSE www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 – is open, reporting a base of 41-64". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Top to bottom – Front to Back. 77 Trails are open (56MG) + 2 Terrain Parks Open. (MG, SKRPP & MM Snow / 34F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Village Ice Rink & Snow Tubing Center are open (12-4pm). **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** – is open (8:30-5) with a base of 30-40". 51 trails are open offering 100km of groomed XC trails. **(530) 587-9484. www.skitaheodonner.com**

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting a base of 60-67". They have 4 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4:30) including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top-WWP. 30 Trails are open (17MG) with their South 40 & Mini Shred Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 35F / Cldy / Lt Winds). 2 lifts will operate for Night Skiing & Riding till 9pm. (530) 426-3666 #1. **www.rideboreal.com**

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 – Is Closed mid week and reopening Friday thru Sundays until Dec 17, when they open daily. (Reporting 8-10" of new on a base of 58-65". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) for Skiing & Riding; Plus 2 Lifts for Snow Tubing (10-4) with Tube Town & the Kids Tube Carousel. (MGPP / 35F / Cldy & Lt Winds) Open

Friday-Sunday until Dec 17. (530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort – Off I-80 in Soda Springs – Also Closed Mid Week to reopen Friday. (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 – Is Closed Mid Week and reopening on Weekends. (They have a base of 50-60". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Chairs 1, 4 & 6. Plus the Tubing Hill is scheduled open) (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is open reporting a base of 70-84". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Jerome Hill & Lincoln Express. 82 Trails to open (38MG) + 3 T-Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 32F / MCldy / 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 – Has a base of 49-70", but will be 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 – Is open daily (8:30-5). They Report a base of 38-56". 16 trails are open offering 46 Km of Groomed trails + 3 Dog Friendly Trails are open. (41F/ MCldy / Lt Winds) (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 – is open reporting a base: 49-82". 1 Lift is scheduled to operate (9-4). Summit Six to the top-WWP. 33 Trails open (13MG) With Alpine Bowl & Wolverine Bowls open. (MG & SKRPP / 34F / MCldy / Lt-Mod Winds) (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 – Check in reporting a base of 47-73". 14 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 7 Lifts from the bottom, including the Cable Car & Funitel, plus Red Dog & KT-22. Plus, 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate on the upper mountain - WWP, including Shirley Lake & Siberia. 100 Trails are open (29MG) + Belmont Terrain Park. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / MCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled to open (11-4). Local Merchants Day today. Bring a paycheck stub and valid ID and get a ticket for \$39. (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 48-90". 17 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 (74 MG) + 5 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 36F / MCldy / Mod - 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 – open with a base of 30-34". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails (36MG) open plus terrain park features accessible. (MG & SKRPP / 33F / MCldy / Lt Winds) (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 – Closed mid week to reopen Friday (on a base of 48-54". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 15 Trails open. (MG & SKRPP / 34F / MCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2. **Bear Valley XC** – open with 21Km of groomed XC trails. (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalley.com

So, there you have it. Once again all upper mountain lift operations will be Wind & Weather Permitting. And. 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. I will be Emceeing the show so come out and join us. For updates on this Report, visit my Website at BikeandSkiTahoe.Com. Have a Safe Day on the Mountain, It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's today's Mtn Resort Report.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

FOR CURRENT ROAD INFORMATION CALL:

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 Emceeing the event with lots of 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) Zephyr Cove Snowmobile Center open with Tours Daily.

**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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