

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Sunday, Dec. 12, 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 Sunday, December 12th. Shaping up to be a Beautiful Day for Skiing & Riding or doing anything outdoors. Sunny - Clear Skies with Temps warming up into the low 50's on the Slopes and Light Winds. Take along your Jacket or a Shell, wear a hat, beanie or wear a helmet for safety; Also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles and don't forget to apply Sunscreen when the sun is out. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed and Skier-Rider Packed Snow softening with day time temperatures. 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". 22 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4). 12 Lifts scheduled in California and 10 Lifts on the Nevada Side. Access to the mountain is from the Gondola, California Base Lodge & Stagecoach on the NV side. Open top to bottom in both CA & NV with 73 Trails open (50+MG) Mott & Killebrew Canyons open + Terrain Park with 16 features on Cal Trail. (MG & SKRPP / 29F / Clear / Lt Winds). Snow Tubing Hill is scheduled to open (10-4) as well as Sledding now offered at the top of the Gondola. Their Heavenly / Northstar Season Pass is still available for \$379. **1-800-HEAVENLY**. www.skiheavenly.com

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 – Is open reporting a base of 19-64". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side including Grandview Express to the top and the West Bowl open. 42 Trails are open (32MG) + 3 T-Parks, Snow Shoe Trails and Snow Play Area open. (MG & SKRPP / 42F / Clear / 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 weekends (9-4) on a base of 12". They have 3 trails = 8km of groomed XC / Snowshoe Trails Open. 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 (9-4) on a base of 12-30". 20 miles of groomed trails and 40 miles of marked & skier packed trails are open. No Fees to XC or Snow Shoe in Hope Valley, but they do accept donations. **(530) 694-2266**. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 – Is open reporting a mid-mountain base of 45". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) out of the Village on the Front Side, including Chairs #1, #5, #11, Plus Chairs #6 & #10 to the top. Chair #7 operating out of the Timber Creek Facility. 43 Trails open (20MG) 3 Bowls & 2 Terrain Parks. (MG & SKRPP / 36F / Clear / Lt Winds). Kirkwood Season Passes available starting at \$239. **Kirkwood XC Center** – Open with 40KM of Groomed XC Trails and Snow Shoe Trails open. **(877) KIRKWOOD**. www.kirkwood.com

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

***Spoooner Lake Cross Country** - Highway 28/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open daily (9-5). They have a base of 12-24". 5 Trails are open offering 20KM of Groomed XC trails & 2 Separate Snow Shoe Trails open offering 7km. **(775) 749-5349**. www.spoonerlake.com

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

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 – is reporting a base of 30-54". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including the NW Magnum Six to the top of the Rose side & The Blazing Zephyr opening at 8:30 on the Slide Side. 35 Trails are open + Two Terrain Parks open. Chutes closed this morning. (MG & SKRPPkd Snow / 42F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE** www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – is reporting a base of 30-64". 14 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain open. 84 Trails are open (58MG) + 8 Terrain Parks Open. (MG, SKRPP / 35F / MClear / Lt Winds). Village Ice Rink (1-8pm) & Snow Tubing Center (12-4pm) are scheduled to open. **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** is open today. **(530) 562-1330**. www.northstarattahoe.com

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is open on a base of 30-40". 5 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 8 trails + Terrain Park open. (MGPP / 28F / Clear / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill)**. **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 28 trails are open offering 49 km of groomed XC trails + 4 separate Snowshoe trails offering 6 Km. **(530) 587-9484**. www.skitahtoedonner.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 7 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4) including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top and Lost Dutchman on the Back Side. 35 Trails are open (16MG). Their South 40 & Mini Shred Terrain Parks are open and the Main Jumphline open as well as the BoarderCross. (MG & SKRPP / 24F / Clear / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park open 10-4pm and 2 Lifts operate till 9pm. You can Learn to Ski or Ride for only \$25. **(530) 426-3666 #1**. www.rideboreal.com

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 – Is open Friday thru Sundays, Reporting a base of 58-65". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate for Skiing & Riding (9-4) with 16 Trails open; Plus 3 Lifts for Snow Tubing operating (10-4) with Tube Town, the Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. (MGPP / 24F / Clear / Lt Winds). Will open 7 days a week starting December 17. (530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 in Soda Springs – is open Friday thru Mondays on a base of 50". They have 80 Km of groomed XC trails open. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – Is open on Weekends. They have a base of 50-60". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Chairs 1, 4, 6 & 7. Plus the Tubing Hill is scheduled open in the afternoon. (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is open reporting a base of 56-68". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Jerome Hill & Lincoln Express. 76 Trails to open (47MG) + 3 T-Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / Clear / Lt Winds). Enter from the Mt Judah Base area. Learn to Ski or Ride for only \$25. (530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

***Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, Is open on a base of 37-78". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 64 trails are open (26MG). (MG & SKRPP / 32F / Clear / Lt Winds) (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

***Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – Is scheduled to open December 17, but the Sledding hill is open daily (9-4:30). (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 16-35". 15 trails are open offering 42 Km of Groomed trails + 3 Dog Friendly Trails are open (2-5pm). (34F/ Clear / Lt Winds) (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – is open reporting a base: 37-78". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side, including Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top. 70 Trails open + Terrain Park. (MG & SKRPP / 39F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). Learn to Ski or Ride for \$25. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base of 20-48". 20 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 11 Lifts from the bottom, including the Cable Car & Funitel, plus Red Dog & KT-22. Plus, 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate on the upper mountain including Shirley Lake, Siberia & Headwall. 100 Trails are open (31MG) + The Belmont Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 26F / Clear / Lt Winds). Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled to open (11-4). Learn to Ski or Ride for \$25. (530) 583-6955 #1. www.squaw.com. The Resort at Squaw Creek XC Trails are open.

Central Sierra Resorts

***Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 – is open and reporting a base of 42-84". 23 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4) including the Upper Panorama Gondola, Plus Chair #23 to the top, Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails open (82 MG) + 7 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 44F / Clear / Lt Winds). (888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain** – Scheduled to open on Dec. 16, Celebrating their 50th year, will offer \$5 lift tickets. (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 on a base of 21". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (33MG). Plus Rocky's Road Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 38F / Clear / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – Open for the season with a base of 33-41". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 39 Trails open + 2 Terrain Parks. (MG & SKRPP / 37F / Clear / Lt Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2. **Bear Valley XC** – open with 14Km of groomed XC trails & Sledding hill open. (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalley.com

So, there you have it. Once again Don't forget to use sunscreen and re-apply it thru out the day. For updates on this Report, Please 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

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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:

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See you on the Slopes...
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