

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Wednesday, Dec. 15, 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 Wednesday, December 15th. Shaping up to be a great day to ride some powder. Mostly Cloudy in the morning with a slight chance of snow, then turning Partly Cloudy by afternoon. Temps only into the mid 20's to low 30's on the slopes with Light Winds. Dress Warm, Layer up today with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket, wear a hat, beanie or wear a helmet for safety; Also, wear Good Goggles. Surface conditions are Powder & Machine Groomed Packed Powder. Ski and Ride with care. Early season conditions exist, so keep an eye for marked and unmarked obstacles – Always Ski with a Buddy if you go Off Piste and stay on opened runs only. Expect Delayed open of upper mountain lifts due to snow safety procedures.

South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

Heavenly Mountain Resort - South Lake Tahoe – Reports 12-16" of new on a base of 45-54". 20 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 10 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. 70 Trails to open (50+MG) Mott & Killebrew Canyons on delayed opening + Terrain Park with 15 features on Cal Trail. (Powder, MGPP / 18F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Sledding & Snow Tubing Hill are scheduled to open (10-4) at the top of the Gondola. Their Heavenly / Northstar Season Pass is still available for \$379 with prices going up after Dec 19. **1-800-HEAVENLY**.

www.skiheavenly.com

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 (R2) – Is open reporting 8" of new on a base of 17-67". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side including Grandview Express to the top and the West Bowl open. 44 Trails are open (32MG) + 3 T-Parks, Snow Shoe Trails and Snow Play Area open. (Powder, MG PP / 19F / Snow / 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 Closed today, Open weekends (9-4) /// on a base of 6". 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 (R2) – at Pickett's Junction – The Yurt is Open Daily (9-4) They have 8-10" of new on base is 20-36". They expect to have 20 miles of groomed trails and 40 miles of marked & skier packed trails 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 (R2) – Is open reporting 12-14" of new and a mid-mountain base of 40". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) out of the Village on the Front Side, including Chairs #5, #7 & #11, Plus Chairs #6 & #10 to the top. 43 Trails open (20MG) 3 Bowls & 2 Terrain Parks. (Powder, MG PP / 22F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Kirkwood Season Passes available starting at \$239 with prices going up after Dec 15. **Kirkwood XC Center** – Open with 45KM of Groomed XC Trails and Snow Shoe Trails open. Kirkwood is presenting the new TGR Film, "Deeper", tonight at the MontBleu Showroom. **(877) KIRKWOOD. www.kirkwood.com**

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

Spoooner Lake Cross Country - Highway 28/50 (R1) - at Spooner Lake State Park – is Closed today and will reopen Friday, Dec 18. /// 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 tomorrow, Dec 16. **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) – is reporting 18-22" of new on a base of 34-60". 3 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. Assessing the Chutes this morning so Call Ahead. (Powder, MGPP / 16F / MClear / Lt Winds). Over the Hill & Student Wednesday with \$35 Lift Tickets for ages over 50 or with Valid Student ID. **(800) SKI ROSE www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 (R2) – is reporting 15-24” of new on base of 43-81”. 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain open. 84 Trails are open (56MG) + 3 Terrain Parks Open with 40 features. (Powder & MGPP / 18F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). Village Ice Rink is scheduled to open (1-8pm). **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** is open with 40km of groomed XC & Snow snowshoe trails. (530) 562-1330. www.northstaratahove.com

Tahoe Donner Ski Area - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is open reporting 12-15” of new on a base of 24-36”. 5 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 8 trails + Candy Land Terrain Park open. 2 for 1 Lift Tickets today. (Powder & MGPP / 12F / PCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 35 trails are open offering 61.8 km of groomed XC trails + 4 separate Snowshoe trails offering 6 Km. Hosting Sierra Nordic Duathlon on Dec 19. (530) 587-9484. www.skitahtoedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 (R2) at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 15-20” of new on a base of 60-67”. They have 4 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4) including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top & Lost Dutchman. 35 Trails are open (16MG). Their Lower Core Park & Mini Shred Terrain Parks are open. (Powder & MGPP / 11F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park Closed midweek. 2 Lifts operate till 9pm. (530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 (R2) – Is Closed Midweek, Opening daily starting Friday, Dec 17. /// 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 / 33F / PCldy / Lt Winds).(530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort – Off I-80 in Soda Springs – is Closed to reopen Thursday /// on a base of 50”. They have 85 Km of groomed XC trails open. Closed Tuesday – Wednesday reopening 7 days a week starting Thursday, Dec 16. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road – Is Closed Midweek, opening for the season next weekend. /// 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.donnerskiranch.com

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is open reporting 16-24” of new on a base of 48-68”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Judah, Jerome Hill & Lincoln Express. 76 Trails to open (43MG) + 3 T-Parks open. (Powder & MGPP / 14F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Please 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 (R1) – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, Is open reporting 12-16” of new on a base of 37-78”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 64 trails are open (22MG). (Powder & MGPP / 19F / PCldy / Lt Winds) (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 (R1) - Tahoe City – Is scheduled to open December 17, but the Sledding hill is open daily (9-4:30) conditions permitting. (530) 581-7533 www.granlibakken.com.

Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 (R1) – Is open daily (8:30-5). They Report 6”+ of new on a base of 16-35”. 14 trails are open offering 40 Km of Groomed trails + 2 Dog Friendly Trails are open. (28F/ PCldy / Lt Winds) (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 (R1) – is open reporting 18-24” of new and a base: 52-92”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side, including Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top plus Scott Chair. 70 Trails open + Terrain Park. (MG & SKRPP / 17F / PCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 (R1) – Checks in reporting 10-22” of new on a base of 25-72”. 15

Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 8 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 including Shirley Lake & Siberia. 100 Trails are open (26MG) + The Belmont Terrain Park open. (Powder & MGPP / 19F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled to open (11-4)-WWP. (530) 583-6955 #1. www.squaw.com. **The Resort at Squaw Creek** XC Trails are open. Squaw Valley Institute presents the Telluride Film Festival Dec 16 & 17. For more info visit SquawValleyInstitute.org – Also, 19th Annual Snow Gods Ball on Dec 18.

Central Sierra Resorts

Mammoth Mountain - off Hwy 395 – is open and reporting 11-16” of new on a base of 42-84”. 16 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4), Plus Chair #23 to the top, Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails open (57 MG) + 7 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 25F / Snowing / Lt-Mod 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 (R2) – open reporting 10-18” of new on a base of 40”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (31MG). Plus Rocky’s Road Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 32F / Cldy / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 (R2) – open with 16” of new on a base of 45-52”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 39 Trails open + 2 Terrain Parks. (Powder & MGPP / 24F / PCldy / 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. Stay tuned for updated weather and road conditions. 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.