

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Friday, Dec. 17, 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 Finally a Friday, December 17th. A Winter Storm Warning is in effect thru Sunday for 3 to 8 feet of snow above 7000 feet. Expect Snow and Rain and Increasing winds that will affect the operation of upper mountain lifts. Call Ahead. Temps only into the mid 20's to low 30's on the slopes with Moderate to Strong Winds. Dress Warm, in Layers 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 & Skier / Rider 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.

South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

Heavenly Mountain Resort - South Lake Tahoe – Reports a Trace of new on a base of 51-60". 20 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 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. 71 Trails to open (50+MG) Mott & Killebrew Canyons open (10am) + Terrain Park with 15 features on Cal Trail. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 22F / Snow Flurries / Lt-Mod 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. (Hwy 207 – R1) **1-800-HEAVENLY**.

www.skiheavenly.com

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 (R2) – Is open reporting 2" of new on a base of 28-80". 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 (31MG) + 3 T-Parks, Snow Shoe Trails and Snow Play Area open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 26F / Lt Snow / 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 – 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 a base of 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 a mid-mountain base of 58". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP out of the Village with the Entire Front Side open including Timber Creek Lifts and the Back Side opening today. 72 Trails open, 6 Bowls & 3 Terrain Parks. (Powder, MG & SKR PP / 29F / Cldy / Lt Winds). **Kirkwood XC Center** – Open with 45KM of Groomed XC Trails and Snow Shoe Trails open. **(877) KIRKWOOD**.

www.kirkwood.com

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

Spooner Lake Cross Country - Highway 28/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is Closed today and will reopen tomorrow, Dec 18. /// (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 open, reporting a base of 37-46". 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 23 trails open + Terrain Park features. (Powder & MGPP / 28F / Cldy / Lt Winds). **(775) 831-3211**.

www.diamondpeak.com

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) – is reporting a base of 34-62". 4 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. Plus The Chutes Open today. 35 Trails are open + Two Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 25F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE** www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 (R2) – is reporting 1" of new on base of 43-75". 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain open. 89 Trails are open (65MG) + 4 Terrain Parks Open with 40 features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 26F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). Village Ice Rink is scheduled to open (1-8pm)-WWP. **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** is open with 40km of groomed XC & Snow snowshoe trails. **(530) 562-1330**. www.northstarattahoe.com

Tahoe Donner Ski Area - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is open reporting 1" of new on a base of 24-36". 5 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 8 trails + Candyland Terrain Park open. (MGPP / 24F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill)**. **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 39 trails are open offering 61 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 2-3” of new on a base of 60-67”. They have 7 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4) WWP 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 and Super Pipe is opening today. (Powder & MGPP / 23F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park open (10-4). 2 Lifts operate till 9pm-WWP. (530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 (R2) – Is opening daily reporting 2-3” of new on a base of 58-65”. 2 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. (Powder & MGPP / 23F / Snowing / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort – Off I-80 (R2) in Soda Springs – is open on a base of 50”. They have 21 Trial open offering 50 Km of groomed XC trails. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – Is open reporting a base of 50-60”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 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 (R2)– is open reporting 1” of new on a base of 48-80”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Judah, Jerome Hill & Lincoln Express. 88 Trails to open (52MG) + 3 T-Parks open. (Powder & MGPP / 25F / Snowing / 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 a base of 52-78”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 64 trails are open (32MG). (MG & SKRPP / 27F / Snowing / Lt Winds) (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 (R1)- Tahoe City – Is scheduled to open today, 1 tows will operate (9-4) with 1 run open. Their XC & Snowshoe trails are open as well as the Sledding hill. (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 1” of new on a base of 20-36”. 16 trails are open offering 47 Km of Groomed trails + 3 Dog Friendly Trails are open. (27F/ Lt Snow / Calm Winds) (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 (R1) – is open reporting a base of 52-98”. 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Roundhouse & Summit Six on the Front Side, Plus Scott Chair, Lakeview and Sherwood open. 70 Trails open + Terrain Park. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 26F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting 1” of new on a base of 25-72”. 17 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 7 Lifts from the bottom, including the Cable Car & Funitel, plus Red Dog & KT-22. Plus, 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate on the upper mountain-WWP including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Headwall & Granite Chief. 100 Trails are open (26MG) + The Belmont Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 25F / Lt Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled to open (11-4). Night Skiing starts tonight. Also, Don't Miss the 19th Annual Snow Gods Ball tomorrow night. (530) 583-6955 #1. www.squaw.com. **The Resort at Squaw Creek** has their XC Trails open.

Central Sierra Resorts

Mammoth Mountain - off Hwy 395 – is open and reporting 2” of new on a base of 48-90”. 23 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails open (79 MG) + 7 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 23F / Snowing / Mod Strong Winds). (888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com.

June Mountain –open today, on a base of 24-36”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 25 Trails open. (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com

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

Dodge Ridge - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 (R2) – open reporting 3” of new snow a base of 26-34”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (34MG). Plus Rocky's Road Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 31F / Snowing / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 – open with 1” of new on a base of 45-53”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 39 Trails open + 2 Terrain Parks. (Powder & MGPP / 24F / Snowing / 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.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

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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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