

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for Saturday, December 18th. A Winter Storm Warning is in effect and now extended to 4pm on Monday for Heavy Snow and Gusty Winds. 5 to 10 FEET additional accumulation predicted above 7000 feet. Expect Rain & Snow continuing today and Temps into the mid to low 30's, with Strong Gusty winds up to 125 mph over the ridge tops that will affect the operation of upper mountain lifts. Call Ahead. If your Going, 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 10-20” of new on a base of 56-70”. 25 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP with 12 Lifts scheduled in California and 13 Lifts on the Nevada Side. Access to the mountain is from the Gondola (Hold), California Base Lodge, Stagecoach & Boulder Opening on the NV side. (Gondola/Tamarack/Sky/Dipper/North Bowl on HOLD) 85 Trails to open (60+MG) Mott & Killebrew Canyons open (10am) + Terrain Park with 15 features on Cal Trail. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 25F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). Sledding & Snow Tubing Hill are scheduled to open (10-4) at the top of the Gondola – Call Ahead.. 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 15” of new on a base of 28-80”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Grandview Express to the top of the front side, the West Bowl & Back Side opening today. 49 Trails are open (28MG) + 1 T-Park, Snow Shoe Trails and Snow Play Area open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 33F / 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 Open weekends (9-4) Call Ahead. /// 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 fresh snow on top 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 14-16” of new on a mid-mountain base of 65”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP out of the Village, Creek Lifts and the Back Side open. Chairs #4, #6 & #10 are scheduled to operate, WWP. 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

***Spoooner Lake Cross Country** - Highway 28/50 (R1) - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open daily (9-5). They have 6” of new on a base of 18-30”. 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 (R1)- in Incline Village – Is open, reporting a base of 37-46”. 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 30 trails open (12MG). (Powder & MGPP / 39F / Lt Rain / Lt Winds). **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) – is reporting 14-16” of new on a base of 51-80”. 7 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 Scheduled for Delayed Opening-WWP. 65 Trails are open + one Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 29F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 (R2) – is reporting 16-27” of new on base of 63-107”. 18 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain open. 92 Trails are open (65MG) + 4 Terrain Parks Open with 40 features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 34F / Lt Rain / 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.northstaratahое.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 + Candyland Terrain Park open. (MGPP / 32F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 25 trails are open offering 49 km of groomed XC trails + 4 separate Snowshoe trails offering 6 Km. Hosting Sierra Nordic Duathlon on Dec 19. (530) 587-9484. www.skitalhoeonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 12-15” 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 open. (Powder & MGPP / 31F / Snowing / 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 12-15” of new on a base of 58-65”. 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate for Skiing & Riding (9-4)-WWP with 16 Trails open; Plus 3 Lifts for Snow Tubing operating (10-4) with Tube Town, the Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. (Powder & MGPP / 31F / Snowing / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) in Soda Springs – is open with 24” of new on a base of 50”. They have 24 Trial open offering 50 Km of groomed XC trails and snow shoe trails open. (31F / Snowing / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – Is open reporting 24” of new snow on a base of 45-65”. 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.donnerskiranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd (R2)– is open reporting 24-36” of new on a base of 48-80”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Judah, Jerome Hill & Lincoln Express. 83 Trails to open (52MG) + 3 T-Parks open. (Powder & MGPP / 31F / Snowing / Lt –Mod 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 8-16” of new snow on a base of 62-96”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 64 trails are open (27MG). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 30F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

***Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 (R1)- Tahoe City – Is scheduled to open today (9-4) with 1 Tows & 1 Run open. Their XC & Snowshoe trails are open as well as the Snow Play Area are open. (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 4-6” of new on a base of 20-36”. 16 trails are open offering 47 Km of Groomed trails + 3 Dog Friendly Trails are open. (32F/ Lt Snow / Calm Winds) (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 (R1) – is open reporting 21-30” of new on a base of 67-115”. 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Roundhouse & Summit Six on the Front Side, Plus Scott Chair, Lakeview and Sherwood scheduled on the back side-WWP. 70 Trails open + Terrain Park. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 30F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting 16-24” of new on a base of 32-80”. 22 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 13 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-WWP including Shirley Lake & Siberia. 100 Trails are open (26MG) + The Belmont Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 37F / Snow Showers / 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 tonight at Bar One benefiting the Squaw Ski Patrol Avalanche Education Fund. **(530) 583-6955 #1. www.squaw.com**. And for XC or Snow Shoeing, **The Resort at Squaw Creek** has their Trails open.

Central Sierra Resorts

***Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 – is open and reporting 32” of new on a base of 84-132”. 19 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4) on the lower mountain -WWP. Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails open (79 MG) + 7 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 25F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). (888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com.

June Mountain –open with 16” of new on a base of 24-60”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 21 Trails open + 3 Terrain Parks. (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com

***Yosemite/Badger Pass** – is now open reporting 2-3” of new on a base of 34-40”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 9 Trails open. About 14km of XC Trails are open to Glacier Point & Bridel Veil Campground. **(209) 372-8430. www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx**

***Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 (R2) – open reporting 6-18” of new snow a base of 25-34”. 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (34MG). Plus Rocky's Road Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 34F / Snowing / Lt Winds). **(209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com**

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – open with 18” of new on a base of 58-60”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 39 Trails open + 2 Terrain Parks. (Powder & MGPP / 29F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). **(209) 753-2301 #2. www.bearvalley.com** – 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. On another note, Back Country Avalanche Danger is High.