

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010 - **UPDATED** as of 7:00am / 9:00am

Happy Holidays, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for Tuesday, December 21st. The First Official Day of Winter and you're going to find Mid Winter Conditions on the Slopes... Shaping up to be a Great Day for Holiday Skiing & Riding. Mostly Clear and increasing Cloudy Skies with Scattered Snow Showers. Temps in to the mid 20's to low 30's & Light Winds expected. 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. Keep an eye for marked and unmarked obstacles – Always Ski with a Buddy if you go Off Piste and stay on opened runs only. Please, Stay Out of the Back Country.

South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

Heavenly Mountain Resort - South Lake Tahoe – Reports 3-4" of new on a base of 69-90". 27 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with 13 Lifts scheduled in California and 14 Lifts on the Nevada Side. Access to the mountain is from the Gondola, California Base Lodge, Stagecoach & Boulder Lodge on the NV side. 86 Trails to open (61MG) Mott & Killebrew Canyons to open (10am). (Powder, MGPP / 20F / MClear / Lt Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola Closed today. Complimentary Shuttles buses running to all Base Facilities. (Hwy 207: R1) **1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com**

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 (R1) – Is open reporting 8" of new on a base of 50-126". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Grandview Express to the top of the front side, The Back Side and the West Bowl open. 40 Trails are open (28MG) + 2 Terrain Parks, Snow Shoe Trails and Snow Play Area open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 23F / MClear / Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttle buses running from So Shore. **(530) 659-7475. www.sierraattahoe.com**

Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center - on Emerald Bay Road - Hwy 89 (Closed at EM Bay) – is Open weekends /// (9-4) with a Base of 6-12". They have 3 trails = 8km of groomed XC / Snowshoe Trails Open. **(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 24-48". 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 7-9" of new on a mid-mountain base of 78-80". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP on the Front Side out of the Village & Timber Creek Lodge, Plus the Back Side Lifts scheduled to open today. 72 Trails open & 2 Terrain Parks. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 25F / Snowing / Lt-Winds). **Kirkwood XC Center** – Open (9-5) with 65KM 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 (R1) - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open daily (9-5). They have a base of 24-36". 7 Trails are open offering 45KM 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 1" of new on a base of 63-90". 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 30 trails open (14MG). (Powder & MGPP / 25F / MCldy / Lt Winds). **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) – is reporting a trace of new on a base of 72-110". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including the NW Magnum Six to the top of the Rose side & The Blazing Zephyr to open midday and The Chutes Scheduled for Delayed Opening – Call Ahead. 65 Trails + 1 Terrain Park open (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / Cldy / Lt Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 – is reporting a trace of new on base of 79-126". 19 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 91 Trails are open (58MG) + 3 Terrain Parks Open with 30 features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 26F / MClear / Lt Winds). Village Ice Rink is scheduled to open (1-8pm) & Snow Tubing offered (10-4pm). **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 5-7" of new on a base of 36-52". 5 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 14 trails + Candyland Terrain Park open. (MGPP / 24F / Cldy / 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. **(530) 587-9484. www.skitahtoedonner.com**

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 6-8" of new on a base of 82-120".

They have 7 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4) including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top & Lost Dutchman. 35 Trails are open (16MG). Plus, The Core Terrain Park. (Powder & MGPP / 23F / Cldy / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park open (10-8pm)-WWP. 2 Lifts operate till 9pm-WWP. (530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 – Is opening daily reporting 6-8” of new on a base of 82-95”. 2 Lifts are scheduled to operate for Skiing & Riding (9-4) with 16 Trails open; Plus 3 Lifts for Snow Tubing operating (9-4) with Tube Town, the Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. (Powder & MGPP / 22F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort – Off I-80 in Soda Springs – is open with 12” of new on a base of 60”. They have 65 Trails open offering 195 Km of groomed XC trails and snow shoe trails open. (22F / Cldy / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road – Is open with a base of 45-65”. All 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including the Back Side with 50 trails open. Plus the Tubing Hill is scheduled open in the afternoon. (Powder /MGPP) (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is open reporting 1-2” of new on a base of 57-113”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & Mt Lincoln Express. 78 Trails to open (46MG) + 3 T-Parks Closed. (Powder & MGPP / 21F / 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 (Clsd @ Em Bay/ R1)– 6 miles South of Tahoe City, Is open reporting 3” of new snow on a base of 80-125”. All 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 64 trails are open (33MG). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / Clear / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 (R1)- Tahoe City – Is open today (9-4) with 1 Tows & 1 Run open. Their XC & Snowshoe trails are open as well as the Snow Play Area open daily, as conditions permit. Call Ahead. (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 have a base of 30-48”. 20 Trails are open offering 65 Km of XC trails with 3 Warming Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails are open. (24F / MClear / Lt Winds) (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 (R1) – is open reporting 6-9” of new on a base of 78-145”. 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Roundhouse & Summit Six on the Front Side, Plus Scott & Sherwood on the back Side, Schedule. 100 Trails open + Terrain Park and Snow Tubing scheduled to open (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / Clear / Lt Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 (R1) – Checks in reporting 1” of new on a base of 52-128”. 21 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 10 Lifts from the bottom including the Cable Car & Funitel, plus Red Dog & KT22. 11 Lifts scheduled for the upper mountain, including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Headwall & Granite Chief open. 100 Trails to open+ The Belmont Terrain Park Closed. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 26F / Lt Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled to open (11-7pm). You can Ski, Ride, Ice Skate & Dine till 7pm from High Camp. (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 21” of new on a base of 126-180”. 23 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4) on the lower mountain. Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 130 trails open (58 MG) + 7 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 20F / Snow / Lt-Strong Winds). (888) 766-9778.

www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain** –open with a base of 48-96”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 19 Trails open + 3 Terrain Parks. (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com

Yosemite/Badger Pass – is open reporting 4” of new on a base of 72-75”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 9 Trails open. About 14km of XC Trails are open to Glacier Point & Bridalveil Campground. (209) 372-8430.

www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx

Dodge Ridge - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 (R2) – open reporting 6” of new snow on a base of 34-64”. 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (36MG). Plus Rocky’s Road Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP/ 20F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 (R2)– open with 9” of new on a base of 78-89”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 39 Trails open + 2 Terrain Parks Closed. (Powder & MGPP / 22F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2.

Bear Valley XC – open with 21 Trails offering 28Km 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.

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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Episode 406 - Ski Report

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See you on the Slopes...

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