

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010 - **UPDATED as of 7:00am**

Happy Holidays, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for Thursday, December 23rd. Shaping up to be a Great Day for Holiday Skiing & Riding. Mostly Clear Skies this morning to Mostly Cloudy Skies by afternoon and Temps in to low 30's & Light Winds. Dress Warm, in Layers with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket, wear a hat, beanie or wear a helmet for safety; Also, wear Good Sunglasses or Good Goggles. If the Sun is out, don't forget to use Sunscreen. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed & Skier / Rider Packed Powder – some stashes of powder still out there. 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.

South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

Heavenly Mountain Resort - South Lake Tahoe – Reports 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 Lodges on the NV side. 88 Trails to open (65MG) Mott & Killebrew Canyons to open (10am) and The Groove Terrain Park opens today with 31 Features. (MG & SKRPP / 15F / MClear / Lt Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola open with Sledding and the Tubing Hill (10-4) with 6 Lanes. Complimentary Shuttles buses running thru So. Shore to all Base Facilities. **1-800-HEAVENLY.**

www.skiheavenly.com

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 – Is open reporting 1" of new on a base of 50-114". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Grandview Express to the top of the front side, West Bowl & Short Stuff on the Back Side open. 46 Trails are open (38MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open + 3 Terrain Parks, Snow Shoe Trails and Snow Play Area open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 27F / 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) – Will re-open this weekend and thru the Holidays. Call Ahead. /// (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 – at Pickett's Junction – The Yurt is Open Daily (9-5) They have a base of 30-60". 60 Miles of Trails are open including 20 miles of groomed trails and 40 miles of marked & skier packed trails. 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 4-6" of new on a mid-mountain base of 78-80". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the entire Mountain open including Timber Creek Lodge Lifts, Plus the Back Side Lifts. 72 Trails open (35 MG) + 3 Terrain Parks and Slide Mtn Tubing Hill open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 20F / Lt Snow / Lt-Winds). **Kirkwood XC Center** – Open (9-5) with 65KM of Groomed XC Trails & Snow Shoe Trails with 2 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. **(877) KIRKWOOD. www.kirkwood.com**

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

Spooner Lake Cross Country - Highway 28/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open daily (9-5). They have a base of 36-60". 8 Trails are open offering 35KM 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 63-90". 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Crystal Express to the top. 31 trails open (15MG). (MG & SKRPP / 20F / MClear / Lt Winds). Santa on the Slopes today thru Christmas Day. **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 43 – is reporting a base of 72-110". All 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including the NW Magnum Six to the top of the Rose side & The Blazing Zephyr open 8:30am to the top of the Slide Side, plus The Chutes are scheduled to open. 65 Trails + 1 Terrain Park open (MG & SKRPP / 20F / MClear / 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 57-96". 19 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 89 Trails are open (63MG) + 3 Terrain Parks Open with 30 features + 1 Kid's Adventure Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 26F / MClear / Lt Winds). Village Ice Rink is scheduled to open (12-8pm) & 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 2-3" of new on a base of 36-52". 5 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 14 trails + Candyland Terrain Park open. (MGPP / 29F / PCldy / 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 2-3” of new on a base of 82-125”. They have 7 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4) including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top & Lost Dutchman. 41 Trails are open. Plus, The Core Terrain Park with 19 Features. (MG & SKRPP / 26F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park open (10-8pm). 2 Lifts operate till 9pm. (530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 – Is open reporting 2-3” of new on a base of 82-120”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 2 Lifts for Skiing & Riding offering 16 Trails open; Plus 3 Lifts for Snow Tubing operating with Tube Town, the Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. (MG & SKRPP / 29F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort – Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd (R2) in Soda Springs – is open on a base of 60”. They have 28 Trails open offering 70 Km of groomed XC trails & snow shoe trails open. (28F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – Is open with a base of 45-65”. 6 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. (MG & SKRPP) (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is open reporting 2-4” of new on a base of 60-120”. 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Jerome Hill, Mt Lincoln Express & The Summit Chair. 90 Trails are open (59MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 29F / Lt Snow / 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 (Clsd @ Em Bay)– 6 miles South of Tahoe City, Is open reporting a base of 80-125”. All 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 63 trails are open (36MG) Plus Quail Face Bowl & 2 Terrain Parks are open. (MG & SKRPP / 29F / Clear / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – Is open today (9-4) on a Base of 36”. 1 Tow & 1 Run are open. Plus XC & Snowshoe trails and the Snow Play Area are 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 30-52”. 20 Trails are open offering 65 Km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails with 3 Warming Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails are open. (23F/ PCldy / Lt Winds) (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 – is open reporting 2-3” of new on a base of 75-152”. 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Roundhouse & Summit Six on the Front Side, Plus Scott, Lakeview & Sherwood on the back Side open. 100 Trails open. Tubeville open for snow tubing. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 24F / Cldy/Flurries / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base of 52-128”. 27 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 13 Lifts from the bottom including the Cable Car & Funitel + Red Dog & KT22. 14 Lifts scheduled for the upper mountain, including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Headwall, Granite Chief & Broken Arrow open. 100 Trails to open (42MG) + The Belmont Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 29F / MClear / Lt 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 4-6” of new on a base of 132-204”. 24 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4) Entire Mtn Open. Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails open (72MG) + 7 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). (888) 766-9778.

www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain** –open with 8” of new on a base of 48-96”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 24 Trails open + 3 Terrain Parks. (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com

Yosemite/Badger Pass – is open reporting a base of 72-75”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 9 Trails open (7MG). (MGPP / 23F / MCldy / Calm Winds) About 13km 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) – is open reporting a base of 39-67”. 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (36MG). Plus Rocky’s Road Terrain Park & Progression Park open. (MG & SKRPP/ 30F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 (R2)– open with 3” of new on a base of 80-82”. 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 39 Trails open + 1 Terrain Park open. (Powder & MGPP / 26F / MClear / 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.

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:

www.nvtrails.acctv.org

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See you on the Slopes...
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