

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Monday, Dec. 27, 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 your Monday, December 27th. Shaping up to be a great day to enjoy Holiday Skiing & Riding. Partly Cloudy Skies with Temps into the low 30's on the Slopes & 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. Don't forget to use Sunscreen. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed & Skier / Rider Packed Powder. Get Out Early. Have Patience in those Lift Lines. 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". 28 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with 14 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. 94 Trails to open (60+MG) Mott & Killebrew Canyons to open (10am) and The Groove Terrain Park open with 31 Features. (MG & SKRPP / 10F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola Scheduled to open with Sledding and the Tubing Hill (10-4). 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 (R1) – Is open reporting 2" of new on a base of 48-110". Full Operation with 13 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4) including Grandview Express to the top of the front side, The West Bowl & The Back Side open. 44 Trails are open (38MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. 3 Terrain Parks + Boarder X, Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Tubing Hill open. (MG & SKRPP / 21F / PCldy / 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 (R1)– is open on a base of 4-12". They have 12km of groomed XC trails through the woods and Snowshoe Trails open on along the beach. **(530) 542-6584**.

www.camprichardson.com

Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center - 14655 Hwy 89/88 (R1)– 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 a mid-mountain base of 79-82". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the entire Mountain Scheduled to open out of the Village, Timber Creek Lifts and the Back Side Lifts scheduled. 72 Trails open (37 MG), 7 Bowls + 2 Terrain Parks and Slide Mtn Tubing Hill open (12-5). (MG & SKRPP / 24F / MClear / 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 1" of new on a base of 36-60". 10 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 - in Incline Village – Is open, reporting 5" of new on a base of 66-99". All 6 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Crystal Express to the top. 31 trails open (19MG) & Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 21F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(775) 831-3211**. www.diamondpeak.com

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) – is reporting 1" of new on a base of 73-112". All 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including the NW Magnum Six to the top of the Rose side & The Blazing Zephyr opening at 8:30am to the top of the Slide Side, plus All the Chutes Gates are scheduled to open. 60 Trails + 1 Terrain Park open (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 22F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE** www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 – is reporting a trace of new on a base of 56-98". 19 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain & Sawtooth Ridge. 90 Trails are open (70MG) + 3 Terrain Parks Open with 39 features + 1 Kid's Adventure Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 23F / 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 1-3" of new on a base of 36-52". 5 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 14 trails + 2 Terrain Parks with 25 features open. (MGPP / 20F / PCldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill)**. **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 41 trails are open offering 78 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 2-4” 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, Mini Shred Park and Boarder X & Super Pipe open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 22F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park open (10-8pm). 2 Lifts operate till 9pm-WWP (530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 – Is open reporting 2-4” 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. Plus, Mini Snowmobiles open today. (MG & SKRPP / 25F / PCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort – Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd in Soda Springs – is open with 2” of new on a base of 60”. They have 33 trails open offering 85 Km of groomed XC trails & snow shoe trails. (25F / PCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – Is open with 2” of new on a base of 65-90”. 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including the Back Side with 50 trails open. Plus the Tubing Hill is scheduled open. (MG & SKRPP) (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is open reporting 4-8” of new on a base of 65-128”. 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill, Mt Disney, Mt Lincoln Express & the Summit Chair. 91 Trails are open (61MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (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 2-3” of new on a base of 75-126”. 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 / 23F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 (R1) - Tahoe City – Is open today (9-4) on a base of 40”. 1 Tow & 1 Run are open. Plus XC & Snowshoe trails and the Snow Play Area are open daily, as conditions permit. (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 have 2” of new on a base of 32-55”. 20 Trails are open offering 65 Km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails with 3 Warming Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails are open. (20F/ MClear / Lt Winds) (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 (R1) – is open reporting 4-7” of new on a base of 76-147”. 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 (27MG). TubeVille open for snow tubing. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 (R1) – Checks in reporting a trace of new on a base of 52-128”. 30 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 15 Lifts from the bottom including the Cable Car & Funitel + Red Dog & KT22. 15 Lifts scheduled for the upper mountain, including Shirley Lake, Granite Chief & Broken Arrow open. 100 Trails to open (54MG) + The Belmont Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). Snowtubing offered at Papoose (10-7). Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled to open (11-9pm). You can Ski, Ride, Ice Skate & Dine till 9pm 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 a base of 120-204”. 24 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. Entire Mtn Open. Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails open (88MG) + 8 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 17F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). (888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com.

June Mountain –open with 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. (MGPP / 29F / MClear / Lt 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 42-73”. 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (44MG). Plus 3 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP/ 22F / MClear / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 (R2) – open with a base of 81-85”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 39 Trails open + 1 Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 21F / PCldy / Lt Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2. **Bear Valley XC** – open (9-4) with 21 Trails offering 28Km of groomed XC trails & Sledding hill open. (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalley.com

So, there you have it. For updates on this Report, Please visit my Website at **BikeandSkiTahoe.Com**. Have a Safe Day on the Mountain and Happy Holidays, It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's today's Mtn Resort Report.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

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