

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Wednesday, Dec. 29, 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 Wednesday, December 29th. If your Going, Grab the Fat Skis and be prepared for Winter Storm Conditions... The Winter Storm Warning continues to be in effect thru 4pm today for Heavy Snow and Strong Gusty Winds. Expect Snow and Rain in the Morning then Snow Showers in the Afternoon. Temps will be in the mid 20's with Moderate to Strong Winds Gusting to 95mph. Winds will affect the operation of upper mountain lifts and lift operations will be Wind & Weather Permitting this morning, So Call Ahead. Dress for Winter Conditions, Bundle up in Layers with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket, wear a hat, beanie or wear a helmet for safety – take a scarf or face gaiter; Also, wear Good Goggles & Warm Gloves. Surface conditions are Powder, Machine Groomed Powder & Wind Packed Snow. 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 16-18" of new on a base of 69-90". (Gondola, Sky & Canyon on HOLD – All NV Lifts on HOLD Except Boulder Lift) 28 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP with 14 Lifts scheduled in California and 14 Lifts on the Nevada Side. Access to the mountain is from the Gondola (on HOLD), California Base Lodge, Stagecoach (on HOLD) & Boulder Lodges on the NV side. 94 Trails to open (60+MG) Mott & Killebrew Canyons on HOLD. and The Groove Terrain Park open with 31 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 18F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola Scheduled (On HOLD) with Sledding and the Tubing Hill (10-4)-WWP. 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 (R2) – Is open reporting 21" of new on a base of 53-131". 10 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Grandview Express to the top of the front side, The West Bowl & The Back Side open. 38 Trails are open (22MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. 1 Terrain Park + Boarder X, Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Tubing Hill open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 26F / Snowing / Lt-Mod 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 (R2-Closed @ EmBay)– is open (9-4) with Fresh Snow on a base of 6-14". They have 7 Trails open offering 15km of groomed XC trails with adjacent Snow Shoe Trails and additional Snowshoe Trails open on along the beach. **(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 (9-5) They have 12" of new on 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 (Traffic HELD) – Is open reporting 22" of new on a mid-mountain base of 82-84". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with the entire Mountain Scheduled to open out of the Village, Timber Creek Lifts and the Back Side Lifts scheduled including the Vista Tow. 72 Trails are scheduled to open (5MG), 7 Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks + Boarder X and Slide Mtn Tubing Hill open (12-5). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 29F / Snowing / Mod-Strong 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 (R1) - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open daily (9-5). They have 6" of new on a base of 36-60". Grooming out 10 Trails = 45KM of 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 15" of new on a base of 82-105". All 6 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Crystal Express to the top. 31 trails open (16MG) & Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 33F / Snowing / Lt Winds). **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) – is reporting 18-20" of new on a base of 80-122". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including the NW Magnum Six to the top of the Rose side & The Blazing Zephyr (Delayed) opening. Park on the Rose Side , plus All the Chutes Gates (Delayed) are scheduled to open-WWP. 60 Trails + 1 Terrain Park to open (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 25F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 (R2) – is reporting 10-21" of new on a base of 61-118". 19 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 91 Trails are open (61MG) + 4 Terrain Parks Open with 40 features open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 32F / 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.northstaratahohoe.com

Tahoe Donner Ski Area - 11603 Slalom Way (R2), Truckee – Is open, reporting 20-30” of new on a base of 56-72”. 5 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 14 trails + 2 Terrain Parks with 25 features open. (Powder & MGPP / 29F / Snowing / Lt Winds). (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 42 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 (R2) at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 20-30” of new on a base of 82-125”. They have 7 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top & Lost Dutchman. 41 Trails are open. Plus, The Core Terrain Park with 20 Features, Mini Shred Park and Boarder X & Super Pipe open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 27F / Snowing / Lt-Mod 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 (R2) – Is open reporting 20-30” of new on a base of 82-120”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP 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. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 27F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort – Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) in Soda Springs – is open with 10” of new on a base of 72”. They have 105 Km of groomed XC trails & snow shoe trails. (27F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – Is open with 18” of new on a base of 75-100”. 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, including the Back Side with 50 trails open. Plus the Tubing Hill is scheduled open. (MG & SKRPP) (530) 426-3635. www.donnnerskiranch.com

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is open reporting 18-24” of new on a base of 65-128”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill, Mt Disney, Mt Lincoln Express. 89 Trails are open (54MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 27F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

Homewood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 89 (R2) – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, Is open reporting 12-16” of new on a base of 74-124”. All 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 63 trails are open (36MG) Quail Face Bowl (Closed) & 2 Terrain Parks are open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 25F / Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 (R2) - Tahoe City – Is scheduled to open today (9-4) with 10” of new on a base of 40”. 1 Tow & 1 Run are open-WWP. 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 12-18” 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. (29F / Snowing / Lt Winds) (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 (R1) – is open reporting 22-32” of new on a base of 92-172”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Roundhouse & Summit Six on the Front Side, (Scott, Lakeview & Sherwood CLOSED to the back Side). 70 Trails open (10MG). TubeVille Scheduled to open for snow tubing. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 28F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 (R1) – Checks in reporting 12-16” of new on a base of 54-130”. 30 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 15 Lifts from the bottom including (the Cable Car & Funitel on HOLD) + Red Dog & KT22. 15 Lifts scheduled for the upper mountain-WWP (with All Upper mountain lifts on Standby), including Shirley Lake, Granite Chief & Broken Arrow open. 100 Trails to open (58MG) + The Belmont Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 29F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). Snowtubing offered at Papoose (10-7). Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled to open (11-9pm)-WWP. You can Ski, Ride, Ice Skate & Dine till 9pm from High Camp-WWP. (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 24-36” of new on a base of 132-216”. 17 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. Lower Mountain Open. Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails open (70MG) + 8 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 18F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). (888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain** –open with 24” 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 12-18” of new on a base of 72-75”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 9 Trails open. (MGPP / 33F / Snowing / Lt Winds). 13km of XC Trails are groomed to Glacier Point & Bridalveil Campground. (209) 372-8430. www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx

Dodge Ridge - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 (R2) – is open reporting 19-28” of new on a base of 54-93”. 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (44MG). Plus 3 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP/ 29F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 (R2) – open with 16” of new on a base of 85-95”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with all Trails to open + 2 Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 25F / Snowing / Lt-Mod 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.

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