

# Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, Dec. 30, 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 Thursday, December 30th. Going to be a Great Day to Enjoy Powder Skiing & Riding. The Storm has moved thru and today you'll find Mostly Cloudy Skies with Isolated Snow Showers. Temps will be much colder on the mountain only getting in the low 20's. Light to Moderate Winds with possible Ridge Gusts up to 60 mph could affect the operation of upper mountain lifts so lift operations will be Wind & Weather Permitting... 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 1-2" of new on a base of 77-98". 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, California Base Lodge, Stagecoach & Boulder Lodges on the NV side. 94 Trails to open (60+MG) Mott & Killebrew Canyons scheduled to open. The Groove Terrain Park to open with 31 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 6F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola Scheduled 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](http://www.skiheavenly.com)**

**\*Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 (R2) – Is open reporting 5" of new on a base of 60-141". 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. 44 Trails are open (30MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. 2 Terrain Parks + Boarder X, Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Tubing Hill open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 9F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). Complimentary Shuttle buses running from So Shore. **(530) 659-7475. [www.sierraattahoe.com](http://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 10-18". 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](http://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 4" 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](http://www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com)**

**\*Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 (R2- Open to Kirkwood) – Is open reporting 10-12" of new on a mid-mountain base of 84-88". 10 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 -WWP. 72 Trails are scheduled to open (22MG), 2 Terrain Parks and Slide Mtn Tubing Hill open (12-5). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 6F / PCldy / Lt-Mod 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](http://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 2" 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](http://www.spoonerlake.com)**

**\*Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 (R1) - in Incline Village – Is open, reporting 3" of new on a base of 96-136". All 6 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Crystal Express to the top. 31 trails open (19MG) & Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 11F / Cldy / Calm Winds). **(775) 831-3211. [www.diamondpeak.com](http://www.diamondpeak.com)**

**\*Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) – is reporting 2" of new on a base of 80-122". 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 8:30am on the Slide Side. plus All the Chutes Gates are scheduled on Delayed opening. 60 Trails + 1 Terrain Park to open (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 6F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE [www.mtrose.com](http://www.mtrose.com)**

## Truckee Area Resorts

**\*Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 (R2) – is reporting 1-2" of new on a base of 67-113". 19 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 92 Trails are open (59MG) + 4 Terrain Parks Open with 39 features. Super Pipe now open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 10F / 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](http://www.northstarattahoe.com)**

**\*Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way (R2), Truckee – Is open, reporting 2-3" 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 / 11F / PCldy / Calm 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.skitaehodonner.com](http://www.skitaehodonner.com)**

### Donner Summit Resorts

**\*Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 2-5” 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 20 Features, Mini Shred Park and Boarder X & Super Pipe scheduled to open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 10F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park open (10-8pm)-WWP. 2 Lifts operate till 9pm. (530) 426-3666 #1. **[www.rideboreal.com](http://www.rideboreal.com)**

**\*Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) – Is open reporting 2-5” 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. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 8F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3901. **[www.skisodasprings.com](http://www.skisodasprings.com)**

**\*Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) in Soda Springs – is open with a base of 72”. They have 60 Km of groomed XC trails & snow shoe trails. (10F / MCldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 426-3871. [www.royalgorge.com](http://www.royalgorge.com)**

**\*Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – Is open with 1” of new on a base of 75-100”. 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4), Front Side & the Back Side open with 50 trails. Plus the Tubing Hill is scheduled open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP) **(530) 426-3635. [www.donnerranch.com](http://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 84-154”. 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill, Mt Lincoln & Summit Chair. 88 Trails are open (59MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 5F / PCldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 426-1111. [www.sugarbowl.com](http://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 3-6” of new on a base of 74-124”. All 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 63 trails are open (34MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 8F / Cldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 525-2900. [Skihomewood.com](http://Skihomewood.com)**

**\*Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 (R2) - Tahoe City – Is scheduled to open today (9-4) with 2” of new on a base of 48”. 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](http://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 2-4” of new on a base of 40-66”. 20 Trails are open offering 65 Km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails with 3 Warming Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails are open. (10F / MCldy / Lt Winds) **(530) 583-5475. [www.tahoexc.org](http://www.tahoexc.org)**

**\*Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 (R1) – is open reporting 6-9” of new on a base of 96-175”. 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Roundhouse & Summit Six on the Front Side, Plus Scott, Lakeview & Sherwood Scheduled to the back Side. 70 Trails open. TubeVille Scheduled to open for snow tubing. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 8F / PCldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 581-8374. [www.skialpine.com](http://www.skialpine.com)**

**\*Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 (R1) – Checks in reporting 3-6” of new on a base of 60-140”. 30 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 15 Lifts from the bottom including (the Cable Car & Funitel – on Standby) + Red Dog & KT22. 15 Lifts scheduled for the upper mountain on Standby, (including Shirley Lake, Granite Chief & Broken Arrow to open). 100 Trails to open (41MG) + The Belmont Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 7F / MCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Snow tubing 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-WWP. **(530) 583-6955 #1. [www.squaw.com](http://www.squaw.com)**. And, for XC Skiing or Snow Shoeing, **The Resort at Squaw Creek** has 18km of XC & Snow Shoe Trails open (9-5).

### Central Sierra Resorts

**\*Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 – is open and reporting 6-8” of new on a base of 132-216”. 24 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. Entire Mountain Open. Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails open (59MG) + 8 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 4F / MCclear / Mod-Strong Winds). **(888) 766-9778. [www.mammothmountain.com](http://www.mammothmountain.com). June Mountain** –open with 4” of new on a base of 60-108”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 25 Trails open + 3 Terrain Parks. **(760) 934-2224. [www.junemountain.com](http://www.junemountain.com)**

**\*Yosemite/Badger Pass** – is open reporting a base of 84-90”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 9 Trails open. (MGPP / 153F / MCclear / Lt Winds). 13km of XC Trails are groomed to Glacier Point & Bridalveil Campground. **(209) 372-8430. [www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx](http://www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx)**

**\*Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 (R2) – is open reporting 10” of new on a base of 64-82”. 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (39MG). Plus 3 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP/ 11F / MCclear / Lt Winds). **(209) 536-5300. [www.dodgeridge.com](http://www.dodgeridge.com)**

**\*Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 (R2) – open with 8” of new on a base of 85-97”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 6F / MCldy / 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](http://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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