

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Friday, Dec. 31, 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 Finally a Friday, December 31st. And, Your Final Day of 2010... Going to be Great Day to Enjoy Skiing & Riding. Mostly Clear to Partly Cloudy Skies with Cold Temps only getting in the low 20's and Light Winds. Dress warm, in Layers with your Windproof-Waterproof or Down Puffy Jacket. Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety – take a scarf or neck/face gaiter; Also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles & Warm Gloves. And, Don't forget Sunscreen... Surface conditions are Powder, Machine Groomed Powder & Skier – Rider Tracked 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 in bounds and on opened runs only.

South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

Heavenly Mountain Resort - South Lake Tahoe – Reports a base of 77-98". 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. 94 Trails to open (60+MG) Mott & Killebrew Canyons scheduled to open. The Groove Terrain Park to open with 33 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 10F / MClear / Lt Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola Scheduled with Sledding and the Tubing Hill (10-4). Complimentary Shuttles buses running thru So. Shore to all Base Facilities. Family New Years Eve Celebration in the Heavenly Village with a Rail Jam (2pm) Ripperoo Parade (4:30pm) live music (6-9pm), fireworks, ice skating, environmental entertainers and more. \$5 parking garage fee. **1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com**

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 – Is open reporting a base of 60-143". 13 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4) 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 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 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**

Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center - 14655 Hwy 89/88 (R2) – at Pickett's Junction – The Yurt is Open Daily (9-5) They have a base of 36-60". 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 (R2) – Is open reporting a mid-mountain base of 84-88". 11 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, including The Vista Lift. 72 Trails are scheduled to open (39MG), 3 Terrain Parks and Slide Mtn Tubing Hill open (12-5). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 6F / 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. New Years Eve Celebration include Torchlight Parade (6pm), Snow Cat Tours, Fireworks (6:45pm) and Deep Fried Mojo playing in Bubs starting at 9:30pm. **(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". 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 - in Incline Village – Is open, reporting a base of 96-136". All 6 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Crystal Express to the top. 31 trails open (19MG) & Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 10F / Clear / Calm Winds). **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) – is reporting a base of 82-126". 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 on the Slide Side. Plus, All the Chutes Gates are scheduled to open. 60 Trails + 1 Terrain Park to open (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 4F / Clear / Lt Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 (R2) – is reporting a base of 62-107". 19 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain & Sawtooth Ridge. 92 Trails are open (62MG) + 3 Terrain Parks Open with 38 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. Hosting New Years Celebration with live music, Dinners, Fireworks at 9pm and party at the Ritz Carlton. **(530) 562-1330. www.northstarattahoe.com**

Tahoe Donner Ski Area - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is open, reporting a base of 56-72". All 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. You can sign up and ski in their Torchlight Parade tonight at 6pm. **(530) 587-9484. www.skitahoedonner.com**

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 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 open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 10F / MClear / 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 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 / MClear / Lt 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 a base of 72". They have 100 Km of groomed XC & snow shoe trails open. (10F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com**

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – Is open 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**

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is open reporting a base of 84-159". 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill, Mt Lincoln & Summit Chair. 89 Trails are open (61MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 7F / PCldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com**

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

Homewood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 89 – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, Is open reporting a base of 74-124". All 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 63 trails are open (34MG) + Quail Face Bowl & 2 Terrain Parks are open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 6F / Clear / Lt Winds). **(530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com**

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 (R2) - Tahoe City – Is scheduled to open today (9-4) with 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**

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 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. (3F / MClear / Lt Winds) **(530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org**

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 – is open reporting a base of 93-173". 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 (26MG). TubeVille Scheduled to open for snow tubing. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 6F / Clear / Lt Winds). **(530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com**

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base of 60-140". 31 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 15 Lifts from the bottom including the Cable Car & Funitel + Red Dog & KT22. 16 Lifts scheduled for the upper mountain including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Granite Chief & Silverado to open. 100 Trails to open (41MG) + The Belmont Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 8F / MClear / Lt 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. New Years Eve activities include Fireworks show at 9:30pm and Celebration with live band, 2 DJ's at Olympic House and through out 5 bars. **(530) 583-6955 #1. 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 a base of 132-216". 24 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4). Entire Mountain Open. Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails open (106MG) + 8 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 7F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com**

June Mountain –open with 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**

Yosemite/Badger Pass – is open reporting a base of 84-90". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 9 Trails open. (MGPP / 10F / MClear / Lt Winds). Torchlight Parade at 5:15pm. 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 a base of 70-82". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (45MG). Plus 3 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP/ 18F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com**

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 (R2) – open 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 / Clear / 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 (11-3). **(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 New Years Eve, It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's today's Mtn Resort Report.

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Heavenly Village Family Celebration 6:00pm

Tahoe Queen New Years Eve Dinner Dance Cruise 9:30pm

M.S. Dixie II New Years Eve Dinner Dance Cruise 9:00pm

Harrah's Break'n To Heaven NY Eve parting So Shore Room 9:00pm

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