

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2010 - **UPDATED as of 7:00am**

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for Wednesday, December 8th. If You're Going, Get Out Early... Cloudy Skies with Rain and Snow in the morning then Snow above 7000 feet. Temps in the mid to upper 30's on the Slopes. Light to Moderate Winds will be increasing to Strong Gusty Winds by afternoon with Ridge Gusts between 45 - 85 mph that may affect operation of upper mountain lifts by afternoon. So, Call Ahead... Take your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket, wear a hat, beanie or wear a helmet for safety; Also, wear Good Goggles. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed and Skier-Rider Packed Powder. Ski and Ride with care. Early season conditions exist so keep an eye for marked and unmarked obstacles and stay on opened runs only.

South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

***Heavenly Mountain Resort** - South Lake Tahoe – Reports a base of 45-54". 20 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 9 Lifts scheduled in California (Sky Express on HOLD) and 11 Lifts on the Nevada Side. Access to the mountain is from the Gondola, California Base Lodge & Stagecoach on the NV side. Open top to bottom in both CA & NV with 68 Trails open (51MG) + Terrain Park open with 14 features. (MG & SKRPP / 37F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). Snow Tubing Hill is scheduled to open at the top of the Gondola. Their Heavenly / Northstar Season Pass is still available for \$379. 1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 – Is open reporting a base of 29-68". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP on the Front Side including Grandview Express to the top and the West Bowl open. 41 Trails are open (32MG) + 3 T-Parks, Snow Shoe Trails and Snow Play Area open. (MG & SKRPP / 38F / Cldy / Lt Winds). Sierra only Season Passes still available for \$199. (530) 659-7475. www.sierraattahoe.com

***Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center** - on Emerald Bay Road - Hwy 89 – is Closed mid week. /// Open weekends (9-4) on a base of 18". 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 – Opening Soon. (530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 – Is open reporting a mid-mountain base of 48". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) out of the Village on the Front Side, including Chairs #5, #11 & #7, Plus Chairs #6 & #10 to the top-WWP. 43 Trails open (20MG) + 2 Terrain Parks. (MG & SKRPP / 31F / MClidy / Lt Winds). Kirkwood Season Passes available starting at \$239. **Kirkwood XC Center** – Open with 30KM of Groomed Track. (877) KIRKWOOD. www.kirkwood.com

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

***Spoooner Lake Cross Country** - Highway 28/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open daily (9-5). They have a base of 12-24". 5 Trails are open offering 20KM 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 scheduled to open on Dec 16. (775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 – is reporting a base of 32-56". 4 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 8:30 on the Slide Side. Chuter Lift and 7 Chute Gates scheduled to open. 35 Trails are open + Two Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 37F / MClear / Mod-Strong Winds). Over the Hill & Student Wednesday \$35 Lift Tickets for Ages over 50 or Students with Valid Student ID. (800) SKI ROSE www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – is reporting a base of 40-69". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP Open top to bottom – Front to Back. 77 Trails are open (50MG) + 4 Terrain Parks Open. (MG, SKRPP / 34F / MClidy / Lt-Mod Winds). Village Ice Rink & Snow Tubing Center are scheduled to open (12-4pm). **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** – Closed. (530) 562-1330. www.northstarattahoe.com

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is planning to open on Dec. 10. (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) on a base of 30-40". 38 trails are open offering 72 km of groomed XC trails + 3 separate Snowshoe trails offering 5 Km. (36F / Cldy / Lt Winds) (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 60-67". They have 4 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4) including Castle Peak Quad the Accelerator Express Quad to the top. 30 Trails are open (16MG) with their South 40 & Mini Shred Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 37F / Cldy / Lt-Mod Winds). 2 Lifts operate till 9pm – WWP. (530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 – Is Closed Mid week, open Friday thru Sundays. ///Reporting a base of 58-65". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate for Skiing & Riding (9-4); Plus 3 Lifts for Snow Tubing (10-4) with Tube Town, the Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. (MGPP / 33F / Cldy / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 in Soda Springs – is Closed Tuesday – Thursdays. /// on a base of around 50". They have 60 Km of groomed trails & snow shoe trails. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – Is Closed Mid Week, open on Weekends. /// They have a base of 50-60". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Chairs 1, 4 & 6. Plus the Tubing Hill is scheduled open.) (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is open reporting a base of 70-84". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Jerome Hill & Lincoln Express. 86 Trails to open (50MG) + 3 T-Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 37F / Cldy / Lt-Mod Winds). 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 – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, Has a base of 49-70", and is scheduled to Open this Friday, Dec 10 (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – CLOSED. (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 Report a base of 30-48". 15 trails are open offering 42 Km of Groomed trails + 3 Dog Friendly Trails are open. (41F/ Cldy / Lt Winds) (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – is open reporting a base: 47-91". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top - WWP. 70 Trails open + Terrain Park. (MG & SKRPP / 40F / PCldy / Mod-Strong Winds) (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base of 46-93". 14 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 7 Lifts from the bottom, including the (Cable Car & Funitel on HOLD), plus Red Dog & KT-22. Plus, 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate on the upper mountain (ALL ON HOLD including Shirley Lake & Siberia) -WWP. 100 Trails are open (26MG) + Belmont Terrain Park. (MG & SKRPP / 35F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled to open (11-4)-WWP. (530) 583-6955 #1. www.squaw.com. The Resort at Squaw Creek XC Trails - Closed.

Central Sierra Resorts

***Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 – is open and reporting a base of 48-90". 18 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4) - WWP including the Upper Panorama Gondola, Plus Chair #23 to the top, Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails open (74 MG) + 7 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 33F / MClear / Mod-Strong Winds). (888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain** – Scheduled to open on Dec. 16, Celebrating their 50th year, will offer \$5 lift tickets. (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com

Yosemite/Badger Pass - is CLOSED. Scheduled to open Dec. 17. (209) 372-8430. www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx

***Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 – open on a base of 31". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (33MG). Plus Terrain Park features accessible. (MG & SKRPP / 36F / Cldy / Lt Winds) (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – Closed mid week. Opening 7 days a week starting this Friday, Dec 10. /// with a base of 39-46". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 50 Trails open. (MG & SKRPP / 34F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2. **Bear Valley XC** – open with 14Km of groomed XC trails. (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalley.com

So, there you have it. Once again All Upper Mountain Lifts will Operate Wind & Weather Permitting, so Call Ahead. 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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R2=CHAINS MANDATORY EXCEPT 4WD WITH SNOWTIRES

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Special Events and Promotions:

Tahoe Adventure Film Festival coming Saturday, December 11, to Montbleu Showroom.

For Family Fun, the Heavenly Village Ice Rink is open and Borges Sleigh Rides are also offered on the corner of Hwy 50 & Lake Parkway (across from Montbleu Parking Lot) Zephyr Cove Snowmobile Center open with Tours Daily.

**For Information and Lodging on the South Shore please visit:
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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

for my archived programs:

Episode 406 - Ski Report

Episode 331 – Skiing at Tahoe / Episode 335 – Heavenly Skiing / Episode 336 – Skiing Nevada

Episode 324 – Bike the West / Episode 238 – Bike the West

See you on the Slopes...

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