

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Wednesday, January 19, 2011 - **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 your Hump Day, Wednesday, January 18th. Another Spring Like Day with Mostly Clear to Partly Cloudy Skies and Temps a little cooler into the upper 30's low 40's on the Slopes with Light to Moderate Winds. Possible Ridge Gusts up to 70mph that may hamper the operation of upper-mountain lifts. So, Lift Operations will be Wind & Weather Permitting. Dress in Layers with your Windproof Jacket or Shell. Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; Also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles. And, Don't forget to use sunscreen when the sun is out! Surface conditions are Variable with Machine Groomed, Skier/ Rider Packed & Firm Pack Snow-Softening. Ski and Ride with Care. It is National Safety Awareness Week on the slopes -Know the Code. Keep an Eye for Marked and Unmarked Obstacles – Always Ski or Ride 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 65-90". 28 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-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 (80+MG) Mott & Killebrew Canyons scheduled to open. Three Terrain Park Open with 62 Features. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola Scheduled with Sledding and the Tubing Hill (10-4). Complimentary Shuttles buses running thru-out the So. Shore to all Base Facilities. **1-800-HEAVENLY.**

www.skiheavenly.com

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 – Is open reporting a base of 44-119". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Grandview Express to the top of the front side, The West Bowl open & the Backside open. 45 Trails are open (36MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol at the top on the Back Country Gates. 4 Terrain Parks + Boarder X & Super Pipe open. Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Tubing Hill also open. (MG & SKRPP / 32F / Clear / Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttle buses are running from So Shore. **(530) 659-7475. www.sierraattahoe.com**

Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center - on Emerald Bay Road - Hwy 89 – is open daily (9-4) with a base of 6-12". They have 7 Trails open offering 15km of groomed XC trails with adjacent Snow Shoe Trails and additional Trails open on along the beach. **(530) 542-6584. www.camprichardson.com**

Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center - 14655 Hwy 89/88 – at Pickett's Junction – The Yurt is Open Daily (10-5) They have a base of 24-48". 60 Miles of Trails are open including 20 miles of groomed trails and 40 miles of marked & skier packed trails. They have Rentals & Lessons available. There are No Fees to XC or Snow Shoe in Hope Valley, but they gladly accept donations. **(530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com**

Kirkwood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 88 – Is open reporting a mid-mountain base of 87-95". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP out of the Village (Chair #10 on HOLD), Timber Creek Lifts and the Back Side Lifts scheduled, including The Vista & Covered Wagon Tows. 72 Trails are open (35MG), 6 open Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP / 28F / Clear / Lt Winds). Slide Mtn Tubing Hill Closed. **Kirkwood XC Center** – Open (9-5) with 80KM 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 report a base of 30-68". 60km of XC trails open & 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 55-90". 5 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (24MG) & Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 33F / Clear / Lt Winds). **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 – is reporting a base of 68-116". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with the the NW Magnum Six to the top of the Rose side (on HOLD) & The Blazing Zephyr opening at 8:30am to the top of the Slide Side. The Chutes Gates are Closed today. 30 Trails are open + 3 Terrain Parks on the mountain. (MG & SKRPP / 31F / MClear / Mod-Strong Winds) Over the Hill & Student Wednesday with \$35 Lift Tickets for those over 50 or with valid Student ID. **(800) SKI ROSE www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 – is reporting a base of 53-87". 17 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 92 Trails are open (63MG) + 4 Terrain Parks with 48 features and Super Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP / 33F / MClear / Lt Winds). Their Village Ice Rink is scheduled to open (1-8pm) & Snow Tubing is offered (10-4pm). **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** is open with 40km of groomed XC & Snow snowshoe trails. Hosting a Moonlight Snow Shoe Tour Jan 19. **(530) 562-1330.**

www.northstarattahoe.com

Tahoe Donner Ski Area - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is open, reporting a base of 56-72". 5 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 14 trails + 2 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill)**. **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 50 trails open offering 101 km of groomed XC trails + 4 separate Snowshoe trails open offering 7 Km. **(530) 587-9484. www.skitahtoedonner.com**

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting a base of 84-160". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top of the front side & The Lost Dutchman on the back side is closed today. 35 Trails are open. Plus, The Core Terrain Park, Mini Shred Park with 33 features, Boarder X & Super Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP / 26F / Clear / Lt Winds). Boreal's Playland Tubing Park is open (10-4pm). And, 2 Lifts will operate for Night Skiing & Riding, till 9pm. **(530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com**

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 – Is Closed Tuesday & Wednesdays re-opening Thursday /// reporting a base of 82-120". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 2 Lifts for Skiing & Riding with 16 Trails open; Plus 3 Lifts for Snow Tubing, with Tube Town, the Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. Plus, The Mini Snowmobiles are open to rent, today. (MG & SKRPP / 38F / MClear / 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 Closed Wednesdays /// they have a base of 72". They have 31 Trails are open with 70 Km of groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails available. (36F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com**.

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road – Is open with a base of 72-120". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4), Front Side & the Back Side are open with 50 trails. Plus the Tubing Hill is scheduled open. (MG & SKRPP). Whacky Wednesday with \$25 Lift Tickets **(530) 426-3635. www.donnerskiranch.com**

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is open reporting a base of 70-140". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill, Mt. Lincoln & Summit Chair. 94 Trails are open (48MG) + 3 Terrain Parks are open on the Mountain. (MG & SKRPP / 31F / MClear / 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 45-95". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). Including the Ellis Chair, The Madden Chair and the Old Homewood Express. 63 trails are open (38MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (MG & SKRPP / 34F / Clear / Lt Winds). **(530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com**

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – Is open Friday thru Sundays /// (with a base of 48". 1 Tow & 1 Run are open.) /// Their 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 40-62". 21 Trails are open offering 65 Km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails with 3 Warming Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails are open. (31F / MClear / Lt Winds) **(530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org**

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 – is open reporting a base of 82-152". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Roundhouse & Summit Six on the Front Side. Plus, the Scott Chair, Lakeview & Sherwood Express scheduled on the back Side. 70 Trails open (26MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open on the mountain. (MG & SKRPP / 36F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com**

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base of 33-116". 23 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 10 Lifts from the bottom including the Cable Car & Funitel + Red Dog & KT22. 13 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain-WWP, including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Granite Chief & Silverado to open. 177 Trails to open (68MG) + The Riviera Terrain Park & Super Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / MClear / Lt Winds). Snow tubing offered at Papoose (10-3:30). Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled to open for Ice Skating (11-7pm). So, you can Ski, Ride, Ice Skate & Dine till 7pm from up at High Camp. **(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 114-198". 24 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. Entire Mountain Open. Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails open (95MG) + 8 Terrain Parks & Super Duper Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP / 37F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(888) 766-9778.**

www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain** – open on a base of 60-108". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 29 Trails open + 3 Terrain Parks. (Mini Pipe & Super Pipe Closed). **(760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com**

Yosemite/Badger Pass – is open reporting a base of 90-96". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 9 Trails open. (MGPP / 32F / MClear / Lt Winds). Snow Tubing Offered Daily. Cross Country Center is open with 13km of XC Trails groomed to Glacier Point & Bridalveil Campground. **(209) 372-8430. www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx**

Dodge Ridge - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 – is open reporting a base of 47-64". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (37MG). Plus 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / Clear / Lt Winds). **(209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com**

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 – open on a base of 83". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 67 Trails to open

+ 2 Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 32F / Clear / Lt Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2. **Bear Valley XC** – open (9-4) with 37 Trails offering 65Km of groomed XC trails & Sledding hill open (9-4). (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalley.com

So, there you have it. All Roadway in and around Lake Tahoe are open and Free of Controls. 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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