

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Wednesday, January 12, 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 Wednesday, January 12th. Expect Mostly Cloudy skies with slight chance of Snow in the morning then Partly Cloudy in the afternoon and Temps in the high 30's on the Slopes with some Light Winds. Dress in Layers with your Windproof - Waterproof Jacket. 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 Some Fresh Powder, Machine Groomed & Skier/ Rider Packed Powder. Ski and Ride with care. 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 trace of new on a base of 77-98". 26 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 12 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 (70+MG) Mott & Killebrew Canyons scheduled to open. The Groove Terrain Park to open with 33 Features and the Players Park open with 18 Features. (MG & SKRPP / 28F / PCldy / 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-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 56-126". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Grandview Express to the top of the front side, The West Bowl & The Back Side open. 44 Trails are open (33MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol at the top on the Back Country Gates. 3 Terrain Parks + Boarder X & Super Pipe open. Plus, Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Tubing Hill also open. (MG & SKRPP / 27F / Cldy / 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 Snowshoe 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 (R1) – Is open reporting 2-3" of new on a mid-mountain base of 93-97". 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the entire Mountain open out of the Village, Timber Creek Lifts and the Back Side Lifts scheduled, including The Vista & Covered Wagon Tows. 72 Trails are scheduled to open (38MG), 6 open Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 27F / PCldy / Lt Winds). **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

***Spoooner Lake Cross Country** - Highway 28/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open daily (9-5). They have a base of 24-48". They have up to 80km of XC trails open, Up North Canyon to Marlette Lake and around to the Dam & 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 70-120". 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (17MG).

(MG & SKRPP / 28F / Cldy / Lt Winds). (775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) – is reporting 1” of new on base of 79-123”. 5 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 to the top of the Slide Side. Plus, All the Chutes Gates are scheduled to open. 60 Trails are open + 3 Terrain Parks on the mountain. (MG & SKRPP / 26F / MClear / Lt Winds). It's Over the Hill & Student Wednesday with \$35 Lift Tickets for those over 50 or with a Valid Student ID. (800) SKI ROSE www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – is reporting 1” of new on a base of 60-95”. 16 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 91 Trails are open (64MG) + 4 Terrain Parks with 39 features and Super Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP / 29F / PCldy / 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. (530) 562-1330. www.northstaratahое.com

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is open, reporting a trace of new on a base of 56-72”. 5 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 14 trails open. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / Cldy / Lt Winds). (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 50 trails open offering 98 km of groomed XC trails + 4 separate Snowshoe trails open offering 6 Km. (530) 587-9484. www.skitaheedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 1” of new on a base of 84-160”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top of the front side & The Lost Dutchman on the back side. 35 Trails are open. Plus, The Core Terrain Park, Mini Shred Park, Boarder X & Super Pipe open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 29F / Cldy / 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 & Wednesday to reopen on Thursday. /// They report 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 / 23F / Cldy / Calm 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 Wednesday they will reopen tomorrow. They have a base of 72”. 45 Trails open with 160 Km of groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails available. (23F / Cldy / Calm 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 1-2” of new on a base of 79-155”. 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill, Mt Lincoln & Summit Chair. 94 Trails are open (55MG) + 3 Terrain Parks are open on the Mountain. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / Cldy/ Lt Winds). (530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

***Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 (R1) – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, Is open reporting 1” of new on a base of 59-111”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). Including the Ellis Chair, The Madden Chair and the Old Homewood Express. 62 trails are open (29MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 31F / Cldy-Flurries / Calm Winds). (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

***Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – Is open Friday thru Sundays /// (9-4) with a base of 52”. 1 Tow & 1 Run are open. /// Plus 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. (35F / MClear / Calm Winds) **(530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org**

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – is open reporting 2" of new on a base of 90-157". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Roundhouse & Summit Six on the Front Side. Plus, the Scott Chair, Lakeview & Sherwood Express scheduled on the back Side. 70 Trails open (30MG) + 3 Terrain Parks. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 30F / Cldy-Flurries / Lt-Mod Winds). **(530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com**

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting 1-2" of new on a base of 40-120". 23 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 10 Lifts from the bottom including the Cable Car & Funitel + Red Dog & KT22. 13 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Granite Chief & Silverado to open. 177 Trails to open (63MG) + The Riviera Terrain Park & Super Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP / 29F / MCldy / Lt-Mod 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 with a trace of snow and reporting a base of 120-204". 24 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4). Entire Mountain Open. Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails open (91MG) + 8 Terrain Parks and Super Duper Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP / 28F / Cldy / Mod-Strong Winds). (888) 766-9778.

www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain** –open on a base of 60-108". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 37 Trails open + 3 Terrain Parks, Mini Pipe & Super Pipe open. (760) 934-2224. **www.junemountain.com**

***Yosemite/Badger Pass** – is open reporting 2" of new on a base of 105-108". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 9 Trails open. (MGPP / 33F / MCldy / 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 4" of new on a base of 61-82". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (37MG). Plus 3 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 24F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com**

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – open reporting 3" of new on a base of 80-90". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 29F / MClear / 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. For updates on this Report, Please visit my Website at

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