

# Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Wednesday, February 16, 2011 - As of 8:00am  
Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Wednesday, Hump Day – Snow Dump Day, February 16th. Winter Storm Warning continues today now till 10pm tonight then a Winter Storm Watch posted from Thursday afternoon thru Friday Night. It's going to be Snowin' & Blowin' today and temps in the mid 20's on the slopes. Moderate to Strong Gusty Winds up to 60 mph and 100mph over the ridge tops will hamper the operation of upper mountain lifts... So, Call Ahead... Lifts will operate Wind and Weather Permitting. A Winter Storm Warning goes in effect at 4pm thru Wednesday at 4pm. Dress in warm in Layers with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket. Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; Also, wear Good Goggles. Surface conditions are Powder & Machine Groomed 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 4-6" of new on a base of 65-90". 27 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, with 13 Lifts scheduled in California (Sky & Canyon on HOLD) and 14 Lifts on the Nevada Side. Access to the mountain is from the Gondola, California Base Lodge and both Stagecoach & Boulder Lodges on the NV side. (Tamarack / Dipper / Comet / Mott / Galaxy on HOLD so far this morning). Call Ahead. 94 Trails to open (65+MG) + they have 4 Terrain Parks Open with 77 Features. (Powder & MG PP/ 22F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola are scheduled with Sledding, Tubing (Hold) & Snow Bikes for rent – Call Ahead. Complimentary Shuttles buses running thru-out the 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 6-8" of new on a base of 37-120". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Grandview Express to the top of the front side, The West Bowl & the Backside open. 46 Trails are open (36MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol on the Back Country Gates today. 5 Terrain Parks + Boarder X & Super Pipe are Open. You'll also find their Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Snow Tubing Hill open. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 26F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting the Winter Grom Games on Saturday, Feb 19. Complimentary Shuttle buses are 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 (CLOSED @ Em Bay) – is open daily (9-4) with a base of 4-10". They have 6 Trails open offering 13km of groomed XC & adjacent Snow Shoe Trails. Plus, additional Trails open on along the beach as conditions permit. **(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 (10-5) They have 3" of new on a base of 12-36". 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](http://www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com)**

**Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 (R2) – Is open reporting 12-14" of new on a mid-mountain base of 88-99". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP out of the Village, the Timber Creek Lifts. The Back Side Lifts #2, #3 & #4 as well as Vista & Cover Wagon are CLOSED. Call Ahead. 72 Trails are open (11 MG), Plus 9 open Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are open. (Powder, MGPP / 19F / Snowing / Mod Winds). **Kirkwood XC Center** - Open (9-5) with 80KM of Groomed XC & 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

**Spooner Lake Cross Country** - Highway 28/50 (R1) - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open daily (9-5). They report 5" of new on a base of 18-60". Grooming out 14 Trails with 60km of XC

trails & 5 Separate Snow Shoe Trails open offering 15km. (775) 749-5349.

[www.spoonerlake.com](http://www.spoonerlake.com)

**Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 (R1) - in Incline Village – Is open, reporting 7” of new on a base of 49-87”. 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, the Crystal Express Quad on Hold. Lower Mtn Lifts open with 22 trails open (16MG) & Terrain Park open. (Powder & MGPP / 31F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). If you have a valid Season Pass from any other Resort, you can test ski or ride Diamond Peak for only \$25. (775) 831-3211. [www.diamondpeak.com](http://www.diamondpeak.com)

**Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) – is reporting 13-15” of new on a base of 62-110”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 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. The Chutes are closed today. 52 Trails are open + 3 Terrain Parks on the mountain. (Powder MG PP / 24F / Snowing / 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](http://www.mtrose.com)

#### Truckee Area Resorts

**Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 (R2) – is reporting 9-13” of new on a base of 55-95”. 14 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 91 Trails are open (63MG) + 4 Terrain Parks with 72 features and Super Pipe open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks open as well. MG & SKRPkd Snow / 27F / Snowing / Lt Winds). Their Village Ice Rink is scheduled to open (1-8pm) & Snow Tubing is offered (12-4pm).

**Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** is open with 40km of groomed XC & Snow snowshoe trails. (530) 562-1330. [www.northstaratahое.com](http://www.northstaratahое.com)

**Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way (R1) , Truckee – Is open, reporting 9-11” of new on a base of 56-72”. 5 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP with 14 trails + 2 Terrain Parks open. (Powder & MGPP / 27F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 50 trails open offering 102 Km of groomed XC trails + 4 separate Snowshoe trails open offering 7Km. Hosting Last Night Race tonight at 6pm. (530) 587-9484.

[www.skitahoedonner.com](http://www.skitahoedonner.com)

#### Donner Summit Resorts

**Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 20-24” of new on a base of 84-160”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including the Accelerator Express Quad & The Lost Dutchman (CLOSED) on the back-side. 35 Trails are open. Plus, 3 Terrain Parks +, (Boarder X CLOSED) & Super Pipe open. (Powder & MGPP / 19F / Snowing / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park is open (10-3). And, 2 Lifts will operate for Night Skiing & Riding, till 9pm-WWP (530) 426-3666 #1. [www.rideboreal.com](http://www.rideboreal.com)

**Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) – Is Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Re-Opening on Thursday ///, reporting 9-13” of new a base of 82-120”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, with 2 Lifts for Skiing & Riding and 16 Trails open; Plus 3 Lifts for Snow Tubing (10-4), with Tube Town, the Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. Plus, The Mini Snowmobiles are open for rent, today. (Powder & MGPP / 22F / Snowing / 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 in Soda Springs – Is Closed on Wednesdays and will Re-Open on Thursday. /// (9-4) with 45 Trails offering 150 Km of groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails. (30F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Will be Closed Tuesday and Wednesday. (530) 426-3871. [www.royalgorge.com](http://www.royalgorge.com).

**Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – Closed last 2 days. Call Ahead. /// open 12” of new on a base of 48-108”. All 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, Front Side & the Back Side are open with 52 trails. Plus the Tubing Hill is scheduled open (10-4). (Powder & MGPP). (530) 426-3635. [www.donnerrskiranch.com](http://www.donnerrskiranch.com)

**Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is open reporting 20-24” of new on a base of 60-130”. 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & (Mt. Lincoln CLOSED). 94 Trails are open (56MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MGPP / 22F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 426-1111. [www.sugarbowl.com](http://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 12-16” of new on a base of 42-79”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, Including the Ellis Chair, The Madden Chair and the Old Homewood Express. 62 trails are open (31MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (Powder, MGPP / 21F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 525-2900. [Skihomewood.com](http://Skihomewood.com)

**Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 (R1) - Tahoe City – Is open Friday thru Sundays – Closed today /// (9-4) on a base of 24-40”. 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](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 new snow on a base of 12-30”. Grooming out 20 Trails to offer 63 Km of XC & Snow Shoe trails with 3 Warming Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails are open. (24F / Snowing / Lt Winds). (530) 583-5475. [www.tahoexc.org](http://www.tahoexc.org)

**Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 (R1) – is open reporting 11-15” of new and a base of 86-154”. 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Roundhouse & Summit Six. Plus, the Scott Chair & Sherwood Express are scheduled. 70 Trails open (16MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open). (Powder & MGPP / 21F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). (530) 581-8374. [www.skialpine.com](http://www.skialpine.com)

**Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 (R1) – Checks in reporting 6-12” of new on a base of 38-120”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP from the bottom including the (Cable Car & Funitel on HOLD) + Red Dog & KT22 Scheduled. All Upper Mtn Lifts are on HOLD. 170 Trails to open (24MG) + The Belmont & Riviera Terrain Parks & Super Pipe are closed. (Powder & MG PP/ 28F / Snowing / Mod Winds). Snow tubing offered at Papoose (10-3:30). The Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is CLOSED (11-7)- Call Ahead. (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 5” of new on a base of 102-174”. 18 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. Lower Mountain Open. Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails to open (86MG) + 6 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe & Super Duper Pipe to open. (Powder & MGPP / 19F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). (888) 766-9778. [www.mammothmountain.com](http://www.mammothmountain.com). **June Mountain** – open with 3” of new on a base of 48-96”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 29 Trails open + 3 Terrain Parks & Super Pipe Open. (760) 934-2224. [www.junemountain.com](http://www.junemountain.com)

**Yosemite/Badger Pass** – is open reporting 2-3” of new on a base of 66-72”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 9 Trails open. (MG / 21F / Snowing / Lt Winds). Snow Tubing Offered Daily. Cross Country Center is open (8:30-4) with 90 miles of Trails, of which 14 miles 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 8” of new on a base of 52-61”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, with 62 Trails open (35MG). Plus 4 Terrain Parks open. (Powder & MGPP / 20F / Snowing / Mod Winds). (209) 536-5300. [www.dodgeridge.com](http://www.dodgeridge.com)

**Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 (R2) – open reporting 5” of new on a base of 82”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Park open. (Powder & MGPP / 25F / Snowing / Lt-Mod 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](http://www.bearvalley.com)

So, there you have it. All Roadways around the Lake Tahoe basin are Requiring Chain Mandatory and Chains or Snow Tires, at this time. Stay tuned to KTHO for the latest road conditions and weather. For updates on this Report, Please visit my Website at [BikeandSkiTahoe.Com](http://BikeandSkiTahoe.Com). Once again, get out early, A Winter Storm Warning posted till 10pm and Winter Storm Watch Thursday

into Friday. Today, 7-14" expected at Lake Level and 12-22" above 7000 Ft. So, Powder to the People. Have a Safe Day on the Mountain, It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's today's Mtn Resort Report.

[www.bikeandskitahoe.com](http://www.bikeandskitahoe.com)

**FOR CURRENT ROAD INFORMATION CALL:**

**CALIFORNIA: 1-800-427-7623 • NEVADA: 1-877-NV-ROADS or 511**

**R1=CHAINS OR SNOWTIRES REQUIRED**

**R2=CHAINS MANDATORY EXCEPT 4WD WITH SNOWTIRES**

[Listen to KTHO anywhere around the World at kthoradio.com](#)

### **Special Events and Promotions:**

**Heavenly Village Ice Rink Open as well as Borges Sleigh Rides.**

**Zephyr Cove Snowmobile Center is open with daily Tours to the Top**

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

[TahoeSouth.Com](http://TahoeSouth.Com)

You can listen to my **Mountain Resort Report daily on KTHO AM590 and at 96.1 FM** in South Lake Tahoe. Or, listen anywhere around the world from their Website at [kthoradio.com](http://kthoradio.com). The air times are 7:35am & 8:35am. You can also check this website every morning at [bikeandskitahoe.com](http://bikeandskitahoe.com). I also updated with an audio report so click the boom-box if you want to listen to the report. The Report is also featured on [LakeTahoeNews.net](http://LakeTahoeNews.net) every morning. Also, Don't miss reading my weekly Column, "As the Bull Wheel Turns" each Friday in the Tahoe Daily Tribune.

See you on the Slopes...

Curtis Fong

"The Guy From Tahoe"