

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, February 17, 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 Thursday, February 17th. It's Going to be an Epic Powder Day and More Snow coming... Expect Snow Showers and Snow by afternoon and temps in the low 20's on the slopes. A Winter Storm Warning goes into effect from 10am this morning thru 4am Saturday... Moderate to Strong Gusty Winds up to 50 mph and 75mph over the ridge tops may hamper the operation of upper mountain lifts... So, Call Ahead... Lifts will operate Wind and Weather Permitting. Also Expect Delays in Lift openings – digging out and Snow Safety procedures... Dress 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 18-21" of new on a base of 65-90". 26 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, with 12 Lifts scheduled in California 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. Call Ahead. 94 Trails to open (60+MG) + they have 4 Terrain Parks Open with 77 Features. (Powder & MG PP/ 20F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola are scheduled with Sledding, Tubing & 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**

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 (R2) – Is open reporting 19" of new on a base of 45-132". 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. 42 Trails are open (29MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol on the Back Country Gates today. 5 Terrain Parks + Boarder X & Super Pipe are closed. You'll also find their Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Snow Tubing Hill are closed today. (Powder & MGPP / 15F / 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**

***Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center** - on Emerald Bay Road - Hwy 89 (CLOSED @ Em Bay) – is open daily (9-4) with 10" of new on a base of 10-20". 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**

***Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center** - 14655 Hwy 89/88 (R2) – at Pickett's Junction – The Yurt is Open Daily (10-5) They have 12" of new on a base of 24-48". 60 Miles of Trails are open including Grooming put 20 miles of trails and 40 miles of marked 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 (R2) – Is open reporting 38-40" of new on a mid-mountain base of 107-128". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP out of the Village, the Timber Creek Lifts and The Back Side Lifts are CLOSED today. Call Ahead. 72 Trails are open (17 MG), Plus 9 open Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are open. (Powder & MGPP / 16F / 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**

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

***Spoooner Lake Cross Country** - Highway 28/50 (R1) - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open daily (9-5). They report 10" of new on a base of 24-60". Grooming out 14 Trails with 60km of XC trails & 5 Separate Snow Shoe Trails open offering 15km. **(775) 749-5349. www.spoonerlake.com**

***Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 (R1) - in Incline Village – Is open, reporting 14" of new on a base of 60-101". 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, with the Crystal Express Quad scheduled to the top. 30 trails are open (20MG) & Terrain Park Closed. (Powder & MGPP / 19F / 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**

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) – is reporting 10-13" of new on a base of 72-120". 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 / 12F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). Ladies Day Thursday with \$35 Lift Tickets for all the Ladies. **(800) SKI ROSE www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 (R2) – is reporting 26-32" of new on a base of 75-127". 15 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 92 Trails are open (62MG) + 4 Terrain Parks with 72 features and Super Pipe open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks open as well. (Powder & MGPP / 18F / 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.northstaratahove.com

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way (R1) , Truckee – Is open, reporting 24-37” of new on a base of 56-72”. 5 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP with 14 trails + 2 Terrain Parks Closed. (Powder & MGPP / 21F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). Locals Thursday with \$20 Lift Ticket with proof of residency. (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) Grooming out 50 trails to offer 102 Km of groomed XC trails + 4 separate Snowshoe trails to open offering 7Km. (530) 587-9484. www.skitaheedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 24-30” of new on a base of 84-160”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including the Accelerator Express Quad & The Lost Dutchman Scheduled on the back-side. 35 Trails are open. Plus, 3 Terrain Parks +, (Boarder X & Super Pipe Closed). (Powder & MGPP / 16F / 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

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) – Is Open, reporting 24-34” 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 / 16F / Snowing / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd in Soda Springs – Is open (9-4) Grooming out their Trails – Call Ahead. (18F / Snowing / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – Closed last 3 days. Call Ahead. /// open 24” of new on a base of 60-130”. 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

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is open reporting 24-30” of new on a base of 85-160”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & Mt. Lincoln. 86 Trails are open (33MG) + 3 Terrain Parks Closed. (Powder & MGPP / 17F / Snowing / 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 22-32” of new on a base of 74-125”. 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 / 16F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

***Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 (R1) - Tahoe City – Is open Friday thru Sundays – Closed today /// (9-4) on a base of 48-60”. 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 (R1) – Is open daily (8:30-5). They have 10-15” of new snow on a base of 16-39”. Grooming out 21 Trails to offer 65 Km of XC & Snow Shoe trails with 3 Warming Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails are open. (20F / Snowing / Lt Winds). (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 (R1) – is open reporting 25-35” of new and a base of 106-184”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Roundhouse & Summit Six. Plus, the Scott Chair & Sherwood Express are scheduled. 70 Trails open (13MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open. (Powder & MGPP / 16F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 (R1) – Checks in reporting 8-12” of new on a base of 50-140”. 11 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 Standby – Call Ahead. 170 Trails to open (24MG) + The Belmont & Riviera Terrain Parks & Super Pipe are Closed. (Powder & MG PP/ 20F / Snowing / Mod Winds). Snow tubing offered at Papoose (10-3:30). The Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is on Standby (11-7)- Call Ahead. (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 7-12” of new on a base of 114-192”. 24 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. Entire Mountain to Open. Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails to open (55MG) + 8 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe & Super Duper Pipe to open. (Powder & MGPP / 11F / MClear / Mod-Strong Winds). (888) 766-9778. 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

***Yosemite/Badger Pass** – is open reporting 5” of new on a base of 66-72”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 9 Trails open. (MG / 18F / 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

***Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 (R2) – is open reporting 16-19” of new on a base of 61-70”. 8 Lifts are

scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, with 62 Trails open (35MG). Plus 4 Terrain Parks open. (Powder & MGPP / 17F / Snowing / Mod Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 (R2) – open reporting 25” of new on a base of 101”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Park open. (Powder & MGPP / 15F / 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

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. Once again, A Winter Storm Warning posted from 10am thru Saturday morning with another 2-4 ft expected. Please stay out of the Back Country – Avalanche Danger is Extreme. So, more 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

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