

# Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Sunday, February 20, 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 Sunday, February 20th. Of your President's Weekend... And, Shaping up to be a Beautiful Day to enjoy some of the Winter Conditions of the year ... Expect Mostly Clear to Partly Cloudy Skies with temps into the mid 20's on the Slopes and Light Winds. Dress warm, 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. Surface conditions are Powder, Machine Groomed & Skier Rider Tracked & 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 1-2" of new on a base of 78-108". 28 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with 14 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. 94 Trails to open (60+MG) + 1 Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 14F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola are scheduled for Sledding, Tubing & Snow Bikes for rent (10-4). 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 – Is open reporting 1-2" of new on a base of 74-176". All 13 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) including Grandview Express to the top of the front side, The West Bowl & the Backside Open. 46 Trails are open (29MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol on the Back Country Gates today. 2 Terrain Parks are open. Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Snow Tubing Hill are open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 12F / MClear / Lt Winds). 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 36-48". They have 7 Trails open to offer 15km 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 a base of 48-72". 60 Miles of Trails are open, with 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 25-32" of new on a base of 143-175". 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) out of the Village & the Timber Creek Lifts & The Back Side Lifts all scheduled to open. 72 Trails are open (47MG), Plus 2 open Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe Open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 7F / Clear / Lt Winds). Slide Mtn Tubing Hill Scheduled to open (12-5). **Kirkwood XC Center** - Open (9-5) with Grooming out 80km of 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 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open daily (9-5). They have a base of 60-96". 19 Trails are open with 65km of Groomed XC trails & 5 Separate Snow Shoe Trails open offering 15km. **(775) 749-5349. [www.spoonerlake.com](http://www.spoonerlake.com)**

**Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – Is open, with a base of 69-150". All 6 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Crystal Express Quad scheduled to the top of the Mountain. 31 trails are open (19MG). Solitude Canyon Open & Terrain Park Open. (MG & SKRPP / 13F / MClear / Lt 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 – is reporting a base of 92-140". All 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 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. 60 Trails are open including all the Chutes Gates + 1 Terrain Park. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 9F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE [www.mtrose.com](http://www.mtrose.com)**

## Truckee Area Resorts

**Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – is reporting 1" of new on a base of 113-180". Full Operation with all 19 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 93 Trails are open (60MG) + 4 Terrain Parks with 36 features and Super Pipe open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks open as well. (Powder & MG & SKRPP / 1F / MClear / 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.northstarattahoe.com](http://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 Closed. (MG & SKRPP / 11F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). Tahoe**

**Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 24 trails to offer 50 Km of groomed XC trails. (530) 587-9484.

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

### Donner Summit Resorts

**Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting a base of 90-175". All 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including the Accelerator Express Quad. Lost Dutchman on the back to open. 35 Trails to open. Plus, 1 Terrain Park + Boarder X open. (& Super Pipe Closed). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 6F / MClear / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park is open (10-8). 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 – Is Open, reporting a base of 90-175". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate, with 2 Lifts (9-4) 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. (MG & SKRPP / 1F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3901. [www.skisodasprings.com](http://www.skisodasprings.com)

**Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd in Soda Springs – is open (9-5) with 65km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails. (8F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3871. [www.royalgorge.com](http://www.royalgorge.com).

**Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – is open with a base of 80-140". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side & the Back Side with 52 trails to open. Plus the Tubing Hill is scheduled open (10-4). (Powder & MGPP). (530) 426-3635. [www.donnerskiranch.com](http://www.donnerskiranch.com)

**Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is open reporting 2-3" of new on a base of 104-195". All 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & Mt. Lincoln Express. 94 Trails are open (57MG) + 3 Terrain Parks are open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 5F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 426-1111. [www.sugarbowl.com](http://www.sugarbowl.com)

### West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

**Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, Is open reporting 2-4" of new on a base of 134-196". All 6 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 / 13F / Snowing? / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. [Skihomewood.com](http://Skihomewood.com)

**Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – Is open Friday thru Sundays & Holidays – (9-4) with a base of 48-60". 1 Tow & 1 Run are open (MGPP). 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 – Is open daily (8:30-5) with a base of 50-70". They have 21 Trails open to offer 60 Km of XC & Snow Shoe trails with 3 Warming Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails open. As well. (8F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 583-5475. [www.tahoexc.org](http://www.tahoexc.org)

**Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – is open reporting 2-3" of new and a base of 126-215". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Roundhouse & Summit Six. Plus, the Scott Chair, Lakeview & Sherwood Express are scheduled on the Backside. 70 Trails are open (26MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open. Tubeville open for Snow Tubing. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 13F / Clear / Lt Winds). (530) 581-8374. [www.skialpine.com](http://www.skialpine.com)

**Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base of 69-166". 29 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 15 Lifts from the bottom including the Cable Car & Funitel + Red Dog & KT22. 14 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain including Shirley Lake, Siberia & Granite Chief... 170 Trails to open (58MG) + The Belmont & Riviera Terrain Parks & Super Pipe are to open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 3F / MClear / Lt Winds). Snow tubing offered at Papoose (10-7). The Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is on Standby for Ice Skating (11-9)- 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 2-4" of new on a base of 144-228". 24 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4). The Entire Mountain to Open. Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails to open (80MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe open (& Super Duper Pipe Closed). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 5F / Clear / Lt Winds). (888) 766-9778. [www.mammothmountain.com](http://www.mammothmountain.com). **June Mountain** – open with 2" of new snow on a base of 72-120". 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 a base of 78-84". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 9 Trails open. (MG / 13F / MClear / 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 a base of 90-95". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (38MG). Plus 4 Terrain Parks open. (Powder & MGPP / 15F / Clear / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. [www.dodgeridge.com](http://www.dodgeridge.com)

**Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 (R2) – is open reporting a base of 142". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Park open. (Powder & MGPP / 11F / 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](http://www.bearvalley.com)

So, there you have it. For updates on Road Conditions, Log on to KTHORadio.com or Dial 5-11. 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.

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