

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, February 3, 2011 - 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 Thursday, February 3rd. Shaping up to be a Great Day to Carve some Turns... Expect Mostly Clear Sunny Skies with Temps a little warmer, into the upper 30's on the Slopes with Light Winds with possible Ridge Gusts up to 50mph that may hamper the operation of upper mountain lifts. Dress in Layers with your Windproof Jacket. Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; Also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles. Don't forget to use Sunscreen when the sun is out. Surface conditions are Variable with and Machine Groomed & Skier Rider Packed Powder and some area of Firm Packed Snow Off-Piste. 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 base of 65-90". 27 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, with 13 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 (65+MG). (Check with Patrol on the opening of Mott & Killebrew Canyons & the Face) + 4 Terrain Parks Open with 62 Features, including the High Roller Rail Line. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / Clear / Lt-Mod+ Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola are scheduled with Sledding and Snow Tubing (10-4)-WWP. 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 44-124". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Grandview Express to the top of the front side, The West Bowl & the Backside open. 44 Trails are open (34MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol at the top on the Back Country Gates. 4 Terrain Parks + Boarder X Open (& Super Pipe Closed), as well as Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Tubing Hill also open. (MG & SKRPP / 28F / Clear / Lt-Mod 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 & 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 – at Pickett's Junction – The Yurt is Open Daily (10-5) They have a base of 18-48". 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 88-94". 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, out of the Village, the Timber Creek Lifts and the Back Side Lifts scheduled, including the Vista & Covered Wagon Tows. 72 Trails are open (54MG), Plus 7 open Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are open. (MG & SKRPP / 24F / Clear / Mod-Strong Winds). Hosting the Rahlves Banzai Tour this weekend. **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 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open daily (9-5). They report a base of 18-60". 14 Trails are open with 60km of XC trails & 5 Separate Snow Shoe Trails open offering 15km. **(775) 749-5349. www.spoonerlake.com**

***Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – Is open, reporting a base of 54-90". 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (21MG) & Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 20F / Clear / 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**

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 – is reporting a base of 63-112". 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 Gates are Closed today. 50 Trails are open + 3 Terrain Parks on the mountain. (MG & SKRPPkd Snow / 26F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). Ladies Day, Thursday with \$35 lift tickets for all Ladies. Hosting February Fiesta on Feb 5. **(800) SKI ROSE www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – is reporting a base of 51-86". 17 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 89 Trails are open (69MG) + 3 Terrain Parks with 57 features and Super Pipe open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks open as well. (MG & SKRPP / 24F / Clear / 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.northstaratahoh.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 with 25 features. (MG & SKRPP / 22F / Clear / 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. Hosting 5km night race at 6pm. **(530) 587-9484**. www.skitaohedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 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, 2 Terrain Parks, Boarder X & Mini Pipe Open (& Super Pipe closed) . (MG & SKRPP / 23F / Clear / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park is open (10-3pm) & Bag Jump (11-3). 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 open, reporting a base of 82-120". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 2 Lifts for Skiing & Riding and 16 Trails open; Plus 3 Lifts for Snow Tubing, with Tube Town, the Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. Plus, The Mini Snowmobiles are open for rent, today. (MG & SKRPP / 23F / Clear / 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 open. They have 65 Km of groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails available. (22F / Clear / Lt Winds). **(530) 426-3871**. www.royalgorge.com.

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – Is open on a base of 60-108". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4), Front Side & the Back Side are open with 52 trails. Plus the Tubing Hill is scheduled open. (MG & SKRPP). Old School Thursday 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 64-134". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & Mt. Lincoln. 94 Trails are open (56MG) + 3 Terrain Parks with 34 features are open on the Mountain. (MG & SKRPP / 28F / Clear / 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 48-82". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4), Including the Ellis Chair, The Madden Chair and the Old Homewood Express. 62 trails are open (39MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (MG & SKRPP / 24F / Clear / Lt Winds). **(530) 525-2900**. Skihomewood.com

***Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – Is open Friday thru Sundays /// (on a base of 36". 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 16-35". 21 Trails are open offering 65 Km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails with 3 Warming Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails are open. (20F / Clear / Lt Winds). Free Beginning XC Ski Lessons with purchase of Trail Pass. **(530) 583-5475**. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – is open reporting a base of 81-147". 8 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 (30MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open on the mountain. (MG & SKRPP / 24F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(530) 581-8374**. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base of 30-111". 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, Headwall & Granite Chief. 170 Trails to open (59MG) + The Riviera Terrain Park & Super Pipe are open. (MG & SKRPP / 26F / Clear / 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 108-180". 24 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4). Entire Mountain Open. Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails open (111MG) + 8 Terrain Parks and Super Pipe & Super Duper Pipe open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(888) 766-9778**. www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain** – open 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 a base of 70-74". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 9 Trails open. (MG / 30F / Clear / 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 – is open reporting a base of 49-69". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (36MG). Plus 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 27F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(209) 536-5300**.

www.dodgeridge.com

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – open reporting a base of 81". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 28F / Clear / 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 open and free of controls. For updates on this Report, Please visit my Website at **BikeandSkiTahoe.Com**. I got a chance to ski the Yellowstone Club, yesterday with old friend and prior pro racer and TV host Hank Kashiwa and had just an incredible day at the private resort. 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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See you on the Slopes...

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