

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Friday, February 25, 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 Friday, February 25th. A Winter Storm Warning is in affect thru Saturday morning with continued snow, heavy at times, and Temps remaining cold into the low 20's on the Slopes. Light to Moderate Winds with Stronger Gusts up 90 mph will hamper the operation of upper mountain lifts, so all lifts will operate Wind & Weather Permitting. Additional accumulation of 8 to 12" expected at Lake Level and 12 to 20" above 7000 feet. Be prepared for storm conditions. 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 & 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 6-10" of new on a base of 84-115". 26 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP with 12 Lifts scheduled in California (Sky & Canyon on HOLD) and 14 Lifts on the Nevada Side. (Tamarack & Dipper on HOLD) Access to the mountain is from the Gondola (on HOLD), California Base Lodge and both Stagecoach & Boulder Lodges on the NV side. 94 Trails are scheduled to open (50+MG) + Groove Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP/ 13F / Snowing / Strong Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola are on HOLD for Sledding, Snow Tubing & Snow Bikes for rent (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 (R2) – Is open reporting 13" of new on a base of 72-155". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Grandview Express to the top of the front side, The West Bowl & the Backside Open. 44 Trails are open (32MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol on the Back Country Gates today. 3 Terrain Parks & Boarder-X are open. Snow Shoe Trails & the Snow Tubing Hill are open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / Snowing / 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 (Clsd @ Em Bay)– is open daily (9-4) with 4" of new on a base of 30-42". They are grooming out 7 Trails to offer 15km of Groomed XC & adjacent Snow Shoe Trails. Plus, additional Trails are 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 snow on top a base of 48-72". 60 Miles of Trails are open, Grooming out 20 miles of 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 (R2) – Is open reporting 18-20" of new on a base of 150-182". 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP out of the Village & the Timber Creek Lifts & The Back Side Lifts all scheduled to open-WWP. 72 Trails are open (14+MG) 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe scheduled to Open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 14F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). Slide Mtn Tubing Hill Scheduled to open (12-5). Hosting the North American Freeskiing Championships - Starting today thru Sunday. **Kirkwood XC Center** - Open (9-5) with 70km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails with 2 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. **(877) KIRKWOOD. 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 have 8" of new on 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**

***Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 (R1)- in Incline Village – Is open, with 12" of new a base of 87-128". All 6 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, with the Crystal Express Quad to the top of the Mountain. 31 trails are open (18MG) + their Terrain Park is Open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 27F / Snowing / 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 (R1) – is reporting 11-13" of new on a base of 93-145". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with The NW Magnum Six to the top of the Rose side & The Blazing Zephyr on the Slide Side. 50 Trails are open. the Chutes Gates are CLOSED, but Call Ahead. 1 Terrain Parks is open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 18F / Snowing / Mod Winds). Night Skiing / Riding Starting tonight Friday & Saturday nights till 8pm-WWP. **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 (R2) – is reporting 11-20" of new on a base of 121-160". 19 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 91 Trails are open (69MG) + 4 Terrain Parks with 38 features & Super Pipe open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks open as well. (Powder, MG &

SKRPP / 21F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). Their Village Ice Rink is scheduled to open (1-8pm)-WWP & 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.northstaratahohoe.com

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way (R1), Truckee – Is open, reporting 20-24” of new on a base of 56-72”. 5 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP with 14 trails + 2 Terrain Parks open with 50 features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / Snowing / Lt Winds). (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 46 trails to offer 96 Km of Groomed XC trails + 4 separate Snow Shoe Trails with 5km offered. (530) 587-9484. www.skitahtoedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 20-25” of new on a base of 90-175”. All 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including the Accelerator Express Quad & Lost Dutchman on the backside. 35 Trails are open. Plus 2 Terrain Parks open. (Boarder-X & Super Pipe are Closed). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / Snowing / Lt-Mod 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

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 (R1) – Is Open, reporting 20-25” of new on a base of 90-175”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate-WWP, 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. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / Snowing / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) in Soda Springs – is open (9-4) with 95km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails. (20F / Snowing / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – is open with 12” of new on a base of 80-140”. At least 2 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP on the Front Side – Possibly more, call ahead. 52 trails to open. Plus the Tubing Hill is closed today (10-4). (Powder, MG & SKRPP). (530) 426-3635. www.donnerrskiranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is open reporting 14-18” of new on a base of 98-185”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & Mt. Lincoln Express. 89 Trails are open (56MG) + 2 Terrain Parks with 20 features are open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 22F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting the B4BC Shred the Love Rail Jam on Saturday. (530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

***Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 (R2) – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, Is open reporting 14-20” of new on a base of 140-205”. All 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, Including the Ellis Chair, The Madden Chair and the Old Homewood Express. 62 trails are open (25MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 20F / Snowing / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

***Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 (R2) - Tahoe City – Is open Friday thru Sundays & Holiday Periods so they are open today (9-4) with 12” of new on a base of 48-60”. 1 Tow & 1 Run are open (Powder, MGPP). 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 (R2) – Is open daily (8:30-5) with 10” of new on a base of 50-70”. They ar grooming out 21 Trails to offer 65 Km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails with 3 Warming Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. (24F / Snowing / Lt Winds). (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 (R1)– is open reporting 14-20” of new on a base of 124-206”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP on the lower mountain, including Roundhouse (& Summit Six to the top of the Frontside Closed). (Plus, the Scott Chair, Lakeview & Sherwood Express Closed). Lower Mountain open with 40 Trails (29MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open. Tubeville is open for Snow Tubing. Hosting their Big Mountain Telemark Festival today thru Sunday. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 20F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 (R1) – Checks in reporting 20-27” of new on a base of 91-183”. 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP from the bottom including (the Cable Car & Funitel on Standby) Red Dog (& KT22 on HOLD). 12 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain all on Standby – Call Ahead... 170 Trails are open (60+MG) + The Belmont & Riviera Terrain Parks & Super Pipe are Closed. (Powder, MG & SKRPP/ 23F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). Snow tubing offered at Papoose (10-7). The Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled to open for Ice Skating (11-9)-WWP- Call Ahead. So, you can ski / ride, Ice Skate & Dine til 9pm from High Camp-WWP. (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 (R1) – is open and reporting 10-16” of new on a base of 150-234”. 19 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. The Lower Mountain to Open. Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails to open (89MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe open (& Super Duper Pipe Closed). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 17F / Snowing / Lt-Strong Winds). (888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain** – open with 8-10” of new on a base of 72-120”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 23 Trails open + 3 Terrain Parks & Super Pipe Open. (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com

***Yosemite/Badger Pass** – is open reporting 3” of new on a base of 107-112”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 9 Trails open. (Powder & MG / 22F / 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 7-9” of new on a base of 97-111”. 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 62 Trails open (39MG). Plus 4 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 14F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). **(209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com**

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 (R2) – is open reporting 12” of new on a base of 130”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 18F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). **(209) 753-2301 #2. www.bearvalley.com**

So, there you have it. All Roadways in and around the Lake Tahoe Basin have road controls. Stay Tuned for the latest in Road & Weather updates. 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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**Heavenly Village Ice Rink Open as well as Borges Sleigh Rides.
Zephyr Cove Snowmobile Center is open with daily Tours to the Top**

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