

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Saturday, February 26, 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 Saturday, February 26th. Shaping up to be an Epic Day for Powder Skiing & Riding. Expect Partly Cloudy Skies with Isolated Snow Showers and Cold temps in to the mid teens 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 when the sun is out. Surface conditions are Powder, Machine Groomed & Skier/Rider Tracked Powder. Ski & 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" of new on a base of 93-127". 27 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with 13 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 are open (60+MG) + Groove Terrain Park open, possibly more. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 7F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola are scheduled for Sledding, Snow 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

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 (R2) – Is reporting 8" of new on a base of 72-155. 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. 44 Trails are open (29MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol on the Back Country Gates today. 3 Terrain Parks open. Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Snow Tubing Hill are open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 4F / Cldy / Lt 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 (Closed @ Em Bay)– is open daily (9-4) with 6" 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 20-22" of new on a base of 159-190". 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 (14+more MG), 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe scheduled to Open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / -1F / Clear / Lt Winds). Slide Mtn Tubing Hill Scheduled to open (12-5). Hosting the North American Freeskiing Championships. **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 12" 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 12-24" of new a base of 99-142". All 6 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Crystal Express Quad to the top of the Mountain. 31 trails are open (19MG) + their Terrain Park is Open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 6F / Lt Snow / 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 6-7" of new on a base of 106-167". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 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. Terrain Parks are being rebuilt. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / -1F / MClear / Lt Winds). They have Night Skiing / Riding Starting tonight 4 till 8pm. **(800) SKI ROSE**. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 (R2) – is reporting 17-18" of new on a base of 138-178". 19 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 91 Trails are open (64MG) + 4 Terrain Parks with 38 features & Super Pipe open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks open as well. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / -4F / Snowing / Lt-Mod 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.northstarattahoe.com

Tahoe Donner Ski Area - 11603 Slalom Way (R1), Truckee – Is reporting 25-30" of new on a base of 56-72". 5 Lifts

will operate (9-4) with 14 trails + 2 Terrain Parks being Rebuilt. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 9F / MCdy / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) Grooming out with 50 trails to offer 102 Km of Groomed XC trails + 4 separate Snow Shoe Trails with 7km offered. **(530) 587-9484. www.skitaohedonner.com**

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 – (R2) at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 30-35” of new on a base of 100-200”. All 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top of the frontside & Lost Dutchman on the backside. 35 Trails are open. Plus 2 Terrain Parks open. (Boarder-X & Super Pipe are Closed). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / -2F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park is open (10-8). 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 - (R1) – Is reporting 30-35” of new on a base of 90-175”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate with 2 Lifts open (9-4) for Skiing & Riding and 16 Trails open; Plus 3 Lifts for Snow Tubing open (10-4), with Tube Town, the Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. Plus, The Mini Snowmobiles are open for rent, today. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / -2F / MCldy / 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. (-2F / MCldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.**

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – is open with 24” of new on a base of 80-140”. At least 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side – Digging out backside lifts, call ahead. 52 trails to open. Plus the Tubing Hill is scheduled to open today (10-4). (Powder, MG & SKRPP). **(530) 426-3635. www.donnerskiranch.com**

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is open reporting 24-30” of new on a base of 98-185”. 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 90 Trails are open (54MG) + 2 Terrain Parks with 20 features are open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / -1F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Hosting the B4BC Shred the Love Rail Jam today. **(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 155-225”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the Ellis Chair, The Madden Chair & the Quail Chair. 62 trails are open (23MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 3F / Snowing / Lt Winds). **(530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com**

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 (R2) - Tahoe City – Is open Friday thru Sunday, so they are open today (9-4) with 12” of new on a base of 60-72”. 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 20-34” of new on a base of 64-80”. They are 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. (2F / MCldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org**

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 (R1)– is reporting 21-29” of new on a base of 135-235”. 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top of the Frontside. Plus, the Scott Chair, Lakeview & Sherwood Express on the backside. 70 Trails open (MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open. Tubeville is open for Snow Tubing. Hosting their Big Mountain Telemark Festival. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 3F / PCldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com**

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 (R1) – Checks in reporting 16-20” of new on a base of 92-185”. 26 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 13 Lifts from the bottom including the Cable Car & Funitel, plus Red Dog & KT22. 13 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain including Shirley Lake, Siberia & Granite Chief. 170 Trails are open (19+MG) + The Belmont & Riviera Terrain Parks & Super Pipe are Closed. (Powder, MG & SKRPP/ 4F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). Snow tubing offered at Papoose (10-7). The Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled to open for Ice Skating (11-9). So, you can ski / ride, Ice Skate & Dine till 9pm from 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 (R1) – is open and reporting 21-34” of new on a base of 150-228”. 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4). The Entire Mountain to Open. Access from the Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails to open (53MG) + 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. **June Mountain** – open with 12” of new on a base of 84-132”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 21 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 / 16F / MCldy / 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 2” of new on a base of 97-111”. 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (41MG). Plus 4 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 12F / Lt

Snow / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 (R2) – is open reporting 12” of new on a base of 140”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Park Closed. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 7F / Cldy / 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

So, there you have it. All Roadways in and around the Lake Tahoe Basin have road controls. Log on to kthoradio.com for updates or Dial 511. 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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