

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, March 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, March 3rd. Winter Weather continues today with Snow Shower and temps in to the low 30's on the slopes. Light to Moderate with possible ridge gust up to 55mph could hamper the operation of upper mountain lifts. 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 Snow. 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 4-6" of new on a base of 93-127". 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. 94 Trails are open (60+MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / Snowing / Mod Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola are scheduled 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 reporting 6-10" of new on a base of 76-164. 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. 45 Trails are open (35MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol on the Back Country Gates today. 4 Terrain Parks, Boarder X & Super Pipe open. Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Snow Tubing Hill are open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 28F / Snowing / 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 (R1)– is open daily (9-4) with a base of 30-42". They have 7 Trails open offering 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 6" of new on 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 10-12" of new on a base of 155-193". 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. 72 Trails are open (50MG) + 6 Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are scheduled to Open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / Snowing / Lt Winds). **Kirkwood XC Center** - Open (9-5) with 60km 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 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 8" of new on a base of 102-152". 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Crystal Express Quad to the top of the Mountain. 31 trails are open (17MG) + their Terrain Park is Open. (MG & SKRPP / 28F / Mixed Precip / 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 6-8" of new on a base of 109-172". 4 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. & Terrain Parks are closed. (MG & SKRPP / 23F / Cldy / ModWinds). Ladies Day Thursday with \$35 Lift Tickets. **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 (R2)– is reporting 10-13" of new on a base of 101-159". 15 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 91 Trails are open (62MG) + 4 Terrain Parks with 49 features & Super Pipe open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks open as well. (MG & SKRPP / 28F / 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 5-7" of new on a base of 75-100". 5 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP with 14 trails + 2 Terrain Parks being Rebuilt. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / Snowing / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 41 trails to offer 91 Km of Groomed XC Trail. **(530) 587-**

9484. www.skitahoedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 (R2)– at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 12-15” of new on a base of 100-200”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top of the front-side & Lost Dutchman on the back-side. 35 Trails are open. Plus the Core & Mini Terrain Parks are open. (Boarder-X & Super Pipe are Closed). (MG & SKRPP / 26F / Snow Showers / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park is open (10-3). 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 (R2) – Is open reopening 12-15” 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. (MG & SKRPP / 26F / Snow / 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) with 150km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails. (28F / Snow / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – is open with 4” of new on a base of 100-160”. 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP on both the Frontside & Back Side. 52 trails to open. Plus the Tubing Hill is scheduled to open today (10-4). (MG & SKRPP). Old School Thursday with \$25 Lift Tickets. (530) 426-3635. www.donnerskiranch.com

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is open reporting 5-7” of new on a base of 116-207”. 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 91 Trails are open (51MG) + 3 Terrain Parks with 26 features are open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 30F / Snowing / Lt-Mod 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 5-10” of new on top a base of 142-214”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP Including the Ellis Chair, The Madden Chair & the Old Homewood Express. 62 trails are open (25MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 28F / Snow / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – Is open Friday thru Sunday, so they are CLOSED today /// (9-4) with a base of 60-72”. 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.

Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 (R1) – Is open daily (8:30-5) with 6” of new on a base of 60-76”. 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. (28F / MClody / Lt Winds). (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 (R1)– is reporting 11-15” of new on top a base of 129-219”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top of the Frontside. Plus, the Scott Chair, Lakeview & Sherwood Express on the backside. 70 Trails open (24MG) + 3 Terrain Parks being rebuilt. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 29F / Snow / Lt-Strong Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 (R1) – Checks in reporting 4-10” of new on top a base of 92-185”. 19 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 11 Lifts from the bottom including the Cable Car & Funitel, plus Red Dog & KT22. 8 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain including Shirley Lake. 170 Trails are to open (40MG) + The Belmont & Riviera Terrain Parks & Super Pipe are open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 31F / Snow / Lt Winds). Snow tubing offered at Papoose (12-4). The Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled to open for Ice Skating (11-7). So, you can ski / ride, Ice Skate & Dine till 7pm 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 – is open and reporting 7-12” of new on a base of 144-222”. 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 (87MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe open (& Super Duper Pipe Closed). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 24F / Snowing / Lt-Strong Winds). Hosting Spring US Snowboarding Grand Prix, March 3-5. (888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain** – open with a base of 84-132”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 37 Trails open + 3 Terrain Parks & Super Pipe open. (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com

Yosemite/Badger Pass – is open reporting 2” of new on a base of 107-112”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 9 Trails open. (MGPP / 27F / Lt Snow / 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 3-6” of new on a base of 87-93”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (39MG). Plus 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 25F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 – is open reporting 5” of new on a base of 133”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 67 Trails to open + 1 Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 27F / 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. Road Controls are required in and around most all Highway. Log on to KTHOradio.com or Dial 5-11 for the latest update. 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.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

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