

# Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Friday, March 18, 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 Finally a Friday, March 18th. Another Winter Storm is on it's way with a Winter Storm Warning Posted to Start around 2pm this afternoon thru 8am on Saturday Morning. Get out early. Expect Cloudy Skies with a Chance of Snow in the Morning and Snow in the afternoon. Temperatures getting into the Mid 30's on the Slopes with Moderate to Strong Winds. Ridge Gusts up to 75 mph increasing to 90 mph will 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 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 a base of 104-145". 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) + 2 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 29F / Cldy / Mod-Strong Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola are scheduled for Sledding, Snow Tubing & Snow Bikes for rent on (10-4)-WWP. Hosting the Stateline Show Down Slopestyle Event on Saturday and the Kinder Cup Finals on Sunday. 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 reporting a base of 78-180". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Grandview Express to the top of the front side, The West Bowl open & the Backside Open. 45 Trails are open (34MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol on the Back Country Gates today. 5 Terrain Parks, Boarder X (& Super Pipe Closed). Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Snow Tubing Hill Open. (MG & SKRPP / 26F / Snow / Lt Winds). College Week thru today with \$56 Lift Tickets with Valid Student ID. Hosting the Buckle Up Slopestyle Jam tomorrow. 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 at Em Bay) – is open daily (9-4) with a base of 24-36". They have 8 Trails open offering 15km of Groomed XC & adjacent Snow Shoe Trails. Plus, additional Trails are open on along the beach as conditions permit. Hosting Snow Shoe Cocktail Races at the Beacon on this evening at 7:00pm. **(530) 542-6584. [www.camprichardson.com](http://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 36-60". 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. Hosting their Winter Photography Slide Show on Friday and Winter Photography Tour tomorrow. **(530) 694-2266. [www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com](http://www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com)**

**\*Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 – Is open reporting a base of 194-230". 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP out of the Village; the Timber Creek Lifts & The Back Side Lifts. 72 Trails are open (40+MG) + 7 Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are scheduled to Open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 15F / MCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting Rip Curl Grom Search tomorrow, March 19<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Banked Slalom on Sunday, March 20. **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](http://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 have a base of 36-90". 19 Trails are open with 70km 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 on a base of 111-166". 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (20MG) + their Terrain Park is Open. (MG & SKRPP / 25F / MClear / Lt Winds). If you have a valid Season Pass from any other Resort, you can ski or ride Diamond Peak for only \$25. Hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Community Moonlight Snow Shoe hike to the Snow Flake Lodge this evening at 5:00pm. **(775) 831-3211. [www.diamondpeak.com](http://www.diamondpeak.com)**

**\*Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 – is reporting a base of 120-187". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP on the lower mountain. (The NW Magnum Six & The Blazing Zephyr on Wind HOLD as well as the Chuter Lift). 50 Trails are open (The Chutes Gates Closed) + 3 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain (MG & SKRPP / 19F / Cldy / Mod-Strong Winds) Night Skiing offered till 8pm-WWP. **(800) SKI ROSE. [www.mtrose.com](http://www.mtrose.com)**

## Truckee Area Resorts

**\*Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – is reporting a base of 85-165". 15 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. They

are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 92 Trails are open (68MG) + 4 Terrain Parks with 65 features & Super Pipe open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks open as well. (MG & SKRPP / 23F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). Their Village Ice Rink is scheduled to open (1-8pm) & Snow Tubing is offered (12-4pm)-WWP. **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** is open with 17 Trails offering 38km of Groomed XC & Snow snowshoe trails. (530) 562-1330. [www.northstaratahoh.com](http://www.northstaratahoh.com)

**\*Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is reporting a base of 75-100". 5 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP with 14 trails open + 2 Terrain Parks 18 features. (MG & SKRPP / 24F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 20 trails to offer 50 Km of Groomed XC Trails + 4 Separate Snow Shoe Trails offer 6km. (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 100-200". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top of the front-side & Lost Dutchman on the back-side. 35 Trails are open. Plus 2 Terrain Parks, (Boarder-X & Super Pipe Closed). Hosting Cash for Kids Rail Jam & Legends of Snowboarding events on Saturday. (MG & SKRPP / 22F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park is open (10-8)-WWP. And, 2 Lifts will operate for Night Skiing & Riding, till 9pm-WWP. And today is \$15 Friday. (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 open (9-4)-WWP for Skiing & Riding and 16 Trails open including Crystal Bow 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 / 22F / PCldy / 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 (9-4) They have 2 Trail systems offering 65km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails. (22F / MCldy / Lt Winds).. (530) 426-3871. [www.royalgorge.com](http://www.royalgorge.com).

**\*Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – Is open with on a base of 100-160". At least 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP on the Front Side. 30 trails to open. Tubing Hill is Closed today. (10-4). (MG & SKRPP) Monday thru Friday they have \$25 Lift Tickets. (530) 426-3635. [www.donnerrskiranch.com](http://www.donnerrskiranch.com)

**\*Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is reporting a base of 124-219". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & Mt Lincoln Express. 95 Trails are open (53MG) + 3 Terrain Parks with 27 features are open. (MG & SKRPP / 21F / Cldy / 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 reporting a base of 80-130". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP Including the Ellis Chair, The Madden Chair & the Old Homewood Express. 62 trails are open (32MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (MG & SKRPP / 27F / PCldy / Lt Winds). College Week, thru March 20, with \$29 Lift Tickets with Valid Student Photo ID. (530) 525-2900. [Skihomewood.com](http://Skihomewood.com)

**\*Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – Is open Friday thru Sunday, so the Ski Hill is Scheduled to be open 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](http://www.granlibakken.com).

**\*Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area** - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 – Is open daily (8:30-5) on a base of 54-75". 21 Trails are open offering 65 Km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails with 3 Warming Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. (26F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 583-5475. [www.tahoexc.org](http://www.tahoexc.org)

**\*Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – is reporting a base of 140-242". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top of the Front-side. Plus, the Scott Chair & Sherwood Express scheduled on the Back-side. 70 Trails open (9MG) + 3 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. Plus, Tubeville for Snow Tubing. (MG & SKRPP / 16F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). College Week thru March 20, with \$39 Lift Ticket with valid student photo ID. Hosting the Take The Lake Triple Jumphline Competition kicking off today thru Sunday. (530) 581-8374. [www.skialpine.com](http://www.skialpine.com)

**\*Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base of 60-165". 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 11 Lifts from the bottom with the Cable Car & Funitel + Red Dog & KT22 are scheduled to run. 13 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain-WWP including Shirley Lake, Headwall, Siberia & Granite Chief. 170 Trails are open (58MG) + The Belmont & Riviera Terrain Parks & Super Pipe are open. (MG & SKRPP / 27F / Snow / Mod-Strong Winds). Snow tubing is offered at Papoose (12-7). The Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is Closed for the Season. But, you can Ski or Ride & Dine till 9pm from High Camp. (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 a base of 144-216". 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. The Entire Mountain to Open. Access from the Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails to open (111MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe open & Super Duper Pipe now open. (MG & SKRPP / 19F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting Fuel TV College Games March 18-20. (888) 766-9778.

[www.mammothmountain.com](http://www.mammothmountain.com). **June Mountain** – open on a base of 84-132". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 27 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 90-99". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 9 Trails open. (MGPP / 26F / 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](http://www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx)

**\*Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 – is open reporting a base of 82-102". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (39MG). Plus 3 Terrain Parks & Skier-Boarder-X open. (MG & SKRPP / 29F / PCldy / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. [www.dodgeridge.com](http://www.dodgeridge.com)

**\*Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – is open reporting a base of 137". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 21F / MClear / 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](http://www.bearvalley.com)

So, there you have it. Once again Winter Storm Warning kicks in at 2pm today thru 8am Saturday morning. 1 to 2 feet of snow predicted above 7000 feet. Stay Tuned for the latest in Weather and Road Conditions. For updates on this Report, Please visit my Website at [BikeandSkiTahoe.Com](http://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](http://www.bikeandskitahoe.com)

**FOR CURRENT ROAD INFORMATION CALL:**

**CALIFORNIA: 1-800-427-7623 • NEVADA: 1-877-NV-ROADS or 511**

**R1=CHAINS OR SNOWTIRES REQUIRED**

**R2=CHAINS MANDATORY EXCEPT 4WD WITH SNOWTIRES**

**Listen to KTHO anywhere around the World at [kthoradio.com](http://kthoradio.com)**

## **Special Events and Promotions:**

### **Special Olympics Polar Plunge**

**Saturday, March 19, Zephyr Cove Resort**

**10am-12noon**

**Post Plunge Party at Montbleu starting at 12:30pm**

### **Tahoe Douglas Rotary St Patty's Celebration & Fundraiser**

**Saturday, March 19, Montbleu Show Room, 6 – 10pm**

**For Information and Lodging on the South Shore please visit:**

**[TahoeSouth.Com](http://TahoeSouth.Com)**

You can listen to my **Mountain Resort Report daily on KTHO AM590 and at 96.1 FM** in South Lake Tahoe. Or, listen anywhere around the world from their Website at [kthoradio.com](http://kthoradio.com). The air times are 7:35am & 8:35am. You can also check this website every morning at [bikeandskitahoe.com](http://bikeandskitahoe.com). I also updated with an audio report so click the boom-box if you want to listen to the report. The Report is also featured on [LakeTahoeNews.net](http://LakeTahoeNews.net) every morning.

Also, Don't miss reading my weekly Column, "As the Bull Wheel Turns" each Friday in the Tahoe Daily Tribune.

See you on the Slopes...

Curtis Fong

"The Guy From Tahoe"