

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Saturday, March 19, 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 Saturday, March 19th. There Lots of Fresh Pow out there and continued Winter Weather today with Snow Showers. Temperatures getting into the low 30's on the Slopes with Light to Moderate Winds with Ridge Gusts up to 75 mph and that may hamper the operation of upper mountain lifts. So. Lifts will Operate Wind & Weather Permitting. 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 7-12" of new on a base of 107-148". 27 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 13 Lifts scheduled in California (Sky on Hold) 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 (Hwy 207 (R1). 94 Trails are open (60+MG) + 2 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG PP / 20F / Snowing / 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 Kinder Cup Finals on Sunday. 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 14" of new on a base of 78-180". 13 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 (31MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol on the Back Country Gates today. 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder X (& Super Pipe Closed). Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Snow Tubing Hill Open. (Powder, MG PP / 18F / Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting the Buckle Up Slopestyle Jam tomorrow. 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 at Em Bay) – is open daily (9-4) with 6" of new on a base of 24-36". They have 8 Trails open grooming out 15km of 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 8" of new on 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 Tour Today. **(530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com**

Kirkwood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 88 (R2) – Is open reporting 18-20" of new on a base of 194-230". All 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 (12MG) + 7 Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are scheduled to Open. (Powder, MG PP / 9F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting Rip Curl Grom Search Today and the 17th annual Banked Slalom Tomorrow. **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 36-90" with fresh snow on top. 19 Trails are open with 70km 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 9" of new on a base of 116-172". 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (18MG) + their Terrain Park is Open. (Powder, MG PP / 26F / Snowing / Lt Winds). If you have a valid Season Pass from any other Resort, you can 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 13-15" of new on a base of 122-190". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with The NW Magnum Six to the top of the Rose Side & The Blazing Zephyr scheduled to operate to the top of the Slide Side. 50 Trails are open. The Chutes Gates Closed, but Call Ahea) + 3 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain (Powder, MG PP / 14F / Mod Snow / Mod-Strong Winds) Night Skiing offered till 8pm-WWP. **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 (R2) – is reporting 16-18" of new on a base of 100-183". 18 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 93 Trails are open (62MG) + (4 Terrain Parks with 65 features- Closed) & Super Pipe open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks open as well. (Powder, MG & PP / 20F / Snowing / 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.northstaratahove.com

Tahoe Donner Ski Area - 11603 Slalom Way (R1), Truckee – Is reporting 23-32” of new on a base of 95-120”. 5 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP with 14 trails open + 2 Terrain Parks 18 features. (MG & PP / 23F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) Grooming out 20 trails to offer 50 Km of Groomed XC Trails + 4 Separate Snow Shoe Trails offer 6km. (530) 587-9484. www.skitahtoedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 (R2) – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 23-32” of new on 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 scheduled for 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 Today. (Powder, MG PP / 15F / Snowing / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park is open (10-8)-WWP. 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 (R2) – Is open reporting 23-32” of new on 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 & PP / 15F / 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) They have 4 Trail systems offering 105km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails. (15F / Snowing / Lt Winds).. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – Is open with 20” of new on a base of 100-160”. At least 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP on the Front Side. 30 trails to open. Tubing Hill is Closed today. (10-4). (Powder, MG & SKRPP). (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is reporting 22-32” of new on a base of 124-219”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & Mt Lincoln Express. 91 Trails are open (53MG) + 3 Terrain Parks with 27 features are open. (Powder, MG PP / 17F / Snow Showers / Lt 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 reporting 20-27” of new on a base of 98-161”. All 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP Including the Ellis Chair, The Madden Chair & the Old Homewood Express. 62 trails are open (24MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (Powder, MG PP / 19F / Snowing / Lt Winds). College Week, thru March 20, with \$29 Lift Tickets with Valid Student Photo ID. (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 (R1) - Tahoe City – Is open Friday thru Sunday, so the Ski Hill is Scheduled to be open today (9-4) with 12” of new on 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 8” of new 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. (20F / Snow Showers / Lt Winds). (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 (R1) – is reporting 19-28” of new on a base of 157-266”. All 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top of the Front-side. Plus, the Scott Chair, Lakeview & Sherwood Express scheduled on the Back-side. 70 Trails open (23MG) + 3 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. Plus, Tubeville for Snow Tubing. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 17F / Snowing / Lt-Strong Winds). College Week thru March 20, with \$39 Lift Ticket with valid student photo ID. Hosting the Take The Lake Triple Jumphline Competition thru Sunday. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 (R1) – Checks in reporting 20-26” of new on a base of 82-190”. 26 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 15 Lifts from the bottom with the (Cable Car & Funitel on Standby) & Funitel + Red Dog & KT22 are scheduled to run. 11 Lifts scheduled for the Upper Mountain- WWP including Shirley, Siberia & Granite Chief all on Standby. 170 Trails are to open (58MG) + The Belmont & Riviera Terrain Parks & Super Pipe are scheduled to open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 20F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). Snow tubing is offered at Papoose (10-7). 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. 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 16-24” of new on a base of 150-228”. 19 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. The Lower Mountain to Open. Access from the Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge.

150 trails to open (65MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe open & Super Duper Pipe now open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 11F / Snowing / Lt-Strong Winds). Hosting Fuel TV College Games March 18-20. **(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). 27 Trails open + 3 Terrain Parks & Super Pipe open. **(760) 934-2224**. www.junemountain.com

Yosemite/Badger Pass – is open reporting 6" of new on a base of 90-99". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 9 Trails open. (MGPP / 28F / Snow Showers / 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 19" of new on a base of 98-110". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (39MG). Plus 3 Terrain Parks & Skier-Boarder-X open. (Power, MG & SKRPP / 14F / Snowing / Lt Winds). **(209) 536-5300**. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 (R2) – is open reporting 18" of new on a base of 153". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 67 Trails to open + (2 Terrain Park Closed). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 17F / 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. A Winter Storm Watch kicks in tonight thru Sunday night with up to 2 more feet predicted above 7000 feet. Stay Tuned for the latest in Weather and Road Conditions or log on to KTHORadio.com or dial 5-11. 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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