

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Sunday, March 20, 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 Sunday, March 20th. There's Lots of Fresh Pow out there, But can you get to it? The Winter Storm Warning continues to be in effect till 11pm tonight. Expect Moderate to Heavy Snow and Gusty Winds. Temperatures getting into the mid 20's on the Slopes with Moderate to Strong Gusty Winds and Ridge Gusts up to 105mph and that will and is hampering the operation of upper mountain lifts. So. Lifts will Operate Wind & Weather Permitting. Call Ahead. Also Expect delays in lifts opening after Digging Out & Snow Safety procedures. Dress warm, in Layers with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket. Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety. Also, wear Good Goggles / Face Gaiter & Warm Gloves. 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 4-6" of new on a base of 107-148". 28 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP with 14 Lifts scheduled in California (**Sky & Canyon on HOLD**) and 14 Lifts on the Nevada Side (**Tamarack, Dipper & Comet on HOLD**). 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 / 16F / Snowing / 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. Call Ahead. 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 17" of new on a base of 87-192". 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 Closed). 40 Trails are open (27MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Back Country Gates Closed today. 1 Terrain Park open, (Boarder X & Super Pipe Closed). Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Snow Tubing Hill are Closed today. (Powder, MG PP / 27F / Snow / Lt-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 (Closed at Em Bay) – is open daily (9-4) with 2" 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 8-12" 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. **(530) 694-2266**. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 (**R2 Traffic HELD to Kwd from Tahoe / Closed from West**) – Is open reporting 27-38" of new on a base of 198-247". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP out of the Village; the Timber Creek Lifts (& The Back Side Lifts are Closed – Call Ahead). 60 Trails are open (12MG) + 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are scheduled to Open. (Powder, MG PP / 17F / Lt Snow / Strong Winds). Hosting the 17th annual Banked Slalom Today. **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

***Spoooner 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 3" of new on a base of 119-175". 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (19MG) + their Terrain Park is Open. (Powder, MG PP / 27F / Snowing / Lt-Mod 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 5-6" 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 Ahead. + 3 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. Hosting Bobo's Demo Day on the Rose Side. (Powder, MG PP / 23F / Mod Snow / Mod Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE**. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 (R2) – is reporting 14-16" of new on a base of 114-196". 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 & Super Pipe Closed). 2 Kids Adventure Parks open. (Powder, MG & PP / 21F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). Their Village Ice Rink is scheduled to open (1-8pm-WWP) & Snow Tubing is offered (10-4pm)-WWP. **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** is open with 17 Trails offering 38km of Groomed XC & Snow snowshoe trails. (530) 562-1330. www.northstaratahohoe.com

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way (R1), Truckee – Is reporting 15-20” of new on a base of 95-120”. 5 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP with 14 trails open + 2 Terrain Parks closed. (MG & PP / 28F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) Grooming out 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 – Closed from Applegate to NV State Line. Call Ahead (R2) – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 15-20” of new on a base of 100-200”. **CLOSED TODAY**. /// 5 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)- Call Ahead. 35 Trails are open. Plus 2 Terrain Parks, (Boarder-X & Super Pipe Closed). (Powder, MG PP / 21F / Snowing / Lt-Mod 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 15-20” of new on a base of 90-175”. They Are **CLOSED TODAY**. (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 One Trail systems offering 65km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails with their California Gold Rush Race today. (25F / Snowing / Lt-Mod 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 120-180”. At least 3 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 PP). (530) 426-3635. www.donnerrskiranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is reporting 24-32” of new on a base of 154-287”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & Mt Lincoln Express. 90 Trails are open (48MG) + 3 Terrain Parks with 27 features are open. (Powder, MG PP / 25F / Snowing / Mod-Strong 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 6-12” of new on a base of 102-172”. 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 (26MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (Powder, MG PP / 29F / Snowing / Lt Winds). Community Benefit Day with \$25 Lift Tickets and College Week, thru today, 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 6” 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 12-18” of new on a base of 54-75”. Grooming out 21 Trails to offering 65 Km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails with 3 Warming Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. (27F / Snowing / Lt Winds). (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 (R1) – is reporting 20-28” of new on a base of 167-297”. **CLOSED TODAY** due to Strong Winds and Avalanch D. (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 / 26F / Snowing / Strong Winds). College Week thru March 20, with \$39 Lift Ticket with valid student photo ID. Hosting the Take The Lake Triple Jumpline Competition thru Sunday. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 (R1) – Checks in reporting 14-18” of new on a base of 82-190”. 26 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 12 Lifts from the bottom with the (Cable Car & Funitel on Standby) + Red Dog & KT22 are scheduled to run. 10 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 Closed. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 20F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). Snow tubing is offered at Papoose (10-4). The Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is Closed for the Season. But, you can Ski or Ride & Dine till 7pm 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 – is open and reporting 19-31” of new on a base of 168-252”. 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 (70MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe open & Super Duper Pipe now open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 20F / 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 96-144”. 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 / 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 16-24” of new on a base of 110-125”. 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (37MG). Plus 3 Terrain Parks & Skier-Boarder-X open. (Power, MG & SKRPP / 21F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). **(209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com**

Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 (R2) – is open reporting 21” of new on a base of 168”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 67 Trails to open + (2 Terrain Park Closed). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / 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 Warning continues till 11pm tonight. 2 more feet predicted above 7000 feet. All Roadways around Lake Tahoe have road controls. Stay Tuned or log on to KTHORadio.com or dial 5-11 for 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.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

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