

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Friday, March 4, 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 Friday, March 4th. Shaping up to be a great day to enjoy making turns with Partly Cloudy Skies and temps warming into the upper 30's and Light Winds. Dress in Layers with your Jacket. Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; Also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles and don't forget to use Sunscreen. 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 a base of 93-127". 26 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 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) + 3 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 20F / Clear / 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 – Is reporting a base of 76-168. 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 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 – 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– 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 – Is open reporting a base of 155-193". 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 (50+MG) + 6 Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are scheduled to Open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 17F / Clear / Lt Winds). Hosting the Northface Masters of Snowboarding in the Cirque. **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 - 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 - in Incline Village – Is open with a base of 107-152". 4 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. (MG & SKRPP / 24F / Cldy / 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 – is reporting a base of 113-177". 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. 60 Trails are open including The Chutes Gates & 2 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 17F / MClear / Lt Winds). Night Skiing offered till 8pm. **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 – is reporting 1" of new on a base of 101-159". 16 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 92 Trails are open (62MG) + 4 Terrain Parks with 49 features & Super Pipe open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks open as well. (MG & SKRPP / 12F / Clear / Lt 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, Truckee – Is reporting a base of 75-100". 5 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 14 trails + 2 Terrain Parks being Rebuilt. (MG & SKRPP / 22F / MClear / 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.skitahtoedonner.com**

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting a base of 100-200". 7 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 2 Terrain Parks, . Boarder-X & Super Pipe open. Bag Jump open (11-3).(MG & SKRPP / 11F / PCldy / 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– Is open reopening 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 / 16F / PCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80, on Donner Pass Rd in Soda Springs – is open (9-4) with 150km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails. (16F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – is open with a base of 100-160". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on both the Frontside & Back Side. 52 trails to open. Plus the Tubing Hill is scheduled to open today (10-4). (MG & SKRPP). (530) 426-3635. www.donniskiranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is open reporting a base of 116-207". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 95 Trails are open (53MG) + 3 Terrain Parks with 26 features are open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 15F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

***Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, Is open reporting a base of 139-210". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the Ellis Chair, The Madden Chair & the Old Homewood Express. 62 trails are open (34MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (MG & SKRPP / 24F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

***Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – Is open Friday thru Sunday, so they are 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.

***Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area** - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 – Is open daily (8:30-5) with 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. (19F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – is reporting a base of 127-214". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top of the Frontside. Plus, the Scott Chair & Sherwood Express on the backside. 70 Trails open (23MG). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 19F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base of 92-185". 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 11 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, Headwall & Granite Chief. 170 Trails are to open (60+MG) + The Belmont & Riviera Terrain Parks & Super Pipe are open. (MG & SKRPP / 19F / MClear / Lt Winds). Snow tubing offered at Papoose (12-4). The Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled to open for Ice Skating (11-6). So, you can ski / ride, Ice Skate & Dine till 6pm from High Camp. Hosting Opening Ceremonies for the 30th Annual Northlake Tahoe / Truckee SnowFest tonight starting at 6:30pm with the Torchlight Parade, Laser Show & Fireworks. (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 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 (100MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe open (& Super Duper Pipe Closed). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 13F / Clear / Lt 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 a base of 107-112". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 9 Trails open. (MGPP / 17F / Clear / 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 a base of 89-99". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (38MG). Plus 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 25F / MClidy / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – is open reporting a base of 132". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 67 Trails to open + 1 Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 21F / MClear / 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. The 30th annual NLT / Truckee Snowfest kicks off thru March 13. Go to TahoeSnowFestival.com for the complete schedule of events or keep it tuned to KTHO for reports. For updates on this Report, Please visit my Website at BikeandSkiTahoe.Com. I'm reporting from the Alyeska Resort in Girdwood Alaska. 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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COMPETE DOWN THE CIRQUE.**

**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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