

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, March 24, 2011 - As of 7:00 am

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Thursday, March 24th. Got Snow? More Winter Weather and More Snow... Winter Storm Warning remains in effect thru Friday mid morning... Expect Snow, Heavy at Times with Temperature in the upper 20's on the slopes and Moderate to Strong Gusty Winds with Ridge Gusts 95-110mph. 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 / Face Gaiter & Warm Gloves. Surface conditions are Fresh 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 10-14" of new on a base of 117-158". 26 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 12 Lifts scheduled in California (Sky on HOLD) and 14 Lifts on the Nevada Side (Tamarack / Dipper on HOLD). 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. (Powder, MG PP / 24F / Lt Snow / 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. Call Ahead. 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 18" of new on a base of 118-251". 5 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). 39 Trails are open (27MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Back Country Gates Closed today. 1 Terrain Park open, (Boarder X & Super Pipe are Closed). Snow Shoe Trails open, (Snow Play Area & the Snow Tubing Hill are Closed). (Powder, MG PP / 29F / Snowing / Lt Winds). Hosting 8th annual Telegrass Festival this weekend. 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 8" of new on a base of 36-48". 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 a base of 48-72". 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) – Is open reporting 14-18" of new on a base of 220-263". 10 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP out of the Village & the Timber Creek Lifts, Chairs 3 & 4 on The Back Side are scheduled (with Vista & Covered Wagon Tows, Closed). 72 Trails are open (30+MG) + 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are scheduled to Open. (Powder, MG PP / 13F / Lt Snow / Mod 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

***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 2" of new on a base of 131-187". 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 / 25F / Snow Showers / 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 4-5" of new on a base of 132-201". 2 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP on the Lower Mountain, with The NW Magnum & The Blazing Zephyr on Wind HOLD. 30 Trails are open (The Chutes Gates Closed- Call Ahead.) + 3 Terrain Park are open on the mountain. (Powder, MG PP / 17F / Mod Snow / Mod-Strong Winds). Ladies Day Thursday with \$35 Lift Tickets for all the Ladies. **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – is reporting 12" of new on a base of 116-209". 15 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 (65MG) + 2 Terrain Parks open with 13 Features & Super Pipe open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks are open. (Powder, MG & PP / 26F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). Hosting the Red Bull Butter Cup on Saturday. Their Village Ice Rink is scheduled to open (3-8pm) & (Snow Tubing Center is Closed -12-4pm). **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** is open with 17 Trails offering 38km of Groomed XC & Snow snowshoe trails. **(530) 562-1330. www.northstarattahoe.com**

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way (R1), Truckee – Is reporting 12-16” of new on a base of 95-120”. 3 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP with 14 trails open + 2 Terrain Parks closed. (MG & PP / 27F / Snowing / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill)**. **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) Grooming out 25 Trails to offer 63 Km of Groomed XC Trails. **(530) 587-9484**. www.skitahtoedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 13-19” of new on a base of 175-300”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top of the front-side (Lost Dutchman closed on the back-side). 27 Trails are open. Plus the Mini Terrain Parks, (Boarder-X & Super Pipe Closed). (Powder, MG PP / 23F / Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). Playland Tubing Park is Closed today (10-4) 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 reporting 12-14” of new on a base of 90-175”. CLOSED TODAY. Reopening on Friday. /// (5 Lifts are scheduled to operate with 2 Lifts open (9-4) 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 / 18F / MClody / 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 CLOSED to Reopen after this Storm Cycle on Friday, March 25. /// (9-4) They have One Trail systems offering 65km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails. (25F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds).. **(530) 426-3871**. www.royalgorge.com.

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – is Closed /// on a base of 120-180”. At least 2 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). Mon-Fri they have \$25 Lift tickets. **(530) 426-3635**. www.donnerranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is reporting 10-14” of new on a base of 154-287”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & Mt Lincoln Express open. 91 Trails are open (52MG) + 3 Terrain Parks with 10 features are open. Hosting their Caboose Kickers Park Competition on Saturday. (Powder, MG PP / 22F / Snowing / 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 8-12” of new on a base of 133-221”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 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 PP / 24F / Lt Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). College Week extended till March 27. \$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 Closed 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 4-6” of new on a base of 70-100”. 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. (24F / Snow / Lt Winds). **(530) 583-5475**. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 (R1) – is reporting 13-18” of new on a base of 177-293”. 7 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 on HOLD to the Back-Side). 50 Trails open (13MG) + 2 Terrain Parks open on the mountain. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 22F / Snowing / Strong Winds). Extended College Week thru March 27 with \$39 Lift Ticket with Valid Student Photo ID. Hosting Disabled Sports Ability Race on Friday. **(530) 581-8374**. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 (R1) – Checks in reporting 16-20” of new on a base 72-250”. 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP from the bottom with Red Dog & KT22. Cable Car/ Funitel and All upper Mountain Lifts on Standby. The Belmont & Riviera Terrain Parks & Super Pipe Closed. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 24F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). Snow tubing is offered at Papoose (12-4). You can Ski / 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 21-34” of new on a base of 192-276”. 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 (61MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe open & Super Duper Pipe now open. (Powder, MG PP / 14F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). Hosting the Roxy Chicken Jam today thru Sunday. **(888) 766-9778**. www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain** – open with 24” of new on a base of 108-156”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 27 Trails open + 3 Terrain Park open & Super Pipe open. **(760) 934-2224**. www.junemountain.com

***Yosemite/Badger Pass** – is open reporting 12” of new on a base of 90-99”. They are Closed. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 9 Trails open. (MGPP / 26F / 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 2-3” of new on a base of 116-150”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (36MG). Plus 3 Terrain Parks & Skier-Boarder-X open. (Power, MGPP / 25F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 (R2) – is open reporting 14” of new on a base of 191”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 67 Trails to open + (2 Terrain Park Closed). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 19F / Snowing / 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. Once again Winter Storm Warning continues thru Friday Morning. Stay Tuned to K-Tahoe updated Road Conditions. 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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