

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Saturday, March 26, 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 Saturday, March 26th. A Winter Weather Advisory in effect thru 5pm today. Expect Snow thru out the day with Temperature in the upper 20's on the slopes and Moderate to Strong Winds with Ridge Gusts 50 to 85 mph. 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 & 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 5-6" of new on a base of 130-176". 27 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP with 13 Lifts scheduled in California (Sky on HOLD) and 14 Lifts on the Nevada Side (Dipper, Tamarack, North Bowl & Olympic 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 / 26F / Cldy - 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 6" of new on a base of 125-244". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP including Grandview Express to the top of the front side & The West Bowl open (& the Backside Closed). 39 Trails are open (25MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Back Country Gates Closed today. 2 Terrain Parks open, (Boarder X & Super Pipe are Closed). (Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Snow Tubing Hill are Closed). (Powder, MG PP / 25F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting 8th annual Telegress 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 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 60-84". 60 Miles of Trails are open, their attempting to groom some out, but all are Marked & Skier Packed trails today. 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 / open to Kirkwood / Held from the West) – Is open reporting another 16-20" of new on a base of 226-271". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP out of the Village, The Timber Creek and The Back Side with Chair 4 & Covered Wagon Closed. 65 Trails are open (30+MG) + 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are scheduled to Open. (Powder, MG PP / 16F / 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 (R1)/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open daily (9-5). They have a base of 48-90". Grooming out 19 Trails to offer 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 4" of new on a base of 149-209". 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 / 23F / Snow / Lt Winds). Hosting Last Tracks Wine Tasting this evening. 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 2" of new on a base of 142-210". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with The NW Magnum to the top of the Rose Side & The Blazing Zephyr scheduled to open at 8:30am to the top of the Slide Side. 60 Trails are open & The Chutes Gates are Closed this morning but Call Ahead. + 2 Terrain Park are open on the mountain. (Powder, MG PP / 20F / Lt Snow / Mod-Strong Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 (R2) – is reporting 8-11" of new on a base of 132-231". 17 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 (57MG) + 2 Terrain Parks open with 23 Features & Super Pipe open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks are open. (Powder, MG & PP / 28F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). Hosting the Red Bull Butter Cup today. And the Oakley Progression Session today and tomorrow. 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.northstaratahoh.com

Tahoe Donner Ski Area - 11603 Slalom Way (R1), Truckee – Is reporting 12” of new on a base of 95-120”. 4 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP with 14 trails open + 2 Terrain Parks closed. (MG & PP / 26F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) Grooming out 20 Trails to offer 47 Km of Groomed XC Trails. **(530) 587-9484. www.skitaohedonner.com**

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 12” of new on a base of 275-375”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP 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-Shred Terrain Park, (Boarder-X & Super Pipe Closed). (Powder, MG PP / 43F / Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). Playland Tubing Park is scheduled to 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 (R2) – Is open reporting 12” of new on a base of 90-175”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate with 2 Lifts open (9-4) for Skiing & Riding and 16 Trails open including Crystal Bowl 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 / 24F / Lt Snow / 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 – Has been Closed to Reopen after this Storm Cycle. Call Ahead. /// (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) – Has been Closed since Tuesday. Call Ahead. /// 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). **(530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com**

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is reporting 8-12” 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. 88 Trails are open (36MG) + 3 Terrain Parks with 10 features are open. Caboose Kickers Park Competition rescheduled to April 16. (Powder, MG PP / 18F / 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 4-8” of new on a base of 151-270”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP Including the Ellis Chair, The Madden Chair & the Old Homewood Express. 62 trails are open (22MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (Powder, MG PP / 26F / Lt Snow / Lt 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 scheduled to open today (9-4) with on a base of 60-72”. 1 Tow & 1 Run are scheduled 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 12-24” of new on a base of 70-100”. Grooming out 21 Trails to offer 60 Km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails with 3 Warming Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. (26F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). **(530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org**

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 (R1) – is reporting 4-7” of new on a base of 185-315”. 10 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 to the Back-Side. 70 Trails open (16MG) + 2 Terrain Parks open on the mountain. (Powder, MG PP / 23F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). Extended College Week thru March 27 with \$39 Lift Ticket with Valid Student Photo ID. **(530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com**

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 (R1) – Checks in reporting 7-12” of new on a base 95-265”. 25 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP from the bottom with (Cable Car/ Funitel on Standby) but Red Dog & KT22 scheduled to open. 10 are scheduled for the upper Mountain including Shirley, Siberia & Granite Chief, all on Standby. 23 Runs groomed on the lower mountain. The Belmont & Riviera Terrain Parks & Super Pipe Closed. (Powder, MG PP / 26F / Lt Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). Snow tubing is offered at Papoose (10-4). Night Skiing on Standby. **(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 4-7” of new on a base of 210-324”. 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 (77MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe open & Super Duper Pipe open. (Powder, MG PP / 19F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). Hosting the Roxy Chicken Jam thru Sunday. **(888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com.**

June Mountain – open with on a base of 120-168”. 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 a base of 90-99”. They are Closed due to power outage & plowing roads. Scheduled to re-open on Sunday. /// 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 2-5” of new on a base of 144-158”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (38MG). Plus 3 Terrain Parks & Skier-Boarder-X open. (Power, MGPP / 23F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 (R2) – is open reporting 1” of new on a base of 192”. 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 67 Trails to open + 1 Terrain Park Open (Powder, MG PP / 22F / 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 Weather Advisory in effect thru 5pm today. Stay Tuned to K-Tahoe or log on to kthoradio.com for 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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