

# Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Saturday, March 5, 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 5th. Expect increasing Cloudy Skies with a slight chance of snow in the afternoon and temps warming into the upper 30's on the slopes. Light to Moderate Winds with possible Ridge Gusts up to 70mph could hamper the operation of upper mountain lifts, so lift operations will be Wind & Weather Permitting. Dress in Layers with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket. Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety. Also, wear Good Goggles. Surface conditions are 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 a base of 93-127". 28 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP with 14 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) + 4 Terrain Parks open. Hosting The Stateline Showdown Slopestyle Competition in Ante Up Terrain Park at 11am. (MG & SKRPP / 17F / MCldy / Lt-Mod 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](http://www.skiheavenly.com)**

**Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 – Is reporting a base of 72-164". 13 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. Hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Snow Skate Ralston Cup today. (MG & SKRPP / 34F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttle buses are running from So Shore. **(530) 659-7475. [www.sierraattahoe.com](http://www.sierraattahoe.com)**

**Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center** - on Emerald Bay Road - Hwy 89 – is open daily (9-4) with a base of 24-36". 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](http://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 a base of 42-60". 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](http://www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com)**

**Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 – Is open reporting a base of 155-193". Full operation with all 12 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP 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. (MG & SKRPP / 23F / Cldy / Lt Winds). Hosting the North Face 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](http://www.kirkwood.com)**

## North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

**Spooner Lake Cross Country** - Highway 28/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open daily (9-5). They have a base of 50-80". 19 Trails are open with 65km of Groomed XC trails & 5 Separate Snow Shoe Trails open offering 15km. **(775) 749-5349. [www.spoonerlake.com](http://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 / 28F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Hosting Special Olympic Celebrity Winterfest. 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](http://www.diamondpeak.com)**

**Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 – is reporting a base of 113-177". All 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with The NW Magnum Six to the top of the Rose side & The Blazing Zephyr on the Slide Side. 60 Trails are open including all The Chutes Gates & 2 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / Cldy / Mod-Strong Winds). Night Skiing offered till 8pm. **(800) SKI ROSE. [www.mtrose.com](http://www.mtrose.com)**

## Truckee Area Resorts

**Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – is reporting a base of 87-149". 19 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 90 Trails are open (70MG) + 4 Terrain Parks with 52 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](http://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 open with 50 features. (MG & SKRPP / 27F / Cldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill).**

**Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 43 trails to offer 96 Km of Groomed XC Trail. (530) 587-9484.  
[www.skitahtoeonner.com](http://www.skitahtoeonner.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 / 25F / MCldy / 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](http://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 / 26F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3901. [www.skisodasprings.com](http://www.skisodasprings.com)

**Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80, on Donner Pass Rd in Soda Springs – is open (9-4) with 125km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails. (26F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3871. [www.royalgorge.com](http://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.donnerskiranch.com](http://www.donnerskiranch.com)

**Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is open reporting a base of 116-207". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 95 Trails are open (60MG) + 3 Terrain Parks with 26 features are open. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 426-1111. [www.sugarbowl.com](http://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 136-207". 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 / 31F / MCclear / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900.  
[Skihomewood.com](http://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](http://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. Free Demo Day & Hosting 35 Annual Great Ski Race tomorrow. (31F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 583-5475. [www.tahoexc.org](http://www.tahoexc.org)

**Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – is reporting a base of 125-208". 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top of the Frontside. Plus, the Scott Chair, Lakeview & Sherwood Express on the backside. 70 Trails open (30MG) + 3 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (MG & SKRPP / 27F / MCclear / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 581-8374. [www.skialpine.com](http://www.skialpine.com)

**Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base of 92-185". 29 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 14 Lifts from the bottom including the Cable Car & Funitel, plus Red Dog & KT22. 15 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 / 26F / Cldy / Lt-Mos Winds). Snow tubing offered at Papoose (12-7). The Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled to open for Ice Skating (11-9). So, you can ski / ride, Ice Skate & Dine till 9pm from High Camp. (530) 583-6955 #1. [www.squaw.com](http://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 (104MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe open (& Super Duper Pipe Closed). (MG & SKRPP / 24F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting Spring US Snowboarding Grand Prix, March 3-5. Half Pipe Competition today. (888) 766-9778. [www.mammothmountain.com](http://www.mammothmountain.com). **June Mountain** – open with a base of 84-132". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 28 Trails open + 3 Terrain Parks & Super Pipe open. (760) 934-2224. [www.junemountain.com](http://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 / 30F / MCldy / 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](http://www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx)

**Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 – is open reporting a base of 89-99". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (45MG). Plus 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / Cldy / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300.  
[www.dodgeridge.com](http://www.dodgeridge.com)

**Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – is open reporting a base of 129". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 67

Trails to open + 1 Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 29F / 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](http://www.bearvalley.com)

So, there you have it. Hwy 28 thru Tahoe City will be closed off at 11:30am for the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Snowfest Parade. Go to [TahoeSnowFestival.com](http://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 and will be heading to Anchorage this morning to cover the start of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. Have a Safe Day on the Mountain, It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's today's Mtn Resort Report.

[www.bikeandskitahoe.com](http://www.bikeandskitahoe.com)

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