

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, March 10, 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 Thursday, March 10th. Expect increasing Clouds to Mostly Cloudy Skies with a Chance of Rain and Snow above 7000 feet. Temperatures warming into the upper 30's on the slope with Moderate to Strong Gusty Winds and possible Ridge Gusts 55 to 85 mph. Upper Mountain Lifts will operate 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, today. 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 99-132". 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 & North Bowl 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 (70+MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 26F / MClear / Mod-Strong Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola are scheduled for Sledding, Snow Tubing & Snow Bikes for rent (10-4)-WWP. 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 78-166". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Grandview Express to the top of the front side, The West Bowl & the Backside Open. 46 Trails are open (34MG) + 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. (MG & SKRPP / 39F / MCldy / 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 – is open daily (9-4) with a base of 24-36". They have 8 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 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 – Is open reporting a base of 171-209". 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP out of the Village with Chairs 6 & 10 to the top; the Timber Creek Lifts & The Back Side Lifts including Chair 4-WWP. 72 Trails are open (40+MG) + 7 Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are scheduled to Open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 29F / Cldy / Mod Winds). Hosting Girl Powder Park Jam on Saturday. **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 36-90". 19 Trails are open with 70km of Groomed XC trails & 5 Separate Snow Shoe Trails open offering 15km. Thursday Special – Buy On Lesson, get a second for \$1. **(775) 749-5349. www.spoonerlake.com**

***Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – Is open with a base of 111-157". 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including the Crystal Express Quad to the top of the Mountain. 31 trails are open (20MG) + their Terrain Park is Open. (MG & SKRPP / 39F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Learn 2 Ski or Ride Week with first time Group Lesson, Rental Equipment & Beginner Lift Ticket for \$29. And, 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– is reporting a base of 113-178". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with The NW Magnum Six to the top of the Rose side on Hold this Morning. The Blazing Zephyr scheduled to open at 8:30 on the Slide Side-WWP. 60 Trails are open including The Chutes Gates. 3 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain (MG & SKRPP / 34F / MClear / Mod-Strong Winds). Ladies Day Thursday with \$35 Lift Tickets. Hosting their Annual Dummy Downhill on Saturday. **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – is reporting a base of 88-150". 15 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 91 Trails are open (65MG) + 4 Terrain Parks with 56 features & Super Pipe open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks open as well. (MG & SKRPP / 34F / MCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Their Village Ice Rink is scheduled to open (1-8pm) & Snow Tubing is offered (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.northstaratahohoe.com

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is reporting a base of 75-100". 5 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP with 14 trails open + 2 Terrain Parks 18 features. (MG & SKRPP / 35F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 43 trails to offer 94 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 – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting a base of 100-200". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP 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 / 34F / MCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Playland Tubing Park is open (10-3). 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 reporting 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 / 35F / Cldy / 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 65km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails. (32F / PCldy / 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)-WWP on both the Frontside & Back Side. 52 trails to open. Tubing Hill is open (10-4). (MG & SKRPP). Old School Thursday with \$25 Lift Tickets. (530) 426-3635. www.donnerrskiranch.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). 95 Trails are open (51MG) + 3 Terrain Parks with 25 features are open. (MG & SKRPP / 37F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Hosting the Silver Belt Banzai Super Finals this Weekend. (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 75-121". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP Including the Ellis Chair, The Madden Chair & the Old Homewood Express. 62 trails are open (36MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (MG & SKRPP / 39F / Clear / Lt Winds). Hosting Mini Slopestyle Event for ages 12 & under on Saturday. (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

***Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – Is open Friday thru Sunday, so the Ski Hill is Closed 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". 21 Trails are open offering 65 Km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails with 3 Warming Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. (38F / MCdy / Lt Winds). Hosting 10th annual Gourmet Ski Tour on Sunday. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – is reporting a base of 124-209". 8 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 on the back-side. 70 Trails open (27MG) + 3 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (MG & SKRPP / 34F / MClear / Mod-Strong Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base of 90-175". 20 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 8 Lifts from the bottom including the Cable Car & Funitel, plus Red Dog & KT22. 6 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain-WWP including Shirley Lake, (Emigrant, High Camp, Solitude, Headwall, Silvarado & Granite Chief on WIND HOLD) (Siberia closed for maintenance). 170 Trails are open (72MG) + The Belmont & Riviera Terrain Parks & Super Pipe are open. (MG & SKRPP / 41F / MCldy/ Lt-Mod Winds). Snow tubing at Papoose Closed (12-4). The Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is Closed (11-7). But, you can ski / ride & Dine till 7pm from High Camp. (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 144-216". 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. The Entire Mountain to Open. Access from the Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails to open (110MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe open & Super Duper Pipe now open. (MG & SKRPP / 34F / MClear / Mod-Strong Winds). (888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain** – open on a base of 84-132". 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 a base of 107-112". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 9 Trails open. (MGPP / 37F / MClear / 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 88-106". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (37MG). Plus 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 39F / PCldy / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300.

www.dodgeridge.com

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – is open reporting a base of 134". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 42F / Cldy / 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. The 30th annual Snowfest continues thru March 13 with daily events. Go to TahoeSnowFestival.com for the complete schedule of events. All Roadways in and around Lake Tahoe are open and free of controls at this time. 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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at the American Legion on Friday, March 11 from 4:30pm-10pm. Open to skiers and snowboarders of all ages, the Shredtacular will be held on a feature built by Rob Giustina of On Course Events. Entry is \$20 and includes a goodie bag and a raffle ticket for a chance to win tons of prizes.

For more information on the Heavenly Ski and Snowboard Foundation visit www.heavenlyssf.com, email heavenlyssf@yahoo.com or call the administrative offices at 530.541.7354.

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