

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Friday, March 11, 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 11th. Expect Mostly Clear to Partly Cloudy Skies in the morning turning Mostly Cloudy by afternoon. Temperatures warming into the low 40's on the slope with Light to Moderate Winds and possible Ridge Gusts up to 60 mph. Upper Mountain Lifts may be affected by Winds- so be aware. Dress in Layers with your Jacket. Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety. Also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles, today. Don't forget Sunscreen. 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 trace to 1" of new on a base of 99-132". 26 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP 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 (70+MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 22F / MClear / Lt-Mod 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". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Grandview Express to the top of the front side, The West Bowl & the Backside Open. 45 Trails are open (36MG) + 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 their College Shred Fest on Saturday. (MG & SKRPP / 35F / 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 (R1)– Is open reporting 1-2" of new on a base of 172-210". 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. 72 Trails are open (40+MG) + 7 Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are scheduled to Open. (MG & SKRPP / 23F / PCldy / 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

Spooner 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. **(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 (19MG) + their Terrain Park is Open. (MG & SKRPP / 37F / 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 (R1) – is reporting 4" of new on a base of 114-179". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with The NW Magnum Six to the top of the Rose side & The Blazing Zephyr scheduled to open at 8:30 on the Slide Side. 50 Trails are scheduled open. The Chutes Gates closed this morning so call ahead. 3 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 29F / MClear / Mod Winds). Night Skiing & Riding offered till 8pm. Hosting their Annual Dummy Downhill on Saturday. **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 – is reporting trace to 2" of new on 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 (66MG) + 4 Terrain Parks with 65 features & Super Pipe open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks open as well. (MG & SKRPP / 33F / MCldy / Lt 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.northstaratahoh.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 / 32F / MCldy / Lt 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 2-3" of new on a base of 100-200". 7 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 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 reporting 2-3" 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; 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 / MCldy / 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 4 Trail systems offering 105km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails. (34F / MCldy / 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). **(530) 426-3635. www.donnerrskiranch.com**

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is reporting 1-3" of new on a base of 116-207". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 95 Trails are open (53MG) + 3 Terrain Parks with 30 features are open. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / MClear / 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 1" of new on a base of 75-121". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP Including the Ellis Chair, The Madden Chair & the Old Homewood Express. 62 trails are open (37MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (MG & SKRPP / 33F / MClear / 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 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 54-75". 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. (34F / 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 125-209". 9 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 (25MG) + 3 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (MG & SKRPP / 33F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com**

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting 1-3" of new on a base of 90-175". 21 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 9 Lifts from the bottom including the Cable Car & Funitel, plus Red Dog & KT22. 12 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain-WWP including Shirley Lake, Headwall, Silverado & Granite Chie. (Siberia closed for maintenance). 170 Trails are open (72MG) + The Belmont & Riviera Terrain Parks & Super Pipe are open. (MG & SKRPP / 35F / MClear / Lt Winds). Snow tubing at Papoose open (12-4). The Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is Closed (11-7). But, you can Ski or Ride & Dine till 9pm 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 (112MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe open & Super Duper Pipe now open. (MG & SKRPP / 29F / Clear / 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 (38MG). Plus 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 38F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(209) 536-5300.**
www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 – is open reporting a base of 133". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 32F / MClody / 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 Sunday March 13 with daily events. Go to TahoeSnowFestival.com for the complete schedule of events. Call 5-11 for changing 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.

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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