

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Tuesday, April 5, 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 Tuesday, April 5th. A change in weather coming... Expect Partly Cloudy Skies in the morning...then Mostly Cloudy with isolated showers in the afternoon. Snow level 8500 feet. Temps into the mid 50's on the Slopes. Light to Moderate Winds with Ridge Gusts up to 60 mph may hamper the operation of upper mountain Lifts in the afternoon. Dress in Layers with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket or Shell; Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety. Also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles and don't forget the Sunscreen when the sun is out. Surface conditions are Spring Conditions - Machine Groomed & Skier/Rider Firm Packed Snow - Softening. 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 100-146". 22 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 12 Lifts scheduled in California and 10 Lifts on the Nevada Side. Access to the mountain is from the Gondola, California Base Lodge and Stagecoach Lodge on the NV side. (Boulder Lodge & Lifts now Closed mid-week). 86 Trails are open (60+MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 35F / Clear / Lt Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola are on open for Sledging, Snow Tubing & Snow Bikes for rent on (10:30-4). Spring Loaded kicks off Friday and Glen Plake's Gun Barrel 25 is Saturday. 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 base of 84-190". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Grandview Express to the top of the front side & The West Bowl Express open & Short Stuff on the Backside. 46 Trails are open (35MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol at the Top on the Back Country Gates. 5 Terrain Parks, Boarder X & Super Pipe are Open, plus their Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Snow Tubing Hill are Open. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 43F / MClear / Lt Winds). Hosting the Billabong Flaunt It Finals – An All Girls Slopestyle & Rail Jam event, Saturday & The 4th Annual Salsa Showdown on Sunday. 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, Camp Rich is open daily (9-4) with a base of 24-36". 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 - at Pickett's Junction – The Yurt is Open Daily (10-5) They have a base of 42-60". 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 220-263". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) out of the Village with Chairs #6 & #10, scheduled to the top of the Front Side; The Timber Creek Lifts and The Back Side Lifts including Chair #4 with Covered Wagon scheduled. 72 Trails are to open (50+MG) + 7 Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks & Boarder-X Open. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 35F / Clear / Lt Winds). **Kirkwood XC Center** - Open (9-5) with 60km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails with 2 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. (Open Thru May 1) **(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 42-80". 19 Trails are open with 70km of Groomed XC trails & 5 Separate Snow Shoe Trails open offering 15km. (open thru April 17) **(775) 749-5349. www.spoonerlake.com**

***Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – Is open on a base of 101-165". 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (19MG) + their Terrain Park is Open. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow- Softening / 37F / MClDy / 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 – is reporting a base of 134-205". 5 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 scheduled to open at 8:30. The Chuter Lift & Chutes Gates are schedule to open. 60 Trails are open + 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow -Softening / 38F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). 2 Fer Tuesday, 2 Can ski or ride for the price of one Lift Tickets. Hosting the HO-DownHill – Cook Out & Fun Race on Saturday. (Open Thru May 8) **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – is reporting a base of 95-179". 14 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 93 Trails are open (69MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open

with 51 Features & Super Pipe open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks are open. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow – Softening / 33F / Clear / Lt Winds). The Village Roller Rink is now open (1-8pm) & Snow Tubing Center is open (10-4pm) And the new Village Cinemas are now open. Pond Skimming Contest this Saturday. **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** is open with 17 Trails offering 38km of Groomed XC & Snow snowshoe trails. (Open thru April 24) **(530) 562-1330**. www.northstaratahove.com

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is reporting a base of 200-300". 5 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 14 trails open + 2 Terrain Parks with 15 features. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 35F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill)**. **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) Grooming out 32 Trails to offer 65 Km of Groomed XC Trails + 3 Snow Shoe Trails with 6km offered. (Open thru April 17). **(530) 587-9484**. www.skitaheedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting a base of 200-300". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the front side including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top. 27 Trails. Plus, the Mini-Shred Terrain Park. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 38F / MClear / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park is scheduled to open (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 – Is CLOSED Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Reopening on Thursday /// on a base of 200-300". 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 & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 38F / MClear / 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 Closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Reopening Thursday /// (9-4) with 3 Trail Systems open offering 65km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails. **(530) 426-3871**. www.royalgorge.com.

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – is open on a base of 150-300". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the both the Front & the Back Sides with 52 Trails open. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening). \$25 Lift Tickets Mon-Fri. **(530) 426-3635**. www.donnerskiranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is reporting a base of 168-287". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & Mt Lincoln Express open. 94 Trails are open (51MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow -Softening / 40F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(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 reporting a base of 133-252". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 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 & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 40F / Clear / Lt Winds). **(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 on a base of 60-72". 1 Tow & 1 Run are scheduled open. (MG Snow). /// 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 65-100". 21 Trails are open with 65 Km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails with 3 Warming Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. (37F / MClear / Lt Winds). \$12 Trail Pass Tuesday and Free Skate Ski Lessons with purchase of Trail Pass. (Open thru May 1) **(530) 583-5475**. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – is reporting a base of 150-281". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top of the Front-side. Plus, the Scott Chair, Lakeview & Sherwood Express scheduled to the Back-Side. 100 Trails open (28MG) + 2 Terrain Parks open on the mountain. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow Softening / 36F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting the Red Bull Schlittentag on Saturday. (Open thru May 15) **(530) 581-8374**. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base 75-225". 20 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 8 Lifts from the bottom including The Cable Car & Funitel; Plus, Red Dog & KT22 scheduled to open. 12 Lifts are scheduled for the upper Mountain, including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Headwall & Granite Chief. 170 Runs open (67MG). The Belmont Terrain Park is open. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 26F / Clear / Lt Winds). Snow tubing is offered at Papoose (12-4). Local Merchants Day, Thursday with \$39 lift tickets. (Open thru May 30) **(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 180-300". 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4). The Entire Mountain scheduled to Open. Access from the Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails to open (98MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe open & Super Duper Pipe open. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 43F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(888) 766-9778**. www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain** – open with

on a base of 96-144". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 27 Trails open + 3 Terrain Park open & Super Pipe open (MG, PP & FP Snow). **(760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com**

***Yosemite/Badger Pass** – Closed for the Season. **(209) 372-8430. www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx**

***Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 – is open reporting a base of 115-125". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (34MG). Plus 4 Terrain Parks & Skier-Boarder-X open. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 39F / MClear / Lt Winds). (Open thru April 24). **(209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com**

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – is open reporting a base of 164". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Parks Open (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 38F / Clear / 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. Be prepared for changing weather and increasing winds today. 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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