

# Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, April 7, 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 Thursday, April 7th. Winter Weather Advisory remains in affect thru 11am, with Snow in the morning...then numerous snow showers and slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Temps into the mid 20's on the slopes with Moderate to Strong Gusty Winds that may hamper the operation of upper mountain lifts. So, 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 and warm Gloves. Surface conditions are Variable with Powder, Machine Groomed & Skier/Rider Firm Packed Snow. 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 3-4" of new on a base of 100-146". 22 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP 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. (Powder, MG & SKR FP Snow / 20F / Snowing / Strong Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola are on open for Sledding, Snow Tubing & Snow Bikes for rent on (10:30-4)-WWP. 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](http://www.skiheavenly.com)

**\*Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50(R2) – Is reporting 3-4" of new on base of 76-186". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Grandview Express to the top of the front side & The West Bowl Express open & Short Stuff on the Backside. 46 Trails are open (33MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol at the Top on the Back Country Gates. 5 Terrain Parks, Boarder X open & Super Pipe are open, plus their Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Snow Tubing Hill are Open. (Powder, MG & SKR FP Snow / 23F / Snow / Lt Winds). Hosting the Billabong Flaunt It Finals – An All Girls Slopestyle & Rail Jam event, on Saturday & The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Salsa Showdown on Sunday. 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, 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](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 36-60". 60 Miles of Trails are open with 15 miles of Groomed trails and 45 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 (R1) – Is open reporting 4-6" of new on a base of 220-263". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP out of the Village; The Timber Creek Lifts and The Back Side Lifts. All lower lifts will open first, Chairs 6/10 & backside lifts are scheduled-WWP. 72 Trails are to open (40+MG) + 7 Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks & Boarder-X Open. (Powder MG & SKR FP Snow / 12F / Lt 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. (Open Thru May 1) **(877) KIRKWOOD. [www.kirkwood.com](http://www.kirkwood.com)**

## North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

**\*Spoooner Lake Cross Country** - Highway 28/50 (R1) - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open daily (9-5). They have a base of 36-80". 12 Trails are open with 50km of Groomed XC trails & 5 Separate Snow Shoe Trails open offering 15km. (open thru April 17) **(775) 749-5349. [www.spoonerlake.com](http://www.spoonerlake.com)**

**\*Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – Is open reporting 3" of new on a base of 80-144". 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 & SKR FP Snow / 18F / Snowing / 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](http://www.diamondpeak.com)**

**\*Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) – is reporting 6-8" of new on a base of 122-197". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with The NW Magnum Six & The Blazing Zephyr on HOLD. The Chuter Lift & Chutes Gates on delayed opening. 60 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (Powder, MG & SKR FP Snow / 20F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). Ladies Day Thursday with \$35 Lift Tickets for all the Ladies. Hosting the HO-DownHill – Cook Out & Fun Race on Saturday. (Open Thru May 8) **(800) SKI ROSE. [www.mtrose.com](http://www.mtrose.com)**

## Truckee Area Resorts

**\*Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 (R1) – is reporting 7-9" of new on a base of 97-183". 14 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 (68MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open with 52 Features & Super Pipe closed today. 2 Kids Adventure Parks are open. (Powder, MG &

SKR FP Snow / 22F / Snowing / Lt Winds). The Village Roller Rink is now open (1-8pm) & Snow Tubing Center is open (12-4pm) 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.northstaratahooe.com](http://www.northstaratahooe.com)

**\*Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is reporting 3-4” of new on a base of 200-300”. 5 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP with 14 trails open + 2 Terrain Parks with 15 features. (Powder, MG & SKR FP Snow / 30F / Snowing / Lt Winds). (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) Grooming out 35 Trails to offer 70 Km of Groomed XC Trails + 3 Snow Shoe Trails with 6km offered. (Open thru April 17). (530) 587-9484. [www.skitahtoedonner.com](http://www.skitahtoedonner.com)

#### Donner Summit Resorts

**\*Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 3-4” of new on a base of 200-300”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP on the front side including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top. 27 Trails. Plus, the Mini-Shred Terrain Park. (Powder, MG & SKR FP Snow / 21F / Snowing / 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](http://www.rideboreal.com)

**\*Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) – Is open with 3-4” of new 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. (Powder, MG & SKR FP Snow / 21F / Snowing / 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 3 Trail Systems open offering 65km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails. (530) 426-3871. [www.royalgorge.com](http://www.royalgorge.com).

**\*Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – is open with 3-4” of new on a base of 150-300”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP on the both the Front & the Back Sides with 52 Trails open. (Powder, MG & SKR FP Snow ). \$25 Lift Tickets Mon-Fri. (530) 426-3635. [www.donnerskiranch.com](http://www.donnerskiranch.com)

**\*Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is reporting 2-6” of new on a base of 170-293”. 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & Mt Lincoln Express open. 94 Trails are open (49MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKR FP Snow / 20F / Snowing / Lt Winds). (530) 426-1111. [www.sugarbowl.com](http://www.sugarbowl.com)

#### West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

**\*Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 (R1) 6 miles South of Tahoe City, Is reporting 2-4” of new on a base of 132-254”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP Including the Ellis Chair, The Madden Chair & the Old Homewood Express. 62 trails are open (31MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (Powder, MG & SKR FP Snow / 22F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. [Skihomewood.com](http://Skihomewood.com)

**\*Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 (R1)- 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](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 2” of new on a base of 50-90”. 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. (21F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). (Open thru May 1) (530) 583-5475. [www.tahoexc.org](http://www.tahoexc.org)

**\*Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 (R1) – is reporting 4-6” of new on a base of 144-275”. 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 scheduled to the Back-Side. 100 Trails open (25MG) + 2 Terrain Parks open on the mountain. (Powder, MG & SKR FP Snow / 17F / Snowing / Lt-Strong Winds). Hosting the Red Bull Schliittentag on Saturday. (Open thru May 15) (530) 581-8374. [www.skialpine.com](http://www.skialpine.com)

**\*Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 (R1) – Checks in reporting 3-5” of new on a base 75-225”. 20 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP 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-WWP, including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Headwall & Granite Chief. 170 Runs open (67MG). The Belmont Terrain Park is open. (Powder, MG & SKR FP Snow / 24F / Snowing / Lt Winds). Snow tubing is offered at Papoose (12-4). Local Merchants Day, today with \$39 lift tickets. (Open thru May 30) (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 3-5” of new on a base of 180-300”. 19 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. The Lower Mountain scheduled to Open. Access from the Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails to open (102MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe open & Super Duper Pipe open. (Powder, MG & SKR FP Snow / 19F / Snowing / Lt-Strong Winds). (888) 766-9778. [www.mammothmountain.com](http://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](http://www.junemountain.com)

\***Yosemite/Badger Pass** – Closed for the Season. (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 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 / 30F / PCldy / Lt Winds). (Open thru April 24). (209) 536-5300. [www.dodgeridge.com](http://www.dodgeridge.com)

\***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – is open reporting 2" of new on a base of 158". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Parks Open (Powder, MG & SKR FP Snow / 20F / Snowing / 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](http://www.bearvalley.com)

So, there you have it. Winter conditions with fresh snow, but winds will affect the operation of upper mountain lifts. For updates on road conditions, stay tune to KTHO or log on to KTHORadio.com. 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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See you on the Slopes...

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