

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Saturday, April 9, 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 Saturday, April 9th. Continued Unsettled Weather... Expect Partly Cloudy Skies becoming Mostly Cloudy with Isolated Snow Showers. Temps in the Mid 30's on the Slopes and Light Winds. Dress warm, in Layers with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket; 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 Variable with Machine Groomed & Skier/Rider Packed Powder and areas of 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 1-3" of new on a base of 100-136". 25 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with 12 Lifts scheduled in California and 13 Lifts on the Nevada Side. Access to the mountain is from the Gondola, California Base Lodge and Stagecoach Lodge and Boulder Lodge reopening this weekend on the NV side. 86 Trails are open (60+MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 21F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola are on open for Sledding, Snow Tubing & Snow Bikes for rent on (10:30-3). Don't Miss Glen Plake's Gun Barrel 25 today. 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 3" of new on base of 81-190". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) including Grandview Express to the top of the front side & The West Bowl & the Backside. 46 Trails are open (34MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol at the Top on the Back Country Gates. 4 Terrain Parks, Boarder X open & Super Pipe are open, plus their Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Snow Tubing Hill are Open. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 20F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Hosting the Billabong Flaunt It Finals – An All Girls Slopestyle & Rail Jam event, Today & The 4th Annual Salsa Showdown Tomorrow. 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 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**

Kirkwood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 88 – Is open reporting 1-2" of new on a base of 220-263". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) out of the Village; The Timber Creek Lifts and The Back Side Lifts, with exception of the Vista & Covered Wagon Tows. 72 Trails are to open (40+MG) + 7 Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks & Boarder-X Open. (MG & SKR PP Snow / 10F / Clear / Lt Winds). 18th Annual Spring Jammin' Kicks off this weekend with Pond Skimming, Live Music, Head2Head competition today and Banked Slalom tomorrow. **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

Spooner Lake Cross Country - Highway 28/50 - 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**

Diamond Peak - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – Is open reporting a base of 80-144". 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (18MG) + their Terrain Park is Open. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 14F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Community Appreciation Day – Ski or Ride for \$20 if you live within a 50 mile radius of the Resort, 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 1" of new on a base of 123-198". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with The NW Magnum Six & The Blazing Zephyr scheduled to the top and The Chuter Lift & Chutes Gates on delayed opening. 60 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 15F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting the HO-DownHill – Cook Out & Fun Race Today. (Open Thru May 8) **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 (R2) – is reporting 2-4" of new on a base of 93-181". 16 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 91 Trails are open (70MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open with 55 Features & Super Pipe closed today. 2 Kids Adventure Parks are open. (MG & SKR Pkd

Snow / 19F / MCldy / 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, Retro 80's Dress Up Day & Terrain Park Contest, Today. **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.northstaratahohoe.com

Tahoe Donner Ski Area - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is reporting a Trace of new on a base of 200-300". 5 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 14 trails open + 2 Terrain Parks with 15 features. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 23F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) Grooming out 34 Trails to offer 65 Km of Groomed XC Trails + 4 Snow Shoe Trails with 6km offered. (Open thru April 17). (530) 587-9484. www.skitahoedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting a Trace of new on 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 Core & Mini-Shred Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR PP Snow / 15F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park is scheduled to 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 open with a Trace 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 PP Snow / 19F / 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 3 Trail Systems open offering 95km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road – is open with a base of 150-300". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with both the Front & the Back Sides Open with 52 Trails open. Tubing Hill Scheduled to open today. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow). \$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 170-293". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & Mt Lincoln Express open. 94 Trails are open (57MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR PP Snow / 21F / MCldy / 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 1-2" of new on a base of 135-258". 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 & SKR Pkd Snow / 16F / PCldy / 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 scheduled to open 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 50-90". 21 Trails are open with 65 Km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails with 2 Warming Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. (19F / MClear / Lt Winds). (Open thru May 1) (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 – is reporting a base of 147-279". 11 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 (25MG) + 2 Terrain Parks open on the mountain. (MG & SKR PP Snow / 20F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting the Red Bull Schlittentag Today. (Open thru May 15) (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting 2-4" of new on a base 75-225". 23 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 9 Lifts from the bottom including The Cable Car & Funitel; Plus, Red Dog & KT22 scheduled to open. 14 Lifts are scheduled for the upper Mountain, including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Headwall & Granite Chief. 170 Runs open (65MG). The Belmont Terrain Park is open. (MG & SKR PP Snow / 20F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Snow tubing is offered at Papoose (10-6). (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 7-12" of new on 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 (94MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe open & Super Duper Pipe open. (Powder, MG & SKR FP Snow / 12F / MClear / Lt-Strong 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". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (47MG). Plus 4 Terrain Parks & Skier-Boarder-X open. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 18F / MClear / Lt

Winds). (Open thru April 24). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 (R2) – is open reporting a Trace of new on a base of 166". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Parks Open (Powder, MG & SKR FP Snow / 17F / MClear / 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. Join me for the Glen Plake Gunbarrel 25 at bottom of Heavenly's Gunbarrel Lift starting at 10am. 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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