

# Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Tuesday, April 19, 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 19th. Shaping up to be a Great Day for Spring Skiing & Riding. Partly Cloudy Skies and Temperatures into the upper 40's on the Slopes with Light Winds. Dress in light layers with your Jacket or Shell; Take a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety. Also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles and don't forget the Sunscreen. Surface conditions are Spring Conditions - Machine Groomed & Skier/Rider Firm Packed Snow – all Softening with day-time temperatures. 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 95-135". 17 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 8 Lifts scheduled in California and 9 Lifts on the Nevada Side. Access to the mountain is from the Gondola, California Base Lodge and Stagecoach Lodge on the NV side. 85 Trails are open (60+MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR FP – Softening / 32F / MClear / Lt Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola are scheduled to open for Sledding, Snow Tubing & Snow Bikes for Rent (10:30-3). (Open thru April 24). 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 – Is reporting 1" of new on a base of 73-176". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Grandview Express to the top of the front side & The West Bowl Express & Short Stuff on the Backside. 42 Trails are open (31MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol at the Top on the opening of 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 - Softening / 36F / MClidy / Lt Winds). (Open thru Monday April 25 is Customer Appreciation Day with \$25 Lift Tickets to Benefit Youth Recreation. 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, is Closed. Call Ahead. **(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 24-48". 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 – Is reporting 2" of new on a base of 224-265". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) out of the Village with Chairs 5, 6, 10 & 11 & Chairs 7 & 8 at Timber Creek. The Entire Front Side open. 65 Trails are open (30+MG) + 5 Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are Open. (MG & SKR FP - Softening / 29F / PClidy / 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](http://www.kirkwood.com)**

## North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

**Spooner Lake Cross Country** - Highway 28/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is Closed for the Season. **(775) 749-5349. [www.spoonerlake.com](http://www.spoonerlake.com)**

**Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – Is open reporting a base of 69-133". 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (14MG) + their Terrain Park is Open. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 31F / PClidy / Lt Winds). If you have a valid Season Pass from any other Resort, you can ski or ride Diamond Peak for only \$25. (Open Thru April 24) **(775) 831-3211. [www.diamondpeak.com](http://www.diamondpeak.com)**

**Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) – is reporting 1" of new on a base of 103-179". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with The NW Magnum Six & The Blazing Zephyr open to the top of both sides. The Chuter Lift & Chutes Gates are on Delayed opening. Call Ahead. 60 Trails are open + 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (MG & SKR FP Snow - Softening / 30F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). 2 Fer Tuesday, 2 Can Ski or Ride for the Price of One Lift Ticket today. (Open Thru May 8) **(800) SKI ROSE. [www.mtrose.com](http://www.mtrose.com)**

## Truckee Area Resorts

**Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – is reporting a base of 86-167". 14 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 92 Trails are open (61MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open with 61 Features & Super Pipe Open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks are open. (MG & SKR FP – Softening / 37F / MClear / Lt Winds). The Village Roller Rink is now open (1-8pm) & Snow Tubing Center is open (12-4pm) (Open thru April 24).

**Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** is Closed for the Season. **(530) 562-1330. [www.northstarattahoe.com](http://www.northstarattahoe.com)**

**Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is Closed for the Season. **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill).**

**Tahoe Donner XC** – is Closed for the Season **(530) 587-9484. [www.skitahtoedonner.com](http://www.skitahtoedonner.com)**

## Donner Summit Resorts

**Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is reporting 1" 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. 30 Trails. Plus, the Core & Mini-Shred Terrain Parks are open. (MG & SKR FP – Softening / 33F / MClear / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park is scheduled to open (10-4) Bag Jump open (11-3). And, 2 Lifts will operate for Night Skiing & Riding, till 9pm. (Open Daily thru April 24 then Weekends in May) **(530) 426-3666 #1. [www.rideboreal.com](http://www.rideboreal.com)**

**Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 – Is Closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays to reopen on Thursday for their Final Weekend. /// with 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 - Softening / 34F / PCldy / Lt Winds). (Open thru April 24). **(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 Closed midweek to reopen on Friday thru Easter Weekend. **(530) 426-3871. [www.royalgorge.com](http://www.royalgorge.com).**

**Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – is open with a base of 150-250". 4 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 FP Snow – Softening / 34F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). (\$25 Lift Tickets Mon-Fri). **(530) 426-3635. [www.donnerskiranch.com](http://www.donnerskiranch.com)**

**Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is reporting a base of 160-281". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & the Mt Lincoln Express. 94 Trails are open (32MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open with 36 features. (MG & SKR FP – Softening / 35F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Free Rentals & Lessons with Purchase of a General Admission Lift Ticket. (Open thru May 1) **(530) 426-1111. [www.sugarbowl.com](http://www.sugarbowl.com)**

### **West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts**

**Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 - 6 miles South of Tahoe City, Is Closed Today thru Thursday, reopening Friday thru Easter Sunday. /// reporting a base of 103-221". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the Ellis Chair, The Madden Chair & the Old Homewood Express. 62 trails are open (43MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. Will Close Tuesday thru Thursday, re-opening on Friday thru Easter Sunday. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 33F / Cldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 525-2900. [Skihomewood.com](http://Skihomewood.com)**

**Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – The Ski Hill is Closed but 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 (8:30-5) with a base of 40-80". 20 Trails are open with 60 Km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails with 2 Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. (31F / MClear / Lt Winds). (Open thru May 1) **(530) 583-5475. [www.tahoexc.org](http://www.tahoexc.org)**

**Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – is reporting 1" of new on a base of 132-257". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top of the Front-side. Back Side Closed + 3 Terrain Parks open on the mountain. (MG & SKR FP Snow Softening / 32F / Cldy / Lt-Mod Winds). (Open thru May 15) **(530) 581-8374. [www.skialpine.com](http://www.skialpine.com)**

**Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base 75-225". 15 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 5 Lifts from the bottom including The Cable Car & Funitel; Plus, KT22 scheduled to open. 10 Lifts are scheduled for the upper Mountain including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Headwall & Granite Chief. 170 Runs open (57MG). The Belmont Terrain Park is open. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 32F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Snow tubing is offered at Papoose (12-3). High Camp Swimming Lagoon & Spa scheduled open (11-4) (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** XC & Snow Shoe Trails are closed, Call Ahead. **(530) 583-6300.**

### **Central Sierra Resorts**

**Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 – is open and reporting a Trace 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 are open (90MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe & Super Duper Pipe open. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 24F / Clear / Mod-Strong Winds). (Open thru July 4). **(888) 766-9778. [www.mammothmountain.com](http://www.mammothmountain.com).**

**June Mountain** – open with on a base of 36-120". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 27 Trails open + 3 Terrain Park open & Super Pipe open (MG & SKRFP Snow). (Open thru April 24) **(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 92-102". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (34MG). Plus 3 Terrain Parks & Skier-Boarder-X open. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 32F / 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 a base of 143". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Parks Open (MG & SKR FP Snow - Softening / 33F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (Open Thru May 1). **(209) 753-2301 #2. [www.bearvalley.com](http://www.bearvalley.com)** – open (9-4) with 37 Trails offering 65Km of Groomed XC trails & Sledding hill open (9-4)-Closing Easter Sunday. **(209) 753-2834. [www.bearvalley.com](http://www.bearvalley.com)**

So, there you have it. 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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