

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, April 21, 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 21st. More Unsettled weather... Windy and Snow Showers with Snow Level at 7000 feet. Temperatures in to the low 40's on the Slopes. Light to Moderate Winds and Stronger Ridge Gusts up to 80 mph expected so, Lifts will operate Wind & Weather Permitting. Dress in layers with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket; Take a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety. Also, wear Good Goggles. Surface conditions are Fresh Snow over 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 1” of new on a base of 95-125”. 19 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 9 Lifts scheduled in California (Sky & Canyon on HOLD) and 10 Lifts on the Nevada Side (Tamarack on HOLD). Access to the mountain is from the Gondola, California Base Lodge and Stagecoach Lodge on the NV side. 85 Trails are open (50+MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR FP – Softening / 21F / Snow / Strong 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)-Call Ahead. (Open thru April 24). 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 a base of 73-174”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Grandview Express to the top of the front side & The West Bowl Express & Short Stuff on the Backside. 42 Trails are open (30MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol at the Top on the opening of Back Country Gates. 5 Terrain Parks & Super Pipe are open, plus their Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Snow Tubing Hill are Open. (Fresh over MG & SKR FP - Softening / 31F / Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). Open thru Monday April 25 (9-2) as 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**

Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center - on Emerald Bay Road - Hwy 89, is Closed. Call Ahead. **(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 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. Open thru Easter Sunday. **(530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com**

Kirkwood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 88 – Is reporting 2-4” of new on a base of 224-265”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP out of the Village with Chairs 5 & 11, 6 & 10 to the top, & Chairs 7 & 9 at Timber Creek. The Entire Front Side open. 36 Trails are open (25MG) + 5 Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are Open. (Fresh over MG & SKR FP - Softening / 23F / 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**

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

Spooner Lake Cross Country - Highway 28/50 (R1) - at Spooner Lake State Park – is Closed for the Season. **(775) 749-5349. www.spoonerlake.com**

Diamond Peak - Hwy 28 (R1) - 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 (20MG) + their Terrain Park is Open. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 38F / MCldy / 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**

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) – is reporting 3” of new on a base of 101-178”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with The NW Magnum Six & The Blazing Zephyr to the top. The Chuter Lift & Chutes Gates are on Delayed opening. Call Ahead. 60 Trails are open + 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (Fresh over MG & SKR FP Snow - Softening / 25F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). Ladies Day Thursday with \$35 Lift Tickets for all the Ladies. (Open Thru May 8) **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 (R1) – is reporting 4” of new on a base of 87-171”. 14 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 (55MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open with 61 Features & Super Pipe Open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks are open. (Fresh over MG & SKR FP – Softening / 31F / MCldy / Lt-Mod 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**

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.skitahoedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 (R2) – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is reporting 4-6” of new on a base of 200-300”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP on the front side including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top. 30 Trails. Plus, the Core & Mini-Shred Terrain Parks are open. (Fresh over MG & SKR FP – Softening / 29F / Snow / Mod Winds). Playland Tubing Park is scheduled to open (10-4). 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

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 (R2) – Is open for their Final Weekend with 4-6” of new on a base of 200-300”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate with 2 Lifts open (9-4)-WWP 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 / 32F / Snow / Lt Winds). (Open thru April 24). (530) 426-3901. 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.

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – is open with 2” of new on a base of 150-250”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with both the Front & the Back Sides Open with 52 Trails open. Tubing Hill Scheduled to open today. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 31F / Cldy / Lt-Mod Winds). (\$25 Lift Tickets Mon-Fri). (Open thru May 1?) (530) 426-3635. www.donnerskiranch.com

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is reporting 2-5” of new on a base of 163-286”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & the Mt Lincoln Express. 94 Trails are open (46MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open with 36 features. (Fresh over MG & SKR FP – Softening / 31F / Cldy / Lt Winds). Free Rentals & Lessons with Purchase of a General Admission Lift Ticket. (Open thru May 1) (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 Closed Today thru Thursday, reopening Friday thru Easter Sunday. /// on 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. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 28F / Cldy / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. 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.

Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 – Is open (8:30-5) with 1” of new on a base of 40-80”. Grooming out 50 Km of XC & Snow Shoe trails with 2 Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. (31F / Cldy / Lt Winds). (Open thru May 1) (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 – is reporting 2-4” of new on a base of 130-256”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top of the Front-side plus Meadow Chair & Hot Wheels. Back Side Closed, 86 Runs open (12MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open on the mountain. (Fresh over MG & SKR FP Snow Softening / 28F / Snow / Lt-Strong Winds). (Open thru May 15) (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting 1-3” of new on a base 64-188”. 13 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 5 Lifts from the bottom including The Cable Car & Funitel; Plus, KT22 scheduled to open. 8 Lifts are scheduled for the upper Mountain-WWP including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Headwall & Granite Chief. 170 Runs open (57MG). The Belmont Terrain Park is open with 20 features. (Fresh over MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 33F / MClDy / Lt-Mod Winds). Snow tubing Closed today to open Friday thru Sunday. High Camp Pool & Spa scheduled open (11-4)-WWP (Open thru May 30) (530) 583-6955 #1. 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 5-7” of new on a base of 156-276”. 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. The Entire Mountain scheduled to Open. Access from the Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails are open (106MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe & Super Duper Pipe open. (Powder over MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 24F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). (Open thru July 4). (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 & SKRFP Snow). (Open thru April 24) (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 90-99”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (34MG). Plus 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 34F / Mixed Precip / Lt Winds). (Open thru April 24). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 – is open reporting 1” of new on 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 / 31F / Lt Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting Skier/Boarder X on Saturday. (Open Thru May 1). (209) 753-2301 #2. **Bear Valley XC** – 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

So, there you have it. For updates on Road Conditions keep it turned to KTHO. 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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