

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Friday, April 15, 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 Finally a Friday, April 15th. More Unsettled weather ... Expect Mostly Cloudy Skies with Isolated Showers. Snow Level above 7500 Feet. Temps in to the low 50's on the Slopes. Light to Moderate Winds with Stronger Ridge Gusts up to 60 mph, may affect the operation of upper-mountain Lifts in the afternoon. Dress in Layers with your Windproof – Waterproof Jacket; Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety. Also, wear Good Goggles. 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 95-130". 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. 86 Trails are open (60+MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR FP – Softening / 25F / MCldy / Lt-Mod 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). Spring Loaded continues this Saturday with the Stateline Showdown Slopestyle Finals & Live Music. And Don't miss the Heavenly Pro Ski Patrol Fundraising Party on top the Heavenly Village Parking Garage Saturday Starting at 4:30pm. 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 a base of 75-182". 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. 45 Trails are open (36MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol at the Top on the opening of 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. (MG & SKR FP - Softening / 36F / MCldy / Lt Winds). 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 Closed Mid Week. Looking to reopen this weekend, conditions permitting. **(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 30-50". 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 reporting a base of 222-263". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) out of the Village with Chairs 1, 5, 6, 10 & 11 & Chair 7 at Timber Creek. The Entire Front Side open. 65 Trails are to open (30+MG) + 5 Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe Open. (MG & SKR FP - Softening / 27F / MCldy / 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

Spooner Lake Cross Country - Highway 28/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open daily (9-5) thru this Sunday. 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 69-133". 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 Snow – Softening / 37F / MClear / Lt Winds). If you have a valid Season Pass from any other Resort, you can ski or ride Diamond Peak for only \$25. And, Ski Free on your Birthday. (Open Thru April 24) **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431– is reporting a base of 113-188". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with The NW Magnum Six & The Blazing Zephyr scheduled to the top of both sides and The Chuter Lift & Chutes Gates are scheduled for delayed opening – Call Ahead. 60 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (MG & SKR FP Snow - Softening / 33F / Cldy / Mod-Strong Winds). Hosting the Ho-Down Hill 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 88-174". 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 (70MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open with 61 Features & Super Pipe Open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks are open. (MG & SKR FP – Softening / 33F / 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**

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 Snow - Softening / 32F / Cldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill)**. **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) Grooming out 35 Trails to offer 73 Km of Groomed XC Trails + 4 Snow Shoe Trails with 6km offered. (Open thru April 17). **(530) 587-9484. www.skitaehodonner.com**

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is 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. 30 Trails. Plus, the Core & Mini-Shred Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR FP – Softening / 32F / Cldy / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park is scheduled to open (10-8) 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 – Is open 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 / 32F / Cldy / 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 2 Trail Systems offering 65km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails. Hosting the California Gold Rush Race on Saturday. **(530) 426-3871. 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 / 32F / MCldy / Lt Winds). \$25 Lift Tickets Mon-Fri. **(530) 426-3635. www.donnerrskiranch.com**

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is reporting a base of 160-281". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & Mt Lincoln Express open. 94 Trails are open (53MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open with 32 features. (MG & SKR FP – Softening / 34F / 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 open reporting a base of 115-234". 6 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 / 31F / 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 36-72". 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 40-80". 20 Trails are open with 63 Km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails with 2 Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. (37F / PCldy / Lt Winds). (Open thru May 1) **(530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org**

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 – is reporting a base of 138-267". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top of the Front-side. Plus, the Scott Chair & Sherwood Express scheduled to the Back-Side. 100 Trails open (25MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open on the mountain. (MG & SKR FP Snow Softening / 11F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). (Open thru May 15) **(530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com**

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base 75-225". 19 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. 10 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 FP Snow – Softening / 36F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Snow tubing is offered at Papoose (12-4). High Camp Swimming Lagoon & Spa now open (11-4) (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) **(530) 583-6300**.

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 (109MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe & Super Duper Pipe open. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 35F / Clear / Lt Winds). Hosting the Volcom Peanut Butter & Rail Jam Championships on Saturday and Burton's Active Browdown Showdown on Sunday. **(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). **(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 98-110". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (37MG). Plus 3 Terrain Parks & Skier-Boarder-X open. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 35F / 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 153". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Parks Open (MG & SKR FP Snow - Softening / 33F / MCIldy / Lt Winds). Raggae on the Mountain with Rail Jam & Pond Skimming this 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). **(209) 753-2834.**
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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