

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Monday, April 18, 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 Monday, April 18th. And, Continued Unsettled Weather... Windy and Snow Showers with snow level rising to 7500 feet. Temperatures into the mid 40's on the Slopes. Moderate to Strong Gusty Winds up to 90mph expected over the Ridge Tops will hamper the operation of upper mountain lifts. Lifts will operate Wind & Weather Permitting. 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 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 a base of 95-135". 19 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, with 9 Lifts scheduled in California (Sky on HOLD) and 10 Lifts on the Nevada Side (Tamarack & Dipper on HOLD). Access to the mountain is from the Gondola, California Base Lodge and Stagecoach on the NV side. 85 Trails are open (60+MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR FP – Softening / 35F / Cldy-Snow / Mod – 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)-WWP. 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 1" of new on a base of 73-175". 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 (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 / 32F / Snow / 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, 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 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 2" of new on a base of 224-265". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP out of the Village with Chairs 1, 5, 6, 10 & 11 & Chair 7 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 / 24F / Lt Snow / Lt-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

***Spoooner Lake Cross Country** - Highway 28/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is Closed for the Season. **(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)-WWP with the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (19MG) + their Terrain Park is Open. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 36F / PCldy / 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 1" of new on a base of 104-180". Extreme Winds So Lifts are Closed Today. Call Ahead. // 0 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with The NW Magnum Six & The Blazing Zephyr Closed to the top of both sides. The Chuter Lift & Chutes Gates Closed 60 Trails are Closed + 2 Terrain Parks are Closed on the mountain. (MG & SKR FP Snow - Softening / 31F / Snowing / Extreme Winds). (Open Thru May 8) **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – is reporting 1" of new on a base of 86-167". 14 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 93 Trails are open (61MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open with 61 Features & Super Pipe Open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks are open. (MG & SKR FP – Softening / 33F / Snow Showers / 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.skitaheodonner.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)-WWP 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 / 34F / Snow Showers / Lt-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 – 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 / 34F / Snow Showers / Lt-Mod Winds). **(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 – is open with 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 / 34F / Snow Showers / Lt-Mod Winds). (\$25 Lift Tickets Mon-Fri). **(530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com**

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is reporting 1" of new on 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 (49MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open with 36 features. (MG & SKR FP – Softening / 30F / Snow Showers / Lt –Mod 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 103-221". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP 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, reopening on Friday thru Easter Sunday. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 33F / Cldy / 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 Closed today /// (9-4) on a base of 36-72". 1 Tow & 1 Run are 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 scheduled to open daily (8:30-5) thru May 1. But Call Ahead. They May be Closed today due to weather. /// 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. (32F / Rain / Lt Winds). (Open thru May 1) **(530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org**

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – is reporting a base of 132-257". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP 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 (29MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open on the mountain. (MG & SKR FP Snow Softening / 31F / Cldy / Mod-Strong Winds). (Open thru May 15) **(530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com**

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a trace to 2-3" of snow on the upper mountain and a base 75-225". 16 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 6 Lifts from the bottom including The Cable Car & Funitel; Plus, KT22 scheduled to open. 10 Lifts are scheduled for the upper Mountain-WWP, including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Headwall & Granite Chief. 170 Runs open (42MG). The Belmont Terrain Park is open. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 34F / Cldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Snow tubing is offered at Papoose (12-3). High Camp Swimming Lagoon & 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 could be closed today, 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". 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 are open (95MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe & Super Duper Pipe open. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 34F / Snowing / Mod-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)-WWP. 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 95-105". 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 / 29F / Lt Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). (Open thru April 24). **(209) 536-5300. 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 / 31F / Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). (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 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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