

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Tuesday, November 13, 2012 - As of 8:30am

Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Welcome to the 2012/13 Winter Snowsports Season. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Tuesday, November 13th. This past weekend's snow blanketed the High Sierra with Fresh Snow and cold temperatures have allowed resort to make snow and has prompted several resorts to open earlier than originally scheduled. Weather will be Partly to Mostly Cloudy with temps in the mid 40's to mid 50's and Light Winds. There is a chance of more snow coming thru starting Thursday night and thru the weekend.

South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

***Heavenly Mountain Resort** - South Lake Tahoe CA/NV received 12-14" of new snow and they are making snow at every opportunity... They are now scheduled to open on Wednesday, November 14. Access to the mountain will be from the Heavenly Gondola with Tamarack and two runs open. By Friday, they will add Dipper lift and Orion's Run. Tahoe Local Pass is their best deal at \$459, but prices increase after November 18. **1-800-HEAVENLY**.
www.skiheavenly.com

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – receive 9-15" of snow from this storm and will be opening as soon as conditions permit. Unlimited Season Pass is available for only \$379. No restrictions. This pass is also good for skiing 10 days at China Peak, Mountain High & Stevens Pass; Plus 3 days at Monarch Mountain and at Grand Targhee with each night of lodging. And, in addition to these benefits, The Sierra Pass will allow FREE Skiing or Riding at Squaw Valley & Alpine Meadows from opening day thru December 21 and April 15 till Closing. **(530) 659-7475**. www.sierraattahoe.com

Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center - on Emerald Bay Road () – will open for cross-country and snow shoeing when conditions permit. **(530) 542-6584**. www.camprichardson.com

Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center - 14655 Hwy 89 /88 () – at Pickett's Junction will open when conditions permit. **(530) 694-2266**. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 () – Received 15-18" of snow and they are making snow. They have now moved up their opening day to Friday, November 16. One lift, Chair 5, is scheduled to operate with 5 trails expected to open. Tahoe Locals Pass is available to ski all 3 Vail owned resorts around Lake Tahoe for only \$459 thru Nov 18. **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** will open when conditions permit. **(877) KIRKWOOD**. www.kirkwood.com

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

Spoooner Lake Cross Country – at the Junction of Highway 28/50 () - at Spooner Lake State Park. After 27 years, Max & Patti Jones have decided not to renew their lease with Nevada State Parks. State Parks report they will try to keep the parking lot plowed but will not be packing or maintaining trails or seeking another operator... **(775) 749-5349**.
www.spoonerlake.com

Diamond Peak - Hwy 28 () - in Incline Village – Received snow and started making snow. They are scheduling December 13 as their opening date, conditions permitting. New lower prices on full season passes are offered at \$449. **(775) 831-1177**. www.diamondpeak.com

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 () received 4-8" of snow and is getting ready to open, projecting November 21 as opening, conditions permitting. Full Season Passes still available for \$427. This pass also features other money saving benefits like 25% off all mountain dining and gear in 431 Sports Shop and 50% off Equipment Repair. **(800) SKI ROSE**. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 () – Received 8" of snow and snowmaking is dialed up. They are now planning to open on Wednesday, November 14. 4 Lifts and 6 trails will be open. They are also among the Vail family of resorts at Lake Tahoe and offer the Tahoe Locals Pass for \$459 (prices good thru Nov 18). 7 day a week access with traditional holiday black out restrictions. **(530) 562-1330**. www.northstarcalifornia.com

Tahoe Donner Ski Area - 11603 Snowpeak Way () Truckee –They usually open before Christmas holiday week. **Tahoe Donner XC** – will open when conditions permit. **(530) 587-9484**. www.skitaheodonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 () – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Has Re Opened. They report a base of 24-36". 2 Lifts will operate (9am-4pm) with Castle Peak Quad open till 9pm. 2 runs are open with Terrain Park. (MG-PP / 32F / MCldy & Lt Winds). **(530) 426-3666 #1**. www.rideboreal.com

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd. () – will open when conditions permit. Great Family area offering skiing, boarding, snow tubing and more. **(530)426-3901** www.skisodasprings.com

Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort – Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd () in Soda Springs, is now owned and operated by Sugar Bowl. XC Snowshoeing Season Passes are available for \$299. Will open when conditions permit **(530) 426-3871**. www.royalgorge.com

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 () – open for limited skiing and boarding on October 27/28. They received more snow from this past storm and will reopen when conditions permit. **(530) 426-3635**.

www.donnerranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd () – Received 15-20” of new snow from this storm and they will now open November 17/18 weekend. Access will be from the Gondola with 4 lifts including Lincoln Express to offer top to bottom skiing & riding with a base of 20-28”. (530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

***Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 () – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, will open when conditions permit. If you have a season pass from any other local resort you can pick up an unlimited pass to ski or board Homewood for only \$299. Job Fair set for November 17. They are scheduled to open on December 14. (530) 525-2900.

www.skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 () - Tahoe City – The Ski & Snowboard Hill will open when conditions permit. (530) 581-7533 www.granlibakken.com

Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 () – Will open when conditions permit. They are hosting their Annual Ski Swap on Saturday, November 17. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 () – Now combined with Squaw, received 28” of snow from this storm. Opening day is set for December 7, conditions permitting. Tahoe Super Pass good also at Squaw is offered. (530) 581-8374.

www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 () Received 24” of new snow from this storm system. They are making snow and plan to now open on November 16. 4 Lifts are projected to open including Red Dog & Squaw Creek. Tahoe Super Pass available to ski / ride unlimited at both Alpine & Squaw for \$749, and a low as \$429 with 16 Black Out days. Gold & Silver Passes now have the added benefit of Skiing or Riding Sierra at Tahoe Sunday thru Fridays the entire season.

(530) 583-6955 #1. www.squaw.com

And, for XC Skiing or Snow Shoeing & Ice Skating, **The Resort at Squaw Creek** will open when conditions permit.

(530) 583-6300 ext 6631. www.visitsquawcreek.com

Central Sierra Resorts

***Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 () – Is now open for the 2012/13 Winter Season. They report a Base of 12-18”. 6 Lifts will operate (8:30-4) out of the Main Lodge. Broadway, Face Lift, Thunder Bound & Discovery Lifts with the Lower & Upper Panorama Gondola is running. 12 runs are opened. (MGPP / 32F / Clear & Lt Winds). Their MVP Season Pass still available for \$799 – prices go up after Nov 13. (888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com

June Mountain – June Lakes Loop () Will be closed this winter. (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com

Yosemite/Badger Pass – on Badger Pass Rd () - Will open when conditions permit.

Dodge Ridge - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 () – Will open when conditions permit. (209) 536-5300.

www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 () - Will open in mid December or when conditions permit . (209) 753-2301 #2.

www.bearvalley.com

Bear Valley XC – has enough snow to open for Thanksgiving weekend with limited trails. (209) 753-2834.

www.bearvalleyxc.com

So, there you have it, All roadways around the Lake Tahoe Basin are open. For updates on Roads call 5-11. For updates on this Report, Weekly Articles and other news from the Resorts, Please visit my Website at **BikeandSkiTahoe.Com**. Have and a Safe Day... It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's your Mtn. Resort Report.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

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