

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, November 22, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Welcome to Thanksgiving weekend at Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22nd. Shaping up to be a Beautiful Day on the Slopes. Expect Sunny Skies with Temps in to the low 40's on the slopes and Light Winds. Dress in layers, take a Jacket. Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles and don't forget the Sunscreen. Surface conditions are Variable but primarily Machine Groomed – Packed Powder & Machine Made Snow. Ski & Ride with Care! Early Season Conditions Exist! Keep an Eye for Marked and Unmarked Obstacles & Stay on Opened Runs Only.

South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

***Heavenly Mountain Resort** - South Lake Tahoe CA/NV – Checks in reporting a base of 18-24". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Access to the mountain from the Heavenly Village Gondola with Tamarack Express & Dipper Express turning on the upper mountain. 5 runs are scheduled to open including Orion's Run, plus 14 Terrain Park Features. (MM MG PP / 27F / Clear / Lt Winds). Planning to open Big Dipper Trail and possibly Comet Express & Comet Trail this weekend. **1-800-HEAVENLY**. www.skiheavenly.com

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Is opening today with a base of 10-14". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate with EZ Rider, Rock Garden & 3 Surface Lifts operating (9-4). 4 Trails are open with Terrain Park Features on Broadway. (MG PP / 32F / Clear / Lt Winds). Snow Play area is also open for sledding. **(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. They have constructed their Yurt this past weekend and are getting ready. **(530) 694-2266**. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 () – is open, reporting 1" of new on a base of 26-36". 3 Lifts are Scheduled to operate (9-4) out of the Mtn. Village. Chair #1, Chair #5 & Chair #6 (Cornice Express) Scheduled to the offer top to bottom skiing & riding. 7 Trails open. (MG PP / 33F / Clear & Lt Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is scheduled to open tomorrow. **(877) KIRKWOOD**. www.kirkwood.com

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

Spooner 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 – is 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 () Is now open on a base of 12-21". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Rose side with Lakeview, Galena, Ponderosa & the NW Magnum 6 for top to bottom skiing & riding. 14 trails are machine groomed. (MG PP / 28F / MCldy / Lt Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE**. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 () – Is open reporting a base of 18-36". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with Comstock Express schedule to the top of the front side. 15 trails are open + Terrain Park with 13 features. (MM MG PP / 32F / Clear / Lt Winds). Village Ice Rink also open (12-9pm). **(530) 562-1330**. www.northstarcalifornia.com

Tahoe Donner Ski Area - 11603 Snowpeak Way () Truckee – Is scheduled to open Dec 7, conditions permitting. **Tahoe Donner XC** – will open when conditions permit. **(530) 587-9484**. www.skitaheedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 () – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is open reporting a base of 24-36". 3 Lifts will operate (9-4pm) with The Accelerator Express Quad open to the top & The Castle Peak Quad (9am-9pm). 6 runs are open with 11 Terrain Park features. (MG MM PP / 32F / MClear & Lt Winds). Kids Club Carpet open (10-3pm) & Play Land Tubing Park open (10-4pm). **(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 () – Needs 6" more inches of snow to open and will reopen when conditions permit. **(530) 426-3635**. www.donnerrskiranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd () – Is reopening today. They report a base of 20-30". The

Gondola and 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). With Nob Hill, Disney & Lincoln Express to the top. 23 runs open (22MG). (MG MM PP / 25F / MClear & Lt Winds). (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 for Thanksgiving weekend, Friday thru Sunday. Their Beginner Lift & Their Family Snow Play Area will be open. (530) 525-2900.

www.skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 () - Tahoe City – The Ski & Snowboard Hill will open when conditions permit and scheduling Dec. 16 as opening. If conditions permit, they will open the Snow Play Sledding area for Thanksgiving weekend. (530) 581-7533 www.granlibakken.com

***Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area** - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 () – Will open on Friday, Nov 23, conditions permitting. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 () – is Getting ready for Winter and has set their Opening day for December 7, conditions permitting. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 () is open reporting base of 5-22". 14 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 7 Lifts scheduled from the bottom; including the Aerial Tram & the Funitel, and Red Dog & Squaw Creek & surface lifts in the Snow Ventures Area. Plus, 7 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain including Emigrant, Gold Coast & Shirley Lake. 28 Trails are open. (MG MM PP / 27F / Clear & Lt Winds). (530) 452-4335. 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 open and reports a base of 26-36". 14 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) out of the Main with the Lower & Upper Panorama Gondola & Roller Coaster Express out of Canyon Lodge. 73 Trails are opened (35MG) + 3 Terrain Parks with 23 features. (MG MM PP / 28F / Clear & Lt Winds). (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 () – Scheduled to open on Dec 14, or as conditions permit.

Dodge Ridge - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 () – Is schedule to open in early December, 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 – is scheduled to **open Friday, Nov. 23** for Thanksgiving weekend with limited trails. (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalleyxc.com

So, there you have it, all roadways around Lake Tahoe are open and free of controls. 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 on the Mountain... It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's your Mtn. Resort Report.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

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See you on the Slopes...
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