

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Saturday, November 24, 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 Saturday, November 24th. Shaping up to be a Beautiful Day on the Slopes... Expect Sunny Skies with Temps warming in to the low 50'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". 6 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. 6 runs are scheduled to open including Orion's Run & Big Dipper, plus 15 Terrain Park Features. (MM MG PP / 38F / Clear / Lt Winds). Sledding open at top of Gondola & Unbuckle Apres Ski Party kicks off at 3:30pm at Tamarack Lodge.

1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 () - Is open, reporting a base of 10-14". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) to the top of the Front Side with Grandview Express & Nob Hill; Plus, EZ Rider, Rock Garden & 3 Surface Lifts. 12 Trails are open (12MG) with Terrain Park Features on Broadway. (MG PP / 44F / MClear / 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 has constructed their Yurt, They are open this weekend with XC & Snow Shoe Rentals. No snow around the Yurt but snow trails accessible at Carson Pass. **(530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com**

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 () – is open, reporting a base of 26-36". 5 Lifts are Scheduled to operate (9-4) out of the Mtn. Village. Chair #1, Chair #5 & #11; Plus, Chair #6 (Cornice Express) & Chair #10 (The Wall) scheduled, to the offer top to bottom skiing & riding. 29 Trails open (13MG). (MG PP / 38F / Clear & Lt Winds).

Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center is open with 10km of groomed track in the meadow. **(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 – is 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. 22 trails are open (13 MG). (MG & SKRPP / 40F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 () – Is open reporting a base of 18-36". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with Comstock Express schedule to the top of the front side. 16 trails are open (13MG) + Terrain Park open with 13 features. (MM MG PP / 34F / Clear / Lt Winds). The 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 / 38F / Clear & 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.donnerranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd () – Is open reporting a base of 11-28”. The Gondola and 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4); With Nob Hill, Disney, adding Christmas Tree today & Mt. Lincoln Express to the top for top to bottom skiing & riding. 24 runs open (20MG). (MG MM PP / 32F / Clear & 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, is open for Thanksgiving weekend thru Sunday out of the North Lodge. Their Family Snow Play Area will be open for Sledding. (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 – Call Ahead. (530) 581-7533 www.granlibakken.com

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

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 () – is Getting ready 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”. 13 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 5 Lifts scheduled from the bottom; including the Aerial Tram & the Funitel, Red Dog & 3 surface lifts in the Snow Ventures Area. Plus, 8 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain including Emigrant, Shirley Lake & Siberia Open. 28 Trails are open + Terrain Park Features. (MG MM PP / 33F / 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. 89 Trails are opened (36MG) + 4 Terrain Parks with 33 features. (MG MM PP / 36F / 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 a 4-6” base. They have 10km of XC/Snow Shoe trails accessible. (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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November 29 & 30

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See you on the Slopes...
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