

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Wednesday, November 28, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Hump Day, Wednesday, November 28th. Get out on the mountain Early today... Conditions will be changing... Wet Weather will be moving thru Tahoe Today... Expect increasing Clouds and Winds with Snow & Scattered Showers in the morning, then Snow and heavy rain in the afternoon. Snow Level above 6500 Feet with 5" accumulations above 7000 Feet. Temps warming in to the low 40's on the slopes and Light to Moderate Winds with increasing stronger Gusts over the Ridge Tops to 75-95mph. Winds could effect the operation of upper mountain lifts later today. So all Lifts will operate Wind & Weather Permitting. A More significant Storm System is predicted Thursday night and then, thru-out the coming Weekend. Snow Levels will be above 7000 feet... Keep your Fingers Crossed for Snow. For Today, 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 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 – Is making snow and Checks in reporting a base of 18-24". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) – WWP, with Access to the mountain from the Heavenly Village Gondola with Tamarack Express & Dipper Express turning on the upper mountain. 6 runs are open, including Orion's Run & Big Dipper, plus 15 Terrain Park Features. (MM MG PP / 31F / MCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Unbuckle Apres Ski Party at Tamarack Lodge 3:30-5:30pm. Season Pass deadline extended thru December 2.

1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Is open, reporting a base of 8-33". 5 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the front side with Grandview Express to the top-WWP; EZ Rider, Rock Garden & 2 Surface Lifts. 12 Trails are open (12MG) with Terrain Park Features on Broadway. (MG PP / 42F / Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). **(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, is open on weekend (10-4) with XC & Snow Shoe Rentals. No snow around the Yurt but snow and 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 - WWP, to the offer top to bottom skiing & riding. 29 Trails & 3 Bowls are open (13MG). (MG & SKRPP / 32F / PCldy & Lt-Mod Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open with 10km of groomed track in the meadow. Hosting their Job Fair this Saturday, Dec 1. **(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 scheduled to open December 13, 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". 2 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Rose side with, Ponderosa & the NW Magnum 6 – WWP, for top to bottom skiing & riding. 22 trails are open (14 MG). (MG & SKRPP / 35F / MCclear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 () – Is open reporting a base of 18-27". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with the Arrow Express & the Comstock Express schedule to the top of the front side-WWP. 17 trails are open (12MG) + Terrain Park open with 13 features. (MM MG PP / 31F / Cldy-Snow / 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.skitaheodonner.com**

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 () – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is open reporting a base of 24-36". 2 Lifts will operate with the Nugget Chair (9-4pm) and The Castle Peak Quad (9am-9pm)-WWP. 4 runs are open with 11 Terrain Park features. (MG MM PP / 32F / MCclear & 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 () – 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 () – CLOSED MIDWEEK to Re-Open Dec. 1-2, Weekend. /// Reporting a base of 10-27”. Mtn. Access is from the Gondola with 4 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4); Nob Hill, Disney, Christmas Tree & Mt. Lincoln Express to the top for top to bottom skiing & riding. 25 runs open (22MG). (MG MM PP / 30F / 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 planning to open on Dec. 14, conditions permitting. (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. (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. (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”. 14 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 6 Lifts scheduled from the bottom; including the Aerial Tram, the Funitel & Red Dog. Plus 3, surface lifts in the Snow Ventures Area. Plus, 8 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain –WWP, including Emigrant, Gold Coast, Shirley Lake & Siberia. 28 Trails are open + Terrain Park Features. (MG MM PP / 35F / MCldy & 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”. 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) out of the Main with the Lower Panorama Gondola - WWP & Roller Coaster Express out of Canyon Lodge. 90 Trails are opened (36MG) + 4 Terrain Parks with 33 features. (MG MM PP / 34F / PCldy & 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 – CLOSED to re open on Dec. 1. They were open for Thanksgiving weekend with a 4-6” base. They had 10km of XC/Snow Shoe trails accessible. (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalleyxc.com

So, there you have it, all road around Lake Tahoe are open without restrictions so far this morning. Road conditions could change rapidly over the passes, so Carry Tire Chains and 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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"The Guy From Tahoe"