

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, November 15, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Welcome to the 2012/13 Winter Snowsports Season. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Thursday, November 15th. Should be a Great Day to get up and make some early season turns. Expect Partly Cloudy Skies turning Mostly Cloudy with temps warming into the 50's on the slopes and Light Winds. There is a chance of more snow coming thru starting tonight and thru the weekend. Dress in layers, with your Jacket. Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles. Surface conditions are Variable but primarily Machine Groomed - 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 open reporting a base of 18-24". 2 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Access to the mountain from the Heavenly Village Gondola. Tamarack Express will turn at the top with two runs open & 7 Terrain Park Features. (MM MG PP / 29F / MClear & Calm Winds). Tomorrow, they plan add Dipper Express and Orion's Run. **1-800-HEAVENLY**. www.skiheavenly.com

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Will be opening as soon as conditions permit. Their Unlimited Season Pass is available for only \$379. No restrictions. And, just announced, The Sierra Pass will allow FREE Skiing or Riding at Squaw Valley & Alpine Meadows from their 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 are now scheduled to open tomorrow, Friday, November 16. One lift, Chair 5, is scheduled to operate with 5 trails to open. Tahoe Locals Pass is available to ski all 3 Vail owned resorts around Lake Tahoe for only \$459 prices good 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 – 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 getting ready to open, projecting Wednesday, 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 () – Is now open on a base of 18" of both natural & machine made snow. 5 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 7 trails open + Terrain Park with 12 features. (MM MG PP / 37F / MClody / Lt Winds). Planning more Trails & Terrain features for the weekend. Village Ice Rink also open (12-9pm). Pick up the Tahoe Locals Pass for \$459 (prices good thru Nov 18). **(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 – is open reporting a base of 24-36". One Lift, The Castle Peak Quad will operate (9am-9pm). 2 runs are open with Terrain Park. (MG-PP / 34F / MClody & 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 snow from this storm and they are making snow. They will now open this weekend, November 17 & 18. Access will be from their 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, is scheduled to open Dec. 14. Their Job Fair is this Saturday, November 17. If you have a season pass from any other local resort that has black out dates, you can pick up their unlimited pass to ski or board Homewood for only \$299. (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 this Saturday, November 17. (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. They offer Tahoe Super Pass with their sister resort Squaw Valley USA. (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 open tomorrow, Friday, 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 as low as \$429 with 16 Black Out days. Gold & Silver Passes now have the added benefit of Skiing & 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 open and reports a base of 12-18". 7 Lifts will operate (8:30-4) out of the Main Lodge including Stump Alley and the Lower & Upper Panorama Gondola, Plus the Village Gondola is running. 24 runs are opened (8MG) + 2 Terrain Parks with 15 features. (MG MM PP / 28F / MClear & 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 () - 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 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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