

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Tuesday, November 20, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Welcome to Thanksgiving week at Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Tuesday, November 20th. Expect Mostly Cloudy Skies with Temps into the upper 30's- low 40's on the Slopes and Moderate to Strong Gusty winds with possible Ridge gusts up to 85 mph that may hamper the operation of upper mountain lifts. So, upper mountain lifts will operate Wind & Weather Permitting. Dress in layers, with your windproof – waterproof Jacket. Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; also, wear Good Goggles today. Surface conditions are Variable but primarily Machine Groomed - Machine Made Snow with Packed Powder on top. 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". **ALL LIFT ON WIND HOLD THIS MORNING – CALL AHEAD...** 3 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. 3 runs are scheduled to open including Orion's Run, plus 7 Terrain Park Features. Planning to open Big Dipper Trail and possibly Comet Express & Comet Trail this weekend. (MM MG PP / 32F / PCldy & Strong Winds). East Peak Lodge is scheduled to be open plus the Unbuckle Apres Ski Party in Tamarack Lodge is scheduled to kick off at 3:30pm.- Call Ahead. **1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com**

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 ()– Will be opening as soon as conditions permit. They received 14" from the recent Storm. Their Unlimited Season Pass is available for only \$379. No restrictions. The Sierra Pass also allows FREE Skiing or Riding at Squaw Valley & Alpine Meadows from their opening day thru December 21 and After 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. 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 2" of new on a base of 24-36". One Lift, Chair #5 is scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP out of the Mountain Village with 6 Trails open (5MG). Chair #6 "Cornice" is scheduled to open Wednesday and Chair #1 & #8 Surface Lift to possibly open this weekend for beginner terrain access. (MG PP / 27F / MCldy & Mod Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is scheduled to open November 22. **(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 getting ready to open, tomorrow, Wednesday, November 21. They report a snow depth base of 12-21". They plan to have 4 Lifts turning including the NW Magnum 6 for top to bottom skiing & riding offered on the Rose Side with 6 trails accessible. Full Season Passes still available for \$427. **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar California - On Hwy 267 () – Is open reporting a base of 18-36". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP with 7 trails open + Terrain Park with 13 features. Comstock Express is scheduled to open this weekend for top to bottom skiing & riding on the front side. (MM MG PP / 32F / Cldy / Mod-Strong 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 3-4" of new on a base of 24-36". 2 Lifts will operate with the Nugget Chair turning from (9-4pm) & The Castle Peak Quad (9am-9pm). 3 runs are open with 11 Terrain Park features. (MG MM 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 () – 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 () – was open this past weekend. They are Closed today thru Wednesday and will reopen on Thursday. Reporting 1-3” of new snow & a base of 20-30”. Expect at least 4 Lifts to operate including Lincoln Express and over 20 runs open on Thanksgiving. (MG MM PP / 30F / Cldy & 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 scheduled to open Dec. 14, But recent storms will allow them to open for Thanksgiving weekend, Friday thru Sunday. Their Beginner Lift & Their Family Snow Play Area will be open. If you have a season pass from any other local resort that has black out dates, you can pick up their unlimited pass 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 and scheduling Dec. 16 as opening. If conditions permit, they will open the Snow Play Sledding area on Nov 21. (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. They offer Tahoe Super Pass with their sister resort Squaw Valley USA. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 () is open reporting base of 5-22”. 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)– WWP, with Red Dog, Squaw Creek & the Tucker Carpet in the Snow Ventures Area. At least 3 trails are open. (MG MM PP / 30F / Cldy & Lt Winds). Aerial Tram scheduled to operate (10-4pm) for site seeing & dining. Tahoe Super Passes available to ski / ride at both Alpine & Squaw. Gold & Silver Passes now have the added benefit of Skiing & Riding Sierra at Tahoe Sunday thru Fridays the entire season. (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”. 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) out of the Main Lodge including Chair #12 & #23 opening today + the Lower & Upper Panorama Gondola. 59 Trails are opened (34MG) + 2 Terrain Parks with 15 features. (MG MM PP / 34F / PCldy & Mod 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 for Friday, Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving weekend with limited trails. (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalleyxc.com

So, there you have it, All Road 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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