

# Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Wednesday, November 21, 2012 - As of 8:00am

Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Welcome to Thanksgiving week at Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Wednesday, November 21st. Once again, Winds will be the Issue today... Snow with Rain Likely in the Morning. Then, chance of rain & snow in the afternoon... 2" of snow predicted above 7000 feet. Temps will be into the low 40's on the slopes with Moderate to Strong Gusty Winds and possible Ridge gusts up to 115 mph in the morning, decreasing 85 mph in the afternoon. So, upper mountain lifts will operate Wind & Weather Permitting. **Call Ahead...** 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 – **STARTING THE DAY ON HOLD. CALL AHEAD...** Checks in reporting a base of 18-24". 4 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 11 Terrain Park Features. Planning to open Big Dipper Trail and possibly Comet Express & Comet Trail this weekend. (MM MG PP / 33F / Cldy & Mod-Strong Winds) - **Call Ahead. 1-800-HEAVENLY. [www.skiheavenly.com](http://www.skiheavenly.com)**

**Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Received 14" from the recent Storm and will **open tomorrow**. They plan to have EZ Rider, Rock Garden & 3 Surface Lifts operating (9-4). 4 Trails will be open (MG PP / 30F / Cldy / Mod Winds). **(530) 659-7475. [www.sierraattahoe.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com)**

**Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 (R2) – is open, reporting 1-2" of new on a base of 24-36". 3 Lifts are Scheduled to operate (9-4) – WWP, 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. Call Ahead... (MG PP / 30F / Snow Showers & Lt-Mod Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is scheduled to open tomorrow. **(877) KIRKWOOD. [www.kirkwood.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.diamondpeak.com)**

**Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) is **opening today**. They report 1" of new on a base of 12-21". They plan to have 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, on the Rose side with Lakeview (**WIND HOLD**), Galena, Ponderosa & the NW Magnum 6 (**WIND HOLD**) for top to bottom skiing & riding – Call Ahead... with 13 trails are machine groomed. (MG PP / 33F / Cldy / Mod-Strong Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE. [www.mtrose.com](http://www.mtrose.com)**

## Truckee Area Resorts

**Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 () – Is open reporting 2" of new on 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 / 33F / Cldy-Lt Snow / Mod Winds). Village Ice Rink also open (12-9pm). **(530) 562-1330. [www.northstarcalifornia.com](http://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](http://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". 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. Kids Club Carpet open & Play Land Tubing Park open (10-4pm). (MG MM PP / 24F / Cldy & Lt Winds). **(530) 426-3666 #1. [www.rideboreal.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 tomorrow**. Reporting 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 / 34F / Cldy & Lt Winds). (530) 426-1111. [www.sugarbowl.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.skialpine.com)

**Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 () is open reporting base of 5-24”. 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)– WWP, with Red Dog (**WIND HOLD**), Squaw Creek (**WIND HOLD**) & the Tucker Carpet in the Snow Ventures Area. At least 3 trails are open. (MG MM PP / 38F / Cldy Showers & Lt Winds). Aerial Tram scheduled to operate (10-4pm **WIND HOLD**) for site seeing & dining-WWP. **The Funitel and Upper Mtn Lifts are scheduled to open tomorrow including Emigrant, Gold Coast & Shirley Lake.** (530) 452-4335. [www.squaw.com](http://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](http://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)-WWP out of the Main with the Lower & Upper Panorama Gondola & Roller Coaster Express out of Canyon Lodge. **73 Trails are opened** (33MG) + 3 Terrain Parks with 23 features. (MG MM PP / 30F / PCldy & Mod Winds). (888) 766-9778. [www.mammothmountain.com](http://www.mammothmountain.com)

**June Mountain** – June Lakes Loop () Will be closed this winter. (760) 934-2224. [www.junemountain.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.bearvalleyxc.com)

So, there you have it, there are some Road Controls up this morning.... 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](http://BikeandSkiTahoe.Com). Have and a Safe Day on the Mountain... It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's your Mtn. Resort Report.

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See you on the Slopes...  
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