

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Sunday, December 2, 2012 - As of 10:30am

Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Sunday, December 2nd. Wind & Weather will be the issue again today... Forecasters are calling for Heavy rain and heavy snow. Snow level 9000 feet...lowering to 7000 feet late in the afternoon. Snow accumulation 3 to 6 inches above 7000 feet...with up to 24 inches above 8000 feet. Highs 41 to 46. Southwest winds 30 to 40 mph decreasing to 20 to 30 mph in the afternoon. Gusts up to 65 mph. Ridge Top gusts up to 140 mph decreasing to 125 mph in the afternoon. So all Lifts will operate Wind & Weather Permitting. **Call Ahead**. 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 Snow & Wet Packed Snow with Powder in the highest elevations. 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 1" of new snow (19-30" Storm Total) on a base of 28-39". **WILL MOST LIKELY START THE DAY ON HOLD... CALL AHEAD**. Previous report: 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) – WWP, /// Projected report with Access to the mountain is from the Heavenly Village Gondola with Tamarack Express, Dipper Express & adding Comet Express to operate today. 8 runs are to open, including Orion's, Big Dipper & Comet, plus 14 Terrain Park Features. (Powder, MM, MG / 36F / Rain-Snow / Mod-Strong Winds). Call Ahead. Last Day to Purchase Season Passes.

1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Is open, reporting 15" of new snow (34" Storm Total) on a base of 12-52". 5 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the front side with **Grandview Express ON HOLD**; Plus, EZ Rider, Rock Garden & 2 Surface Lifts. **CALL AHEAD**. 21 Trails are to open (16MG) with Terrain Park Features on Broadway. (MG Snow / 39F / Rain-Snow / Mod-Strong 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 this weekend on a base of 6-12". The Yurt is open from 10-4 with XC & Snow Shoe Rentals. At Least 10km of Skier Packed trails are accessible. (530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com

Kirkwood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 88 (R2) – is open, reporting 1" of new snow (25-32" Storm Total) on a base of 32-46". **WILL START THE DAY ON HOLD – CALL AHEAD** /// Previous Report: 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP out of the Mtn. Village.. Previous Report: Chair #1, Chair #5 & #11 are Scheduled; And Chair #6 & Chair #10 – WWP. **Call Ahead**. 29 Trails (11MG) & 3 Bowls are to open after Snow Safety. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 28F / Rain-Snow & Mod 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...

***Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 () - in Incline Village – is scheduled to open December 13, conditions permitting. They report 12" of new from this storm. (775) 831-1177. www.diamondpeak.com

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) Is open reporting 1-4" of new (22-29" Storm Total) on a base of 25-47". Due to Weather they **WILL BE CLOSED TODAY...**
Previous Report: 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with Ponderosa, Lakeview & the NW Magnum 6 (ON HOLD) scheduled to the top of the Rose Side-WWP. And Blazing Zephyr (ON HOLD) Schedule on the Slide Side. Call Ahead. 38 trails are open (23 MG). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 30F / Snowing / Mod-Strong Winds). (800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 () – Is open reporting 3" of new (25" Storm Total) on a base of 18-60". 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. 25 trails are open (20MG) + Terrain Park open with 13 features. (Powder, MM, MGPP / 39F / Rain-Snow / Mod Winds). The Village Ice Rink Closed (12-9pm) – Call Ahead. (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 20-24" Storm Total on a base of 24-36". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate with the Nugget Chair (9-4pm) and The Castle Peak Quad (9am-9pm)-WWP.

Call Ahead. 4 runs are open with 11 Terrain Park features. (MG PKD SNOW / 38F / Rain-Snow & Lt-Mod Winds). Kid Club Carpet (10-3p) & Play Land Tubing Closed (10-4p) (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 to Re-Open this Weekend. They did receive 10-30” of new snow... Due to Weather **WILL BE CLOSED**. They will reopen Dec. 7.
/// Previous projected Report - base of 10-40”. 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 / 39F / Rain-Snow & Strong 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. They received 4-26” of new. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 () is open reporting 20” of new Storm Total on the upper Mtn. They are **WILL BE CLOSED TODAY**. Previous Report: - Base 2-54”. 5 Lifts are Scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Funitel from the bottom – WWP, And 4 Lifts scheduled for the Upper Mountain – WWP, including Gold Coast & Shirley Lake. Call Ahead. (Powder, MM, MG Snow / 39F / Mixed Rain-Snow & Strong Winds). (530) 452-4335. www.squaw.com
And, for XC Skiing or Snow Shoeing & Ice Skating, **The Resort at Squaw Creek** has their Ice Rink open – Weather Permitting. (530) 583-6300 ext 6631. www.visitsquawcreek.com

Central Sierra Resorts

Mammoth Mountain - off Hwy 395 () – Is open with 2” of new (36-48” Storm Total) and a base of 48-58”. 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP with 8 Lifts out of the Main Lodge & 2 Lifts from Canyon Lodge. Lower Mtn Open with 84 Trails accessible (32MG) + 5 Terrain Parks with 33 features. (Powder, MG, PP / 34F / Snowing & Mod-Strong 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. They received 5-7” of new. (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 () - Will open in mid December or when conditions permit. They report 6” of new. (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, There are some road controls posted this morning. So, carry tire chains and for updates on Roads call 5-11. For updates on this Reports as Condition may change due to Winds, 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

FOR CURRENT ROAD INFORMATION CALL:

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