

# Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Wednesday, December 12, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Wednesday, December 12th. It's 12-12-12... And there's Fresh Snow! A Winter Weather Advisory remains in affect until 10pm tonight. Expect Snow thru-out the day with 6" above 7000 feet. Temperature in to the upper 20's on the slopes and Light to Moderate Winds with Ridge Top Gusts up to 60-mph that may affect upper-mountain Lifts. So, Lifts will operate Wind & Weather Permitting – Call Ahead. Dress warm, 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 Powder and Machine Groomed Packed Powder. 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 6-8" of new on a base of 26-48". 11 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with Access to the mountain from the Heavenly Village Gondola with Tamarack, Dipper, Comet & Olympic Express, scheduled to operate. Plus, Canyon Express & Sky Express on Upper CA side scheduled. 35 Trails are accessible; Plus 13 Terrain Park Features on CA Trail. Sky Express will operate for return access back to NV side & Gondola. CALL AHEAD. (Powder & MG PP / 22F / Snow / Strong Winds). The Unbuckle Apres Ski Party is scheduled at Tamarack Lodge, 3:30-5:30pm. (Hwy 207: R1)

**1-800-HEAVENLY.** [www.skiheavenly.com](http://www.skiheavenly.com)

**\*Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 (R2) – Is open, reporting 6" of new on a base of 14-59". 6 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with Grandview Express to the top of the Front Side & Short Stuff on Backside. 28 Trails are open (23MG). 3 Terrain Parks open with over 20 Features. (Powder & MG PP / 29F / Snowing / Lt Winds). Hosting CANucopia Food Drive for El Dorado Food Bank – Donate cans of non-perishable food items. **(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 (R1) – at Pickett's Junction, The Yurt is open on weekend from 10-4pm with XC & Snow Shoe Rentals. 10km of Skier Packed trails are accessible. **(530) 694-2266.**

[www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com](http://www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com)

**\*Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 (R1) – is reporting 6-10" of new on a base of 38-48". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 4 Lifts out of the Mtn. Village including Chair #6. (Chair #10 on HOLD) + (Chairs #2, #3 & #4 to the Back Side CLOSED) & 2 Lifts will turn at the Timber Creek Base. Front Side Trails are open (20MG) + Bowls (Eagle Bowl & Thunder Saddle Closed). (Powder & MGPP / 22F / Snow / Strong Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open with 10km of groomed XC trails in the meadow. **(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 (R1) - 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 (R1) - in Incline Village – is scheduled to open Dec 17. conditions permitting. **(775) 831-1177.**

[www.diamondpeak.com](http://www.diamondpeak.com)

**\*Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) Is open reporting 7-9" of new on a base of 35-70". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with the Ponderosa Lift & the NW Magnum 6 to the top of the Rose Side; Plus Blazing Zephyr schedule to open at 8:30 on the Slide Side-WWP. 39 trails are open (22MG) + Ponderosa Park open with 4 features. (Powder, MGPP / 24F / Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). Don't miss their Santa Ski Crawl Dec. 15. **(800) SKI ROSE.**

[www.mtrose.com](http://www.mtrose.com)

## Truckee Area Resorts

**\*Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 (R2) – Is open reporting 5-11" of new on a base of 18-59". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP including the Comstock Express to the top of the front side and the Zephyr Express open. 36 trails are open (27MG) + 2 Terrain Parks open with 42 features. (Powder, MG PP / 17F / Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). The Village Ice Rink scheduled to open (12-9pm)-WWP. The Back Side is scheduled to open Friday. **(530) 562-1330.**

[www.northstarcalifornia.com](http://www.northstarcalifornia.com)

**Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Snowpeak Way (R1) Truckee – Is waiting on more snow to open. **Tahoe Donner XC** – will open when conditions permit. **(530) 587-9484.** [www.skitahtoedonner.com](http://www.skitahtoedonner.com)

## Donner Summit Resorts

**\*Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is reporting 9" of new on a base of 29-41". 2 Lifts are scheduled to operate with the Castle Peak Quad & Accelerator Express Quad (9-9pm)-WWP. 22 runs are open with Mini Shred Park open with 17 features. (Powder MG PP / 27F / Snow & Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 426-3666 #1.

[www.rideboreal.com](http://www.rideboreal.com) /// the adjacent **Auburn Ski Club Training Center** is open Wed-Sun (8:30-4:30p) on a base of 12". They have 3 trails = 4km of Groomed XC Trails open. [www.AuburnSkiClub.org](http://www.AuburnSkiClub.org)

**Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd. (R2) – Has Scheduled Dec 14 as Opening Day and plans to have Tube Town, Planet Kids and Lift access for skiing & boarding. (530)426-3901 [www.skisodasprings.com](http://www.skisodasprings.com)

**Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) 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 (R2) –is open weekends for Skiing & Riding with Chairs #1 & #2. 28 Trails open (MG PP / 26F / Snow / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3635. [www.donnerranch.com](http://www.donnerranch.com)

**Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is open reporting 4-7" of new on a base of 18-55". 4 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Christmas Tree & Mt. Lincoln Express accessible from the Gondola. 44 runs are open (29MG). Plus a Terrain Park with 8 Features. (Powder, MG PP / 26F / Snow / Lt Winds). (530) 426-1111. [www.sugarbowl.com](http://www.sugarbowl.com)

#### West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

**Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 (R1) – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, is planning to open on Dec. 14, conditions permitting. (530) 525-2900. [www.skihomewood.com](http://www.skihomewood.com)

**Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 (R1) - Tahoe City – The Ski & Snowboard Hill will open when conditions permit and scheduling Dec. 16 as opening. (530) 581-7533 [www.granlibakken.com](http://www.granlibakken.com)

**Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area** - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 (R1) – Will open when conditions permit. Hosting their opening Party Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> with Potluck Dinner at 6:30pm. (530) 583-5475. [www.tahoexc.org](http://www.tahoexc.org)

**\*Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 (R1) – is reporting 5-7" of new on a base of 23-53". 5 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Roundhouse, Summit Six & Alpine Bowl. 12 Trails are open (10MG) plus 12 terrain features (Powder, MG PP / 28F / Snow / Lt Winds) The Squaw / Alpine Free Shuttle is operating so you go back & forth. (530) 581-8374. [www.skialpine.com](http://www.skialpine.com)

**\*Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 (R1) is open reporting 3-4" of new on a base of 4-63". 15 Lifts are Scheduled to operate (9-4) with 6 Lifts from the bottom, including the Aerial Tram, the Funitel & Red Dog; Plus, 9 Lifts are scheduled for the Upper Mountain-WWP, including Shirley Lake, Siberia & Granite Chief scheduled. 30 Runs are open + 15 Terrain Park Features. (Powder, MG PP / 28F / Snow & Lt Winds). (530) 452-4335. [www.squaw.com](http://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](http://www.visitsquawcreek.com)

#### Central Sierra Resorts

**Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 (R1) – Entire Mtn is open, reporting a base of 54-78". 23 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with 13 Lifts out of the Main Lodge, 8 Lifts out of Canyon Lodge & 2 Lift from Eagle Lodge. 155 Trails are opened (73MG) + 7 Terrain Parks with 41 features. (MG & SKR PP / 22F / Snow & Lt-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. They picked up 8" of new snow.

**Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 () – Is schedule to open in early December, conditions permit. They received 12" of new. (209) 536-5300. [www.dodgeridge.com](http://www.dodgeridge.com)

**Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 () - Will open December 21, or when conditions permit. They report 29" of new from this storm. (209) 753-2301 #2. [www.bearvalley.com](http://www.bearvalley.com)

**Bear Valley XC** – is open weekends with a 4-8" base. 5-10Km of groomed trails are accessible. (209) 753-2834. [www.bearvalleyxc.com](http://www.bearvalleyxc.com)

So, there you have it, All Roads around Tahoe are open with restrictions. For updates on Roads, Call 5-11. For updates on this Reports as condition may change due to Wind & Weather, Please visit my Website at [BikeandSkiTahoe.Com](http://BikeandSkiTahoe.Com). Have a Safe Day on the Mountain... It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's your Mtn. Resort Report.

[www.bikeandskitahoe.com](http://www.bikeandskitahoe.com)

**FOR CURRENT ROAD INFORMATION CALL:**

**CALIFORNIA: 1-800-427-7623 • NEVADA: 1-877-NV-ROADS or 511**

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See you on the Slopes...

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