

# Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, December 13, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Thursday, December 13th. And, Should be a Great Day to get your Freshies Fix! Expect Mostly Cloudy Skies with Scattered Snow Showers in the morning... Then, Partly Cloudy with a Slight Chance of Snow in the afternoon. Temperatures remain cold and in to the upper 20's on the slopes with Light Winds. So, Dress warm, in layers with your Good Jacket... Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; also, wear Good Goggles today. Surface conditions are Variable but primarily Powder and Machine Groomed Packed Powder over Firm 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 – Checks in reporting 9-10" of new (15-18" total) on a base of 30-53". 11 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Access to the mountain from the Heavenly Village Gondola with Upper Mtn Lifts including Dipper & Canyon Express are open accessing both NV & CA. 35 Trails are accessible (15MG); Plus there's 13 Terrain Park Features. (Powder, PP, MG & MM / 5F / MClear / Lt Winds). The Unbuckle Apres Ski Party is scheduled at Tamarack Lodge, 3:30-5:30pm. (Hwy 207)

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

**\*Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Is open, reporting 10" of new (16" total) on a base of 20-69". 6 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Grandview Express to the top of the Front Side & Short Stuff on Backside. 32 Trails are open (23MG). 3 Terrain Parks are open with over 20 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 16F / PCldy / Lt Winds). They are Hosting their 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 (R2) – at Pickett's Junction, 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 (R2) – is reporting 8-11" of new (14-21" total) and a base of 42-50". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 5 Lifts out of the Mtn. Village including Chair #6 & Chair #10 + Chairs #2, #3 & #4 to the back side are scheduled & 2 Lifts will turn at the Timber Creek Base. 72 Trails to open (42MG) + Bowls to open after snow safety. Terrain Park now open with 7 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 19F / PCldy / Mod Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open with 10km of groomed XC track 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 () - in Incline Village – is scheduled to open Dec 17, conditions permitting. The received 10" from this storm **(775) 831-1177. [www.diamondpeak.com](http://www.diamondpeak.com)**

**\*Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) Is open reporting 3" of new (10-12" total) and a base of 36-73". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Ponderosa Lift & the NW Magnum 6 to the top of the Rose Side; Plus Blazing Zephyr & The Chuter Lift schedule to open at 8:30am on the Slide Side with all 9 Chutes gates now open. 41 trails are open (22MG) + Ponderosa Park open with 4 features & Badlands Park with 5 new features. (Powder, MGPP / 11F / MClear / Lt 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 () – Is open reporting 3-6" of new (8-17" total) on a base of 18-64". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) including the Comstock Express to the top of the front side and the Tahoe Zephyr open. 36 trails are open (32MG) + 2 Terrain Parks open with 43 features. (Powder, MG PP / 17F / MCldy / Lt Winds). The Village Ice Rink scheduled to open (12-9pm). 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 () 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 () – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is reporting 5" of new (14" total) on a base of 29-41". 2 Lifts are scheduled to operate with the Castle Peak Quad & Accelerator Express Quad (9-9pm). 22 runs are open with Mini Shred Park open with 17 features. (MG PP / 20F / MCldy & Lt 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**

14". They have 9 trails open and a total of 6km of Groomed XC Trails open. [www.AuburnSkiClub.org](http://www.AuburnSkiClub.org)

**\*Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 ( ) on Donner Pass Rd. ( ) – Has Scheduled Friday, Dec 14 to open and plans to have Tube Town, Planet Kids and the Lion's Head Lift turning for skiing & boarding. (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. They are planning to open Saturday, Dec. 15. (530) 426-3871. [www.royalgorge.com](http://www.royalgorge.com)

**\*Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 ( ) –is opening this Saturday, Dec. 15. (530) 426-3635.  
[www.donnerranch.com](http://www.donnerranch.com)

**\*Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 ( ) on Donner Pass Rd ( ) – is open reporting 2-4" of new (8-16" total) on a base of 25-68". 4 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4) including Christmas Tree & Mt. Lincoln Express. 44 runs are open (29MG). Plus a Terrain Park with 8 Features. Mtn access is from the Gondola. The Judah Base with Mt. Judah & Jerome Hill Lifts will turn this Saturday. (Powder, MG PP / 10F / PCldy / 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 planning to open on Dec. 14, conditions permitting. (530) 525-2900. [www.skihomewood.com](http://www.skihomewood.com)

**\*Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 ( ) - Tahoe City – The Ski & Snowboard Hill will open Sunday, Dec. 16. Sledding hill will be opened as well. (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 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). The new **Tahoe City Winter Sports Park** will open Saturday, Dec. 22. They will operate thru Holiday weeks and Fri-Mon thru March 31.

**\*Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 ( ) – is reporting 4" of new (9-11" total) on a base of 28-56". 5 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Roundhouse & Summit Six. 12 Trails are open (10MG) plus 12 terrain park features (Powder, MG PP / 11F / PCldy / 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 ( ) is open reporting 2-5" of new (5-9" total) on a base of 6-68". 15 Lifts & Tows are Scheduled to operate (9-4) with 6 Lifts from the bottom, including the Aerial Tram, the Funitel & Red Dog; Plus, 9 Lifts up top, including Shirley Lake, Siberia & Granite Chief. 30 Runs are open + 15 Terrain Park Features. (Powder, MG PP / 11F / MClear & 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 ( ) – Entire Mtn is open, reporting 12" of new on a base of 66-78". 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 (57MG) + 7 Terrain Parks with 41 features. (MG & SKR PP / 16F / Cldy & Lt 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 scheduled to open December when conditions permit. (209) 536-5300. [www.dodgeridge.com](http://www.dodgeridge.com)

**Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 ( ) - Will open December 21, or when conditions permit. (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 for XC & Snow Shoeing. (209) 753-2834. [www.bearvalleyxc.com](http://www.bearvalleyxc.com)

So, there you have it, There are some road restrictions this morning. For updates on Roads, Call 5-11. For updates on this Reports, Please visit my Website at [BikeandSkiTahoe.Com](http://BikeandSkiTahoe.Com). Have a Fun & Safe Day on the Mountain... It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's your Mtn. Resort Report.

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**FOR CURRENT ROAD INFORMATION CALL:**

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See you on the Slopes...

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