

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Friday, December 14, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Fresh Snow Friday, December 14th. A Great Friday to get out on the mountain and enjoy the Fresh Snow. Conditions are Great! Expect Mostly Cloudy Skies with a Slight Chance of Snow Showers. 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 primarily Powder, Machine Groomed & Skier/Rider 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 a base of 30-53". 15 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Access from the Heavenly Village Gondola & California Base opening today. Upper Mtn Lifts include Dipper, Comet & Olympic in NV, And, Gunbarrel, Powder Bowl, Canyon & Sky in CA. 40 Trails are accessible (27MG); Plus there's 13 Terrain Park Features. (Powder, SKRPP, MG & MM / 11F / PCldy / Lt Winds). The Unbuckle Apres Ski Party is scheduled at Tamarack Lodge, 3:30-5:30pm. (Hwy 207)

1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Is open, reporting a base of 26-68". 6 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Easy Rider, Nob Hill & Grandview Express to the top of the Front Side; Plus, Short Stuff serving the Backside. 34 Trails are open (22MG). 3 Terrain Parks are open with over 20 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 19F / MCldy / 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**

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 on weekend from 10-4pm with XC & Snow Shoe Rentals. 10km of Skier Packed trails are accessible. **(530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com**

Kirkwood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 88 () – is reporting a base of 42-50" with the Entire Mtn open. 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 5 Lifts out of the Mtn. Village including Chair #1, #5, #11, plus Chairs #6 & #10 to the top of the front side. Chairs #2, #3 & #4 will turn to the back side & 2 Lifts will turn at the Timber Creek Base. 72 Trails to open (46MG) + All Bowls are to open including Palisades & Thunder Saddle. They have a Terrain Park 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**

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...

Diamond Peak - Hwy 28 () - in Incline Village – is scheduled to open Dec 20. **(775) 831-1177. www.diamondpeak.com**

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 () Is open reporting a base of 36-73". Entire Mtn open with all 7 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4) including 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. 41 Trails are open (23MG); Plus all 9 Chutes gates. 2 Terrain parks are open with 9 features. (Powder, MGPP / 13F / MCclear / Lt Winds). Don't miss their Santa Ski Crawl Dec. 15. **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar California - On Hwy 267 () – Is open reporting a base of 18-64". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) including Vista, Tahoe Zephyr & the Comstock Express to the top of the front side; Plus, the Backside Express opening today. 50 trails are open (41MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open with 45 features. (Powder, MG PP / 17F / MCldy / Lt Winds). The Village Ice Rink scheduled to open (12-9pm). **(530) 562-1330. 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**

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 () – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is reporting a base of 36-48". 6 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) including 49er & Cedar Ridge with the Castle Peak Quad & Accelerator Express Quad turning till 9pm. 33 runs are open with Mini Shred Park open with 17 features. (MG PP / 15F / MCldy & Lt Winds). Playland tubing Park open from 10-4pm. (530) 426-3666 #1. **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**

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd. () – Is opening today with tube town, planet kids and Lion's Head Lift turning for skiing & boarding. **(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. They are planning to open Saturday, Dec. 15. **(530) 426-3871. 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**

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd () – is reporting 2-4" of new on a base of 25-68". 4 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4) including Christmas Tree & Mt. Lincoln Express. 44 runs are open (31MG). Plus a Terrain Park with 8 Features. Mtn access is from the Gondola. The Judah Base will open Saturday. (Powder, MG PP / 11F / PCldy / 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 opening today with a base of 5-34". 2 surfaces will operate with 1 run open. **(530) 525-2900. www.skihomewood.com**

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 () - Tahoe City – The Ski & Snowboard Hill is closed but the Sledding hill will be open this weekend. **(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. Hosting their opening Party Dec. 14th with Potluck Dinner at 6:30pm. **(530) 583-5475. 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 a base of 26-56". 6 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Roundhouse & Summit Six. 14 Trails are open (10MG) plus 12 terrain park features (Powder, MG PP / 13F / PCldy / Lt Winds) The Squaw / Alpine Free Shuttle is operating so you go back & forth. **(530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com**

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 () is reporting 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 / 13F / PCldy & Lt 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 () – Entire Mtn is open, reporting 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 (76MG) + 7 Terrain Parks with 41 features. (Powder, MG & SKR PP / 15F / MClear & Lt Winds). Volcom Peanut Butter Rail Jam tomorrow. **(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 as conditions permit. They picked up 8" of new snow.

Dodge Ridge - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 () – Is scheduled to open when conditions permit. **(209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com**

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 () - Will open December 20. **(209) 753-2301 #2. 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**

So, there you have it, All Roads are open with no restrictions. Buckle Up & Drive Safely. For updates on Roads, Call 5-11. For updates on this Reports, Please visit my Website at **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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