

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Saturday, December 15, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Saturday, December 15th. And the Snow Conditions don't get much better for early season skiing & riding. Expect Mostly Cloudy Skies with a chance of Snow in the afternoon. Temperatures remain cold and in to the mid 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 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 6" of new on a base of 30-53". 18 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with Mtn Access from the Heavenly Village Gondola, California Base & Stagecoach opening today on the NV Side. Upper Mtn Lifts include Dipper, Comet & Olympic in NV, And, Gunbarrel, Powder Bowl, Canyon & Sky in CA. 52 Trails are accessible (30+MG); Plus there's 13 Terrain Park Features. (Powder, SKRPP, MG & MM / 5F / MCldy / Lt Winds). The Unbuckle Apres Ski Party is scheduled at Tamarack Lodge, 3:30-5:30pm. (Hwy 207: R1) **1-800-HEAVENLY**. www.skiheavenly.com

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Is open, reporting 7" of new on a base of 25-67". 9 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with Easy Rider, Nob Hill & Grandview Express to the top of the Front Side; Plus, Short Stuff serving the Backside. And today, The West Bowl Express opens. 45 Trails are open (30MG). 3 Terrain Parks are open with over 20 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 14F / MCldy / Lt Winds). The Snow Play Area is Open and they are Hosting Sammy The Shredder Book Reading at Noon. **(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 (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

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 (R2) – is reporting 5-7" of new on a base of 47-57" 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 backside & 2 Lifts operate at the Timber Creek Base. 72 Trails to open (51MG) + All Bowls are to open including Palisades & Thunder Saddle. They have a Terrain Park open with 7 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 15F / PCldy / Mod Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open with 24km 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 (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 20. **(775) 831-1177**. www.diamondpeak.com

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) Is open reporting 1" of new on 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 (27MG); Plus all 9 Chutes gates. 2 Terrain parks are open with 9 features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 12F / MCclear / Lt Winds). Don't miss their Santa Ski Crawl today. **(800) SKI ROSE**. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 () – Is open reporting 1-2" of new on a base of 18-62". 12 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 is open & Martis Camp is opening today. 54 trails are open (39MG) + 5 Terrain Parks open with 47 features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 22F / 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 1" of new on 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. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 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 16". They have 11 trails open and a total

of 8km of Groomed XC Trails open. www.AuburnSkiClub.org

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd. () – Is open (10-4) on a base of 38-46” with Lions Head Chair for skiing & riding, plus Tube Town, Planet Kids and the Kids Tub Carousel. **(530) 426-3901**
www.skisodasprings.com

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd () in Soda Springs, is opening today with 19 trails and over 20Km of groomed XC terrain. **(530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com**

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 () –is opening today on a base of 18-48”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 38 trails open. **(530) 426-3635. www.donnerskiranch.com**

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd () – is reporting a base of 25-68”. 8 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4) with Judah Base opening offering Mt Judah & Jerome Hill Express & Mt. Lincoln Express. 44 runs are open (44MG). Plus a Terrain Park with 8 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 12F / MCldy / 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 open on 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 is 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. **(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 1” of new on a base of 27-57”. 6 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Roundhouse & Summit Six. 14 Trails are open (11MG) plus 12 terrain park features (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 12F / 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 1” of new on a base of 6-69”. 18 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 7 Lifts from the bottom, including the Aerial Tram, the Funitel – Red Dog & Squaw Creek; Plus, 11 Lifts up top, including Headwall, Shirley Lake, Siberia & Granite Chief. 45 Runs are open + 15 Terrain Park Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 12F / 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”. 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with 13 Lifts out of the Main Lodge, 8 Lifts out of Canyon Lodge & 3 Lift from Eagle Lodge. 155 Trails are opened (79MG) + 7 Terrain Parks with 41 features. (Powder, MG & SKR PP / 11F / MClear & Lt Winds). Hosting the 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.

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, 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. Have a Fun & Safe Day on the Mountain... It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's your Mtn. Resort Report.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

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