

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Wednesday, December 19, 2012 - As of 11:00am

Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Hump Day Wednesday, December 19th. Shaping up to be a Great Day to take advantage of Fresh Snow. A Winter Storm Watch (Warning was posted earlier this morning) is posted for Friday thru Saturday for over 2 Feet of snow above 7000 feet. So, get out today. Expect Mostly Clear to Partly Cloudy Skies with Temperatures in to the upper 20's on the Slopes with Light Winds. Dress warm, in layers with your Good Jacket... Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; also, wear Good Sunglasses or 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 with 1" of new on a base of 30-53". 19 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Mtn Access from the Gondola, California Base & Stagecoach in NV. Upper Mtn Lifts include Canyon & Sky in CA and Dipper, Comet & Mott Canyon on the NV side. 65 Trails are accessible (36MG); Plus there's 15 Terrain Park Features. (Powder, SKRPP, MG & MM / 1F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). (Hwy 207: R1) **1-800-HEAVENLY**. www.skiheavenly.com

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Is reporting a base of 33-76". 8 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Easy Rider & Grandview Express to the top of the Front Side; Plus, Short Stuff serving the Backside & The West Bowl Express open. 45 Trails are open (31MG). 3 Terrain Parks are open with over 20 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 9F / MClear / Lt 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 (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 (R1) – is reporting 1" of new on a base of 50-59". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 5 Lifts out of the Mtn. Village including Chairs #6 & #10 to the top. Plus, Chairs #2, #3 & #4 are Scheduled to backside & 2 Lifts will turn at the Timber Creek Base. 81 Trails are open including all Bowls (46MG). Plus, a Terrain Park open with 7 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 7F / MClear / Lt Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open with 40km of groomed XC track. **(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 (R1) - in Incline Village – is scheduled to open Thursday, Dec 20. **(775) 831-1177**. www.diamondpeak.com

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) Is reporting a .5" of new on a base of 40-79". All 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including The NW Magnum 6 to the top of the Rose side; And, the Blazing Zephyr and The Chuter Lift open at 8:30 on the Slide side. 48 Trails open (26MG); Plus, all 9 Chutes gates to open. 2 Terrain parks are open with 11 features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 4F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE**. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 (R1) – Is reporting 1-2" of new on a base of 18-65". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) including the Tahoe Zephyr & the Comstock Express to the top of the front side; Plus, the Backside Express & Martis Camp Express Open. 59 trails are open (42MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open with 56 features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 4F / Snow / 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 scheduled to open Friday, Dec 21. **Tahoe Donner XC** – to open Friday. **(530) 587-9484**. www.skitahoedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 () – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is reporting a base of 43-57". 6 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate starting at 9am, including 49er & Cedar Ridge with the Castle Peak Quad & Accelerator Express Quad turning till 9pm. 33 runs are open (13MG). 2 Terrain Parks open with 14 features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 15F / PCldy & Lt Winds). Playland tubing Park open from 10-8pm. (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 15 trails open with 10km of Groomed XC Trails open. www.AuburnSkiClub.org

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd. (R2) – Is open (10-4) with a base of 39-49" 1 Lift, the Lion's Head Chair will turn for skiing & riding; plus Tube Town, the Kids Tub Carousel & Planet Kids are scheduled to

operate. (530) 426-3901 www.skisodasprings.com

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd (R2) in Soda Springs, is open daily (8:30-4) 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 (R2) –is reopening tomorrow /// on a base of 18-48". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with all 52 trails open. (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is reporting 2-3" of new on a base of 32-81". 8 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4) with Judah Base open offering Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & Lincoln Express. 59 runs are open (50MG). Plus a Terrain Park with 8 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 6F / MClear / 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 on 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 (R1) – is reporting 1" of new on a base of 37-63". 8 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Roundhouse & Summit Six; Plus Scott Chair turning. 14 Runs are open (13MG) plus 16 Terrain Park features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 10F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds) The Free Squaw / Alpine Express Shuttle is operating. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 (R1) is reporting 1" of new on a base of 10-79". 20 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 8 Lifts from the bottom including Far East, Red Dog & Squaw Creek; Plus Aerial Tram & Funitel. 12 Lifts scheduled for the upper mountain, including Siberia, Shirley & Granite Chief. 75 runs are open, plus 15 T-Park Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 3F / PCldy / Lt-Mod 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 (R1) – is reporting 4" of new on a base of 78-90". 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) Entire Mtn open 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 / -1F / Clear / Lt 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 December 21. XC is open with 12 Trails = 70 miles.

Dodge Ridge - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 () – Is scheduled to open on December 21. (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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