

# Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, December 20, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Thursday, December 20th. Get out on the Mountain today and take advantage of the great conditions. A Winter Storm Warning is now posted for the entire weekend, from 6am, Friday thru 4am, on Monday. 4 to 6 Feet of snow is possible above 8000 feet. So, get out today. Expect Mostly Cloudy Skies with a Slight Chance of Snow with Temperatures in to the upper 20's on the Slopes and increasing Winds with Guest to 45mph and Ridge Top Gusts up to 100 mph. So Lifts will operate Wind & Weather Permitting. 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 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 a base of 30-53". 19 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP – Call Ahead... with Mtn Access from the Gondola, California Base & Stagecoach in NV. Upper Mtn Lifts include Canyon & (**Sky on HOLD**) in CA and (**Dipper on HOLD**), Comet & Mott Canyon on the NV side. 66 Trails are accessible (38MG) Round-a-Bout open down CA side; Plus there's 15 Terrain Park Features. (Powder, SKRPP, MG & MM / 19F / MCldy / Mod-Strong Winds). (Hwy 207: ) **1-800-HEAVENLY**.

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

**Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Is reporting a base of 30-73". 7 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 open. 45 Trails are open (34MG). 3 Terrain Parks are open with over 20 Features. (MG & SKRPP / 29F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttles buses running thru So. Shore. **(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 () – 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 (R1) – is reporting a base of 50-59". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, with 5 Lifts out of the Mtn. Village including Chairs #6 & #10 to the top (**Chairs #2, #3 & #4 are on HOLD** to backside) & 2 Lifts will turn at the Timber Creek Base. 81 Trails are open including all Bowls (47MG). Plus, a Terrain Park open with 7 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 24F / MCldy / Mod-Strong Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open with 40km of groomed XC track. **(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 () - 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 open today on a base of 24-36". 3 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP including Crystal Express to the top. 7 Runs are open. (MG PP / 27F / MCldy / Lt Winds), **(775) 831-1177**.

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

**Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 () Is reporting a base of 40-79". All 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, 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. (MG & SKRPP / 21F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE**. [www.mtrose.com](http://www.mtrose.com)

## Truckee Area Resorts

**Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 () – Is reporting 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 (41MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open with 56 features. (MG & SKRPP / 25F / Cldy / Mod-Strong Winds). The Village Ice Rink scheduled to open (12-9pm). **(530) 562-1330**. [www.northstarcalifornia.com](http://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](http://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. (MG & SKRPP / 21F / Cldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Playland tubing Park open from 10-8pm. (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 16". They have 15 trails open with 10km of Groomed XC Trails open. [www.AuburnSkiClub.org](http://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 with 6 runs open; plus Tube Town, the Kids Tub Carousel & Planet Kids are scheduled to operate. (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 open daily (8:30-4) with 24 trails and over 48Km of groomed XC terrain. (530) 426-3871. [www.royalgorge.com](http://www.royalgorge.com)

**Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 ( ) –is reopening today on a base of 24-52". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with all 52 trails open. (530) 426-3635. [www.donnerranch.com](http://www.donnerranch.com)

**Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 ( ) on Donner Pass Rd ( ) – is reporting 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 (52MG). Plus a Terrain Park with 20 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 16F / Cldy / 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 open on a base of 5-35". 3 Lifts will operate (9-4) with the Madden Chair & Old Homewood Express. 32 runs are open (Powder MGPP / 23F / Cldy / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. [www.skihomewood.com](http://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](http://www.granlibakken.com)

**Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area** - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 ( ) – Will open Friday, conditions permit. (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 a base of 36-63". 8 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, with Roundhouse & Summit Six; Plus Lakeview & Scott Chair turning. 85 Runs are open plus 16 Terrain Park features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 15F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds) The Free Squaw / Alpine Express Shuttle is operating. (530) 581-8374. [www.skialpine.com](http://www.skialpine.com)

**Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 ( ) is reporting a base of 10-79". 21 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 9 Lifts from the bottom including Red Dog & KT22; Plus Aerial Tram & Funitel. 12 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain, including Siberia, Shirley Lake & Granite Chief. 160 runs are open, plus 15 T-Park Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 17F / PCldy / Lt-Mod 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 ( ) – is reporting a base of 78-90". 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) Entire Mtn open – WWP, 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 / 23F / Clear / 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 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](http://www.dodgeridge.com)

**Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 ( ) – opening today on a base of 49". 5 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 38 trails open plus Cub Terrain Park. (MG PP & Powder / 23F / MCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). (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.

[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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**R2=CHAINS MANDATORY EXCEPT 4WD WITH SNOWTIRES**

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