

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Monday, December 3, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Monday, December 3rd. After a Wet & Wild & Windy Series of Storms with most all resort closed yesterday, it's Shaping up to be a Great Day for skiing & riding some fresh snow... Expect Partly Cloudy to Mostly Cloudy Skies with temps in the low 40's on the slopes and Light Winds. For Today, Dress in layers with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket... Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; also, wear Good Goggles. Surface conditions are Variable but primarily Machine Groomed Snow, Packed Powder and 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 6-12" of new snow (21-42" Storm Total) on a base of 36-50". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). Access to the mountain is from the Heavenly Village Gondola with Tamarack Express, Dipper Express & Adding Comet Express, operating on the upper NV side. 7 runs are to open, including Orion's, Big Dipper & Comet, plus 14 Terrain Park Features. (Powder, MM, MG Snow/ 22F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Unbuckle Apres Ski Party at Tamarack Lodge 3:30-5:30pm.

1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Is open, reporting 4" of new snow (38" Storm Total) on a base of 12-52". 5 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the front side with Nob Hill & Grandview Express to the top; Plus, EZ Rider, & 2 Surface Lifts. 18 Trails are to open (14MG) with Terrain Park Features on Broadway. (Powder & MG Snow / 35F / MCldy / Lt-Mod 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 () – at Pickett's Junction, is open on weekend on a base of 6-12". The Yurt is open 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 open, reporting 5-7" of new snow (30-36" Storm Total) on a base of 32-46". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) out of the Mtn. Village. Chair #1, Chair #5 & #1; Plus, Chair #6 & Chair #10 to the top of the front side. 29 Trails (12MG) & 3 Bowls are to open after Snow Safety. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 28F / PCldy & Lt Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is Closed today. (10km of groomed 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 December 13, conditions permitting. They report at least 12" of new from this storm. **(775) 831-1177. www.diamondpeak.com**

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) Is open reporting 17-28" of new (35-45" Storm Total) on a base of 38-65". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with Ponderosa, & the NW Magnum 6 to the top of the Rose Side; Plus Blazing Zephyr schedule for delayed opening on the Slide Side. Call Ahead. 39 trails are open (19 MG). (Powder & MGPP / 29F / MCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar California - On Hwy 267 () – Is open reporting 3" of new (47" Storm Total) on a base of 19-60". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with the Arrow Express & the Comstock Express the top of the front side). 26 trails are open (22MG) + Terrain Park open with 11 features. (MGPP, MM & Powder / 35F / PCldy / 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 Dec 7, conditions permitting. **Tahoe Donner XC** – will open when conditions permit. **(530) 587-9484. www.skitaheodonner.com**

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 () – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is reporting 8-12" of new (31-40" Storm Total) on a base of 29-41". 2 Lifts are scheduled to operate with The Castle Peak Quad & Accelerator Express to the top (9am-9pm)-WWP. 4 runs are open with 11 Terrain Park features. (MGPP & Powder / 33F / MCldy & Lt Winds). (530) 426-3666 #1. **www.rideboreal.com**

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd. () – will open when conditions permit. Great Family area offering skiing, boarding, snow tubing and more. **(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. XC Snowshoeing Season Passes are available for \$299. Will open when conditions permit

(530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 () – Needs 6” more inches of snow to open and will reopen when conditions permit. (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd () – Will Re-Open this Weekend Dec 8. They did receive 10-32” of new snow... They will reopen Dec. 8. Base of 8-40”. /// Previous Report: Mtn. Access is from the Gondola with 4 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4); Nob Hill, Disney, Christmas Tree & Mt. Lincoln Express to the top for top to bottom skiing & riding. 25 runs open (22MG). (MG MM PP / 32F / 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 planning to open on Dec. 14, conditions permitting. (530) 525-2900. www.skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 () - Tahoe City – The Ski & Snowboard Hill will open when conditions permit and scheduling Dec. 16 as opening. (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

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 () – is Getting ready and has set their Opening day for December 7, conditions permitting. They received 8-35” of new from the storm. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 () is open reporting 2-10” of new (2-42” Storm Total.) on a base of 4-48”. 5 Lifts are Scheduled to operate (11-4) with 2 Lifts from the bottom, including the Aerial Tram & the Funitel; Plus 3 Lifts scheduled for the Upper Mountain, including Gold Coast & Shirley Lake. (Powder, MM, MG Snow / 36F / 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 () – Is open with 12” of new (36-48” Storm Total) and a base of 50-70”. 14 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) out of the Main with the Lower & Upper Panorama Gondola & Roller Coaster Express out of Canyon Lodge. 84 Trails are opened + 5 Terrain Parks with 33 features. (Powder, MG, PP / 29F / MCldy & Lt-Mod Winds). Planning to have the entire mountain open on Dec. 7. (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 on Dec 14, or as conditions permit. They picked up 8” of new snow.

Dodge Ridge - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 () – Is schedule to open in early December, conditions permit. They received 12” of new. (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 () - Will open in mid December or when conditions permit. They report 29” of new from this storm. (209) 753-2301 #2. www.bearvalley.com

Bear Valley XC – will re open on Dec. 8. (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalleyxc.com

So, there you have it, There are some road controls posted this morning. So, carry tire chains and Call 5-11 for updates on Roads. For updates on this Reports, Please visit my Website at BikeandSkiTahoe.Com. Have and a Safe Day on the Mountain... It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's your Mtn. Resort Report.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

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See you on the Slopes...
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