

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Sunday, December 23, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Happy Holidays, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Sunday, December 23rd. Grab the Fat Boards there's Deep Powder to be had today... A Winter Storm Warning remains in affect thru 4am on Monday for more Snow. Another 6-16" expected above 7000 ft. with Temperatures in to the mid 20's on the Slopes and Gusty Winds up to 50mph and Ridge Top Gusts up to 85-115 mph. So Lifts will operate Wind & Weather Permitting. Call Ahead! 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 and if go Off Piste, always Ski with a Buddy.

South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

***Heavenly Mountain Resort** - South Lake Tahoe CA/NV – Checks in with 27-36" of new on a base of 36-65". 26 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP – Call Ahead... with Mtn Access from the Gondola, California Base; Plus both Stagecoach & Boulder open in NV. Upper Mtn Lifts Include Sky & Canyon scheduled in CA and (**Tamarack & Dipper on HOLD**), Comet & Mott Canyon on the NV side. 90 Trails are accessible (44MG); Plus there's 15 Terrain Park Features on CA trail & Groove Park open with 28 Features. Call Ahead on Tubing Hill. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 20F / Snow / Strong Winds). Complimentary Shuttles buses running to all base facilities. (Hwy 207: R1) **1-800-HEAVENLY**. www.skiheavenly.com

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 (R2) – Is reporting 21" of new on a base of 33-73". 10 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP, with Nob Hill, Easy Rider & Grandview Express to the top of the Front Side; Plus, Short Stuff serving the Backside & The West Bowl open. 44 Trails are open (25MG). 2 Terrain Parks are open with over 20 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 26F / Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). Snow Play Area Open. Complimentary Shuttles buses running thru So. Shore. **(530) 659-7475**. www.sierraattahoe.com

***Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center** - on Emerald Bay Road (Closed at Emerald Bay) – is open this weekend for cross-country and snow shoe rentals. **(530) 542-6584**. www.camprichardson.com

***Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center** - 14655 Hwy 89 /88 (R2) – at Pickett's Junction, the Yurt is open 10-4pm with a base of 12-36". 40 Miles of Marked Trails are open with 30 Miles of Skier Packed and 10 miles of groomed trails. **(530) 694-2266**. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 (R2) – is reporting 16-24" of new on a base of 60-80". 6 Lifts are scheduled operate (9-4)-WWP, with Chairs #1, #5 & #11 out of the Village: (**Chairs #6 & Chair #10 on HOLD & Chairs #2, #3 & #4 to the Back side on HOLD**). Chair #7 & #9 at the Timber Creek Base. 29 Trails are open (29MG). Plus, a Terrain Park open with 7 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 19F / Snow / Mod-Strong 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 open reporting 31" of new on a base of 29-41". 5 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Crystal Express Quad to the top. 17 Runs are open (8MG). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 28F / Snow / Lt Mod Winds), **(775) 831-1177**. www.diamondpeak.com

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) Is reporting 25-31" of new on a base of 56-101". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, including Lakeview & Galena. (**NW Magnum 6 & Blazing Zephyr on HOLD & Chuter Lift delayed**). 48 Trails open (24MG); Plus, all Chutes gates Closed. 2 Terrain parks are open with 13 features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 26F / Snow / Mod-Strong Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE**. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 (R2) – Is reporting 24-36" of new on a base of 40-90". 15 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP including the Tahoe Zephyr & the Comstock Express to the top of the front side Now Open; Plus, the Backside Express Open & Look Out. 72 trails are open (38MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open with 56 features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 17F / Snow / Mod-Strong Winds). The Village Ice Rink scheduled to open (12-9pm). Cross Country, Telemark & Snowshoe Center open (8:30-3) with 10km of groomed trails. **(530) 562-1330**. www.northstarcalifornia.com

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Snowpeak Way (R1) Truckee – Is open on a base of 15-45". 4 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 15 runs are open. **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 14 Trails = 11Km of groomed trails. **(530) 587-9484**. www.skitaheodonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is reporting 30-36" of new on a base of 64-

101". 6 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate-WWP starting at 9am, including the Castle Peak Quad & Accelerator Express Quad turning till 9pm. 33 runs are open (13MG). Terrain Park Closed for rebuild. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 27F / Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). Playland Tubing Park open from 10-8pm. (530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com /// The adjacent **Auburn Ski Club Training Center** is CLOSED /// open Wed-Sun (8:30-4:30p) on a base of 16" with fresh snow. They are grooming out 15 trails with at least 10km of Groomed XC Trails open. www.AuburnSkiClub.org

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd. (R2) – Is open with 30-36" of new on a base of 64-101". 2 Lifts will operate (10-4) for skiing / riding including Crystal Bowl Chair with 6 runs open; plus Tube Town, the Kids Tub Carousel & Planet Kids. Plus Mini Snowmobiles for rent. (530) 426-3901 www.skisodasprings.com

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd () in Soda Springs, is open daily (8:30-4) with 31 trails and 48Km of groomed XC terrain. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 (R2) –reporting 24" of new on a base of 32-64". 3 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP 15 runs open. The Tubing Hill Closed. (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is reporting 23-30" of new on a base of 50-113". 7 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with Judah Base open offering Jerome Hill, Disney, Christmas Tree & Mt Lincoln Express. 54 runs are open (42MG). Terrain Park Closed. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 23F / Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

***Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 (R2) – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, is open reporting 34-42" of new on a base of 31-73". 6 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP with the Madden Chair, Quail Chair & Old Homewood Express. 32 runs are open (22MG). Terrain Park open with 6 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 28F / Snow / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. www.skihomewood.com

***Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 (R2) - Tahoe City – The Ski & Snowboard Hill is open for the Holidays with 2 Surface Lifts & 3 Runs open, Plus the Snow Play & Sledding hill is open. (530) 581-7533 www.granlibakken.com

***Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area** - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 (R2) – is open on a base of 24". Grooming out 14 trails = 30Km with 3 dog friendly trails open. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org. The new **Tahoe City Winter Sports Park** is also open with 3km of xc trails & the Sledding Hill open at 11am. They will operate thru Holiday weeks and Fri-Mon thru March 31.

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 (R2) – is reporting 22" of new on a base of 60-88". 11 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, with Roundhouse, Summit Six & Sherwood scheduled. 85 Runs are open plus 3 Parks open with 16 Terrain Park features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 20F / Snow / Mod Winds) The Free Squaw / Alpine Express Shuttle is operating. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 (R2) is reporting 29" of new on a base of 38-99". 12 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP from the bottom including Red Dog & KT22, /// **Aerial Tram & Funitel CLOSED. All Lifts on the upper mountain CLOSED.** CALL AHEAD. /// 160 runs are open, plus 2 Parks open with 15 T-Park Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 18F / Snow / Mod-Strong 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 16-20" of new on a base of 84-96". 20 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP on the Lower Mtn with 9 Lifts out of the Main Lodge, 9 Lifts out of Canyon Lodge & 2 Lifts from Eagle Lodge. 108 Trails are accessible (56MG) + 7 Terrain Parks with 41 features. (Powder, MG & SKR PP / 19F / Snow / Mod 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 (R2) – is open on a base of 12-24". 4 Lifts will operate (9-4) with Trails open. XC Center is also open with 70 miles of trails.

***Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 (R2) – Is reporting 15" of new on a base of 31-51". 12 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4)-WWP, with 64 Runs open (36MG). Terrain Park open with 6 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 22F / Snow / Lt-Mod Winds) (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 (R1) – picks up 23" of new on a base of 67". 6 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP with 39 trails open plus Cub Terrain Park. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 22F / Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2. www.bearvalley.com

***Bear Valley XC** – is open with a 35-40" base. 11Km of groomed trails are accessible for XC & Snow Shoeing. Plus Tubing Hill open (9-4). (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalleyxc.com

So, there you have it, All Roads have restrictions so Carry Tire Chains and for updates on roads, Call 5-11. For updates on this Reports, as winds will affect upper mountain lifts, 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

FOR CURRENT ROAD INFORMATION CALL:

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R1=CHAINS OR SNOWTIRES REQUIRED

R2=CHAINS MANDATORY EXCEPT 4WD WITH SNOWTIRES

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Special Events and Promotions:

Heavenly Mountain Resort

Santa's Workshop Snow Globe – December 19-24, 2:00-7:00 p.m.

The holiday merriment will kick off on December 19 with Santa's Workshop Snow Globe, a 16-foot interactive snow globe where children can have their photos taken on Santa's lap as they tell him their wish list. The family-style atmosphere will be complete with an on-site disc jockey playing holiday music.

The Great Basin Carolers will perform from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on December 23 and 24.

**Tahoe Sports Ltd. Apres Ski - Happy Hour
Thursdays - Saturdays - Starting at 4:00pm.**

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Complimentary Wine from Red Poets & Skyhawk Lane Wine Tasting Room.

Rent Equipment the night before at no additional charge. Rent 3 days & 4th day is FREE.

For Information and Lodging on the Lake Tahoe's South Shore please visit:

TahoeSouth.Com

See you on the Slopes...

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