

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Monday, December 24, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Happy Holidays, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th. Get Up and enjoy some the Best Holiday Skiing & Riding Conditions offered in years... Expect Mostly Cloudy to Partly Cloudy Skies with Temperatures in to the mid 20's on the Slopes and Light Winds with possible Ridge Top Gusts up to 65 mph in the morning. So Lifts will operate Wind & Weather Permitting this morning. And expect some delays of Lifts opening after Snow Safety. 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! Slow Down and watch out for the other guy! Keep an Eye for Marked and Unmarked Obstacles & Stay on Opened Runs Only and if go Off Piste, always Ski & Ride with a Buddy.

South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

Heavenly Mountain Resort - South Lake Tahoe CA/NV – Checks in with 8-18" of new (43-63" total) on a base of 38-70". 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 Dipper, Comet & Mott Canyon on the NV side. (Sky, Tamarack, Big Easy, Dipper, Mott, Galaxy, Olympic on Delayed opening) 94 Trails are accessible (46MG); Plus there's 15 Terrain Park Features on CA trail & Groove Park open with 28 Features. Tubing Hill scheduled to open at top of Gondola. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 18F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). Complimentary Shuttles buses running to all base facilities. Unbuckle Apres Ski Party at Tamarack Lodge (3:30-5:30pm). (Hwy 207: R1) **1-800-HEAVENLY**. www.skiheavenly.com

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 (R2) – Is reporting 16" of new (62" total) on a base of 58-107". 10 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP, including Grandview Express to the top of the Front Side; Plus, Short Stuff on the Backside & The West Bowl open. 44 Trails are open (26MG). 2 Terrain Parks are open with over 20 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 24F / MClidy / Lt 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 for the Holidays with cross-country and snow shoe rentals and limited trails. **(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 24-48". 60 Miles of Marked Trails are open with 25 Miles of Skier Packed and grooming out 10 miles of trails today. **(530) 694-2266**. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com

Kirkwood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 88 (R2) – is reporting 8-14" of new (62" Total) on a base of 64-90". 10 Lifts are scheduled operate (9-4)-on delay, with all Chairs out of the Village first, except Chairs #6 & Chair #10 after 10am-11am; Chairs #2, #3 & #4 to the Back side by Mid day & 2 Chairs at the Timber Creek Base. 72 Trails are open (33MG). Terrain Park Closed. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 19F / Lt Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open with 50km of groomed XC trails. **(877) KIRKWOOD**. www.kirkwood.com

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

Spoooner Lake Cross Country – at the Junction of Highway 28/50 (R1) is Closed this year.

Diamond Peak - Hwy 28 (R1) - in Incline Village – is open reporting 20" of new on a base of 31-45". 5 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Crystal Express Quad to the top. 24 Runs are open (8MG). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 23F / PClidy / Lt Winds), **(775) 831-1177**. www.diamondpeak.com

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) Is reporting 3" of new (40-48" total) on a base of 63-116". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, including NW Magnum 6 to the top of the Rose Side & Blazing Zephyr on the Slide side. Chuter Lift on delayed open as well as Chutes Gates. 48 Trails open (23MG). Terrain parks Closed for rebuild. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / Lt Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE**. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar California - On Hwy 267 (R2) – Is reporting 15-18" of new (68" Total) on a base of 40-100". 15 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) including Comstock Express to the top of the front side; Plus, the Backside Express Open & Look Out Mtn. 72 trails are open (42MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open with 56 features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 18F / Clidy / Lt 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 35-45". 4 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 15 runs are open. **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 11Km of groomed trails. **(530) 587-9484**. www.skitahtoedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 (R2) – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is reporting 30-40" of new (62-92" total) on a base of 79-121". 7 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate with Lost Dutchman opening today, iand the Castle Peak Quad & Accelerator Express Quad turning till 9pm. 33 runs are open (13MG). Terrain Park Closed for rebuild. (Powder,

MG & SKRPP / 27F / Lt Snow / Lt 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 8:30-12 Noon. (Wed-Sun (8:30-4:30p)) on a base of 36". 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 30-40" of new on a base of 70-121". 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 36 trails and 52Km of groomed XC terrain. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 (R2) – is open, reporting a base of 32-64". 6 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 52 runs open. The Tubing Hill scheduled to open. (530) 426-3635.
www.donnerranch.com

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is reporting 30-41" of new (52-71" Total) on a base of 62-138". 7 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4) including Jerome Hill, Disney, Christmas Tree & Mt Lincoln Express. 54 runs are open (41MG). Terrain Park Closed. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 24F / Cldy / Lt 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 12-20" of new (60-104" total) on a base of 31-73". 6 Lifts will operate (9-4) including the Ellis Chair, Quail Chair & Old Homewood Express. 32 runs are open (20MG). Terrain Park open with 6 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 28F / Cldy / 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 35". Grooming out 18 trails = 45Km with 3 dog friendly trails open. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org. And, in Tahoe City, the new **Tahoe City Winter Sports Park** is open with 3km of XC-Snow Shoe 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 16-22" of new (44-50" total) on a base of 71-99". 12 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 / Lt Snow / Lt Winds) The Free Squaw / Alpine Express Shuttle is operating. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 (R2) is reporting 18" of new on a base of 48-111". 19 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 14 Lifts from the bottom including Red Dog & KT22 plus Aerial Tram & Funitel. 5 Lifts scheduled for the upper mountain including Shirley Lake, possibly more. 160 runs are open, plus 2 Parks open with 15 T-Park Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 18F / Lt Snow / 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 15-20" of new on a base of 8-9 ft. Entire Mtn to open with 24 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP with 13 Lifts out of the Main Lodge, 8 Lifts out of Canyon Lodge & 3 Lifts from Eagle Lodge. 109 Trails are accessible (31MG) + 8 Terrain Parks with 41 features & Super Pipe open (Powder, MG & SKR PP / 20F / PCldy / 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 with 8" of new on a base of 30-36". 4 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 8 Trails open. XC Center is also open with 70 miles of trails.

Dodge Ridge - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 (R2) – Is reporting 6" of new (43" total) on a base of 40-55". 12 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 65 Runs open (38MG). 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 11" of new (43" total) on a base of 76". 6 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP with 39 trails open plus Cub Terrain Park. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 24F / Lt Snow / Lt 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:

CALIFORNIA: 1-800-427-7623 • NEVADA: 1-877-NV-ROADS or 511

R1=CHAINS OR SNOWTIRES REQUIRED

R2=CHAINS MANDATORY EXCEPT 4WD WITH SNOWTIRES

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Special Events and Promotions:

Sierra at Tahoe

Holiday festivities will include games and activities, like snowman building contests, candy cane limbo, iceberg bean bag toss, and a “Frosty” doughnut eating contest.

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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