

# Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Saturday, December 22, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Happy Holidays, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Saturday, December 22nd. Lots of Freshies out there this morning... A Winter Storm Warning remains in affect thru 4am on Monday for more Snow. 8-16" expected above 7000 ft. with Temperatures in to the upper 20's on the Slopes and Gusty Winds up to 45mph and Ridge Top Gusts up to 100 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.

## South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

**Heavenly Mountain Resort** - South Lake Tahoe CA/NV – Checks in with 2" of new on a base of 30-53". 22 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP – Call Ahead... with Mtn Access from the (**Gondola & Tamarack on HOLD**), California Base & Stagecoach & Boulder open in NV. Upper Mtn Lifts include Canyon & (**Sky on HOLD**) in CA and (**Dipper on HOLD**), Comet & Galaxy on the NV side. 96 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 / 24F / Snow / Strong Winds). (Hwy 207: R1) **1-800-HEAVENLY**. [www.skiheavenly.com](http://www.skiheavenly.com)

**Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 (R2) – Is reporting 8" of new on a base of 27-70". 7 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP, with Easy Rider & (**Grandview Express on HOLD**) to the top of the Front Side; Plus, (**Short Stuff on HOLD**) serving the Backside & (**The West Bowl on HOLD**). 44 Trails are open (33MG). 3 Terrain Parks are open with over 20 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 30F / Snow / Lt-Mod 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 (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](http://www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com)

**Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 (R2) – is **CLOSED FOR THE DAY** - reporting 6-8" of new on a base of 50-59". 7 Lifts are scheduled but on **HOLD** to operate (9-4)-WWP, **CALL AHEAD** /// with 5 Lifts out of the Mtn. Village including Chairs #6 & Chair #10 to the top (**Chairs #2, #3 & #4 are on HOLD**). 2 Lifts will turn at the Timber Creek Base. 81 Trails are open including all Bowls (40MG). Plus, a Terrain Park open with 7 Features. (MG & SKRPP / 26F / Snow / 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 (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 12" of new on a base of 24-36". 5 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4)-WWP including Crystal Express Quad to the top. 11 Runs are open (6MG). (Powder MG & SKRPP / 31F / Snow / Lt-Mod Winds), **(775) 831-1177**. [www.diamondpeak.com](http://www.diamondpeak.com)

**Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) Is reporting 10-14" of new on a base of 40-85". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, including The NW Magnum 6 on the Rose side (**& Blazing Zephyr on Slide Side on HOLD**). 48 Trails open (23MG); 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](http://www.mtrose.com)

## Truckee Area Resorts

**Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 (R2) – Is reporting 10-14" of new on a base of 21-67". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP including the Tahoe Zephyr & the (**Comstock Express to the top of the front side on Stand By**); Plus, the (**Backside Express on Stand By**) & Martis Camp Express Open. 67 trails are open (40MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open with 56 features. (MG & SKRPP / 21F / 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 – Hosting 40<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration with Shaun White today. **(530) 562-1330**. [www.northstarcalifornia.com](http://www.northstarcalifornia.com)

**Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Snowpeak Way () Truckee – Is open on a base of 8-20". 5 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4)-WWP with 14 runs are open. **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 12 Trails = 15Km of groomed trails. **(530) 587-9484**. [www.skitahtoedonner.com](http://www.skitahtoedonner.com)

## Donner Summit Resorts

**Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 (R2) – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is reporting 12-16" of new on a base of 49-69". 7 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate-WWP starting at 9am, including Lost Dutchman with the Castle Peak Quad &

Accelerator Express Quad turning till 9pm. 33 runs are open (13MG). Terrain Park open with 10 features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / Snow / 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" with fresh snow. They are grooming out 15 trails with at least 10km of Groomed XC Trails open.  
[www.AuburnSkiClub.org](http://www.AuburnSkiClub.org)

**Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd. (R2) – Is open with 12-16" of new on a base of 49-65". 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](http://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 over 49Km of groomed XC terrain. (530) 426-3871. [www.royalgorge.com](http://www.royalgorge.com)

**Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 (R2) – is reporting 18" of new on a base of 24-52". 4 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with all 52 trails open & the Tubing Hill. (530) 426-3635.  
[www.donnerranch.com](http://www.donnerranch.com)

**Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is reporting 11-16" of new on a base of 38-97". 8 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with Judah Base open offering Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & (**Lincoln Express on HOLD**). 59 runs are open (47MG). Plus a Terrain Park with 20 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 23F / Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 426-1111. [www.sugarbowl.com](http://www.sugarbowl.com)

### West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

**Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 (R1) – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, is open with 6-10" of new on a base of 10-45". 5 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP with the Madden Chair, Quail Chair & Old Homewood Express. 32 runs are open (20MG). Terrain Park open with 6 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 29F / Cldy / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900.  
[www.skihomewood.com](http://www.skihomewood.com)

**Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 (R1) - Tahoe City – The Ski & Snowboard Hill is open for the Holidays with 2 Tows & 5 Runs, Plus the Snow Play & Sledding hill is open. (530) 581-7533 [www.granlibakken.com](http://www.granlibakken.com)

**Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area** - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 () – is opening today on a base of 8-10" Grooming out trails this morning. (530) 583-5475. [www.tahoexc.org](http://www.tahoexc.org). The new **Tahoe City Winter Sports Park** is also opening today. They will operate thru Holiday weeks and Fri-Mon thru March 31.

**Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 (R1) – is reporting 6" of new on a base of 39-68". 11 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, with Roundhouse & Summit Six; Plus (**Sherwood on HOLD**). 85 Runs are open plus 3 Parks open with 16 Terrain Park features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 24F / Snow / Mod-Strong Winds) The Free Squaw / Alpine Express Shuttle is operating. (530) 581-8374. [www.skialpine.com](http://www.skialpine.com)

**Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 (R1) is reporting 8-10" of new on a base of 18-80". 25 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 14 Lifts from the bottom including Red Dog & KT22; Plus, Aerial Tram & Funitel. 11 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain, including Shirley Lake, Gold Coast & Siberia. 160 runs are open, plus 2 Parks open with 15 T-Park Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / Snow / Mod-Strong 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 7" of new on a base of 84-96". 24 Lifts are 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. 155 Trails are opened (76MG) + 7 Terrain Parks with 41 features. (MG & SKR PP / 17F / Snow / Mod 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 () – is open on a base of 12-24". 4 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 8 MG Trails open. XC Center is also open with 10 miles of trails.

**Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 () – Is reporting 10" of new on a base of 16-50". 12 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4)-WWP, with 64 Runs open (34MG). Terrain Park open with 6 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 25F / Snow / Lt-Mod Winds) (209) 536-5300. [www.dodgeridge.com](http://www.dodgeridge.com)

**Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 () – picks up 5" of new on a base of 52". 6 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP with 39 trails open plus Cub Terrain Park. (MG & SKRPP & Powder / 25F / Cldy-Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2.  
[www.bearvalley.com](http://www.bearvalley.com)

**Bear Valley XC** – is open weekends with a 15-20" base. 13Km of groomed trails are accessible for XC & Snow Shoeing. (209) 753-2834. [www.bearvalleyxc.com](http://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](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)

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**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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### **Special Events and Promotions:**

#### **Sierra at Tahoe**

December 22, 2012 Sierra Resort will offer live music by the horn quintet, Bear Bones, at the base of the mountain and Mayan hot chocolate. Along with our "Mayans Missed It" celebration, holiday festivities will begin and go throughout the weekend. The 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.

#### **Kirkwood Mountain Resort**

Saturday, Dec 22, 10am-2pm, KCA hosts photos with Santa & Kirkwood Avalanche Dogs in the Village Plaza – Benefitting Kirkwood Avalanche Dog program.

#### **Northstar California's 40th Anniversary Birthday Bash Hosted By Shaun White**

The resort will celebrate its 40th birthday on December 22 with a party hosted by Northstar team athlete Shaun White that is not to be missed.

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

**Complimentary Wine from Red Poets & Skyhawk Lane Wine Tasting Room.**  
**Rent Equipment the night before at no additional charge. Rent 3 days & 4<sup>th</sup> day is FREE.**

**For Information and Lodging on the Lake Tahoe's South Shore please visit:**  
**[TahoeSouth.Com](http://TahoeSouth.Com)**

See you on the Slopes...  
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"The Guy From Tahoe"