

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Tuesday, December 25, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th. Get Out and enjoy some the Best Holiday Skiing & Riding Conditions offered in years... Expect increasing Cloudy Skies with a Chance of Snow in the afternoon as a Winter Weather Advisory is posted to go in effect at 4pm. Temperatures in to the high 20's on the Slopes with Light to Moderate Winds increasing to 55mph over the ridge tops by the afternoon. So Winds could affect Lifts, later in the day. Another 10-18" expected to fall above 7000 feet by tomorrow afternoon. For today, 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! Have Patience in Lift Lines, Please Slow Down and watch out for the other guy! Keep an Eye out for Marked & Unmarked Obstacles. And, Stay In Bounds and 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 a base of 38-70". 26 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with Mtn Access from the Gondola, California Base; Plus, both Stagecoach & Boulder Lodges in NV. Upper Mtn Lifts Include Sky & Canyon in CA and Dipper, Comet & Mott Canyon on the NV side. 94 Trails are accessible (49MG), Killebrew Canyon to open later today; Plus 2 Terrain Park open with 43 Features. Sledding & Tubing Hill is open at top of Gondola. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 18F / Cldy-Lt Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). Complimentary Shuttles buses running to all base facilities. Unbuckle Apres Ski Party at Tamarack Lodge (3:30-5:30pm). (Hwy 207:) 1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Is reporting a base of 58-107". 10 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) including Grandview Express to the top of the Front Side; Plus, Short Stuff on the Backside & The West Bowl open. 44 Trails are open (32MG). 3 Terrain Parks are open with over 20 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 30F / Cldy / Lt Winds). Snow Play Area is Open. Complimentary Shuttles buses running thru So. Shore. (530) 659-7475. www.sierraattahoe.com

***Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center** - on Hwy 89/Emerald Bay Road (Closed at Emerald Bay) – is open for the Holidays with cross-country and snowshoe rentals and limited trails. (530) 542-6584. www.camprichardson.com

***Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center** - 14655 Hwy 89 /88 () – 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 10 miles of groomed trails today. (530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 () – is reporting a base of 64-90". 10 Lifts are scheduled operate (9-4)- with 5 Lifts out of the Mtn Village including Chairs #6 & Chair #10; Chairs #2, #3 & #4 to the Back side & 2 Lifts at the Timber Creek Base. 81 Trails are open (46MG). including all Bowls to open. Terrain Park Closed. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 27F / PCldy / Lt 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 (East Shore R1) - in Incline Village – is open reporting a base of 31-45". 5 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Crystal Express Quad to the top. 28 Runs are open (15MG). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 19F / Cldy / Lt Winds), (775) 831-1177. www.diamondpeak.com

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 () Is reporting a base of 63-116". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including NW Magnum 6 to the top of the Rose Side & Blazing Zephyr on the Slide side. The Chuter Lift & all Chutes Gates open. 48 Trails open (27MG). Terrain parks Closed for rebuild. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 19F / MClear / Lt Winds). (800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 () – Is reporting a base of 63-110". 18 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with the Front Side, Back Side & Look Out Mountain all open. 79 trails are open (49MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open with 58 features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 18F / Cldy / Lt Winds). Snow Tubing open (10-4) + The Village Ice Rink is open (12-9pm). Cross Country, Telemark & Snowshoe Center open (8:30-3) with 20km of groomed trails. (530) 562-1330. www.northstarcalifornia.com

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Snowpeak Way () Truckee – Is open on a base of 35-48". 4 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (11:30-4) with 15 runs are open. **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 15 trails - 20Km of groomed trails. (530) 587-9484. www.skitaheodonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 () – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is reporting a base of 79-121". 7 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate starting at 9am including Lost Dutchman on the backside & the Castle Peak Quad & Accelerator

Express Quad turning till 9pm. 33 runs are open (13MG). Terrain Park Closed for rebuild. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 18F / Cldy / 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 () on Donner Pass Rd. (R2) – Is open on a base of 70-121". 2 Lifts will operate (10-4) for skiing / riding with 6 runs open (MGPP); plus Tube Town, the Kids Tub Carousel & Planet Kids. Mini Snowmobiles for rent. (530) 426-3901 www.skisodasprings.com

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd () in Soda Springs, is open (8:30-4) with 42 trails and 102Km of groomed XC terrain. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 (R2) – is reporting a base of 64-96". 6 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 52 runs open (MG & SKRPP). The Tubing Hill scheduled to open. (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is reporting a base of 62-138". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Jerome Hill, Judah & Mt Lincoln Express. 83 runs are open (49MG). 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 a base of 31-73". 6 Lifts will operate (9-4) including the Ellis Chair, Quail Chair & Old Homewood Express. 64 runs are open (21MG). Terrain Park open with 6 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / MClear / 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". 13 trails = 40Km of Groomed trails 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 a base of 69-98". 11 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Roundhouse & Summit Six (Sherwood Closed). 85 Runs are open (24 MG) plus 3 Parks open with 16 Terrain Park features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 17F / Cldy / Lt Winds) The Free Squaw / Alpine Express Shuttle is operating. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 (R2) is reporting a base of 48-111". 25 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-with 14 Lifts from the bottom including Red Dog & KT22; Plus, the Aerial Tram & Funitel. 11 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain including Shirley Lake, Siberia & Granite Chief. 160 runs are open, plus 2 Parks are open with 15 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 17F / Cldy / Mod Winds). (530) 452-4335. www.squaw.com
And, for XC Skiing or Snow Shoeing & Ice Skating, **The Resort at Squaw Creek** has their XC / Snowshoe Trails open as well as their Ice Rink. (530) 583-6300 ext 6631. www.visitsquawcreek.com

Central Sierra Resorts

***Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 () – is reporting 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. 159 Trails are accessible (87MG) + 8 Terrain Parks with 41 features & Super Pipe open (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 30F / MClear / 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 () – is open with a base of 48". 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 () – Is reporting a base of 35-45". 12 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 65 Runs open (38MG). 3 Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 22F / Cldy/ Lt-Mod Winds) (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 () – Reports a base of 76". 6 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 39 trails open plus Cub Terrain Park. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 19F / Cldy / Lt-Mod Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2. www.bearvalley.com

***Bear Valley XC** – is open with a 48-60" base. 20 Trails = 25Km of groomed trails are accessible for XC & Snow Shoeing. Plus Tubing Hill open (9-2). (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalleyxc.com

So, there you have it, there are some Roads 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.

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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.
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 & 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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