

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Wednesday, December 26, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Happy Holidays, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your, Wednesday, December 26th. A Winter Weather Advisory is in effect thru 4pm for More Snow with 4-7" expected above 7000 feet. Temperatures remain cold, in to the mid 20's on the Slopes with Light to Moderate Winds and 80 mph Gusts over the ridge tops this morning, decreasing to 55 mph, by the afternoon. So Winds could affect the operation of upper mountain lifts. Call Ahead. Dress warm... layer up with your Good Jacket & Warm Gloves... 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. Keep an Eye out for Marked & Unmarked Obstacles. And, Stay In Bounds and on Opened Runs & Terrain 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 8-12" of new on a base of 42-72". 27 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP 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); Plus 2 Terrain Parks open with 36 Features. Sledding & Tubing Hill is open at top of Gondola-WWP. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 17F / Snow / Mod-Strong 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 13" of new on a base of 65-120". 11 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 (29MG). 3 Terrain Parks are open with over 20 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 23F / Snow / Mod Winds). Tubing Hill & Snow Play Area are open. Complimentary Shuttles buses run 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 (R2) – at Pickett's Junction, the Yurt is open 10-4pm with 16-20" of new on a base of 30-54". 50 Miles of Marked & Skier Packed Trails are open. (530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com

Kirkwood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 88 (R2) – is reporting 18-24" of new on a base of 68-94". 10 Lifts are scheduled operate (9-4)-WWP 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 (38MG), including Bowls to open after snow safety. Terrain Park Closed. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 20F / Snow / Lt Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open with 50km of groomed XC trails. (877) KIRKWOOD. www.kirkwood.com

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

Spooner 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 reporting 18" 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. 28 Runs are open (8MG). (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds), (775) 831-1177. www.diamondpeak.com

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) Is reporting 10-12" of new on a base of 72-126". 7 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. The Chuter Lift & all Chutes Gates are on delayed opening. 48 Trails open (24MG). Terrain parks Closed. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 28F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). (800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar California - On Hwy 267 (R2) – Is reporting 12-17" of new on a base of 50-114". 18 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP with the Front Side, Back Side & Look Out Mountain all open. 87 trails are open (50MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open with 60 features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 22F / Snow Showers / Lt-Mod 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 (R2) in 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 17 trails - 25Km of groomed trails. (530) 587-9484. www.skitaheadonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 (R2) – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is reporting 15-18" of new on a base of 88-130". 7 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate-WWP starting at 9am including Lost Dutchman on the backside & the Castle Peak Quad & Accelerator Express Quad turning till 9pm. 36 runs are open (13MG). Terrain Park Closed for rebuild. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 12F / Cldy / 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 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 18" of new on a base of 70-121". 2 Lifts will operate (10-4) for skiing / riding with 16 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 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd () in Soda Springs, is open (8:30-4) with 45 trails and 111Km of groomed XC terrain. **(530) 426-3871.** www.royalgorge.com

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 (R2) – Has 18" of new on 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 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is reporting 18-30" of new on a base of 80-168". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Jerome Hill, Judah & Mt Lincoln Express. 83 runs are open (49MG). Terrain Park open with 27 Features. (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 (R1) – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, is open reporting 18=24" of new on a base of 31-73". 6 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP including the Ellis Chair, Quail Chair & Old Homewood Express. 64 runs are open (24MG). Terrain Park open with 6 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 28F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(530) 525-2900.** www.skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 (R1) - 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 (R1) – is open with 10-14" of new on a base of 35". 15 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 (R1) – is reporting 16" of new on a base of 83-104". 13 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with Roundhouse, Summit Six & Sherwood. 85 Runs are open (24 MG) plus 3 Parks open with 16 Terrain Park features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 19F / Snow / Lt Winds) The Free Squaw / Alpine Express Shuttle is operating. **(530) 581-8374.** www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 (R1) is reporting 16" of new on a base of 60-127". 26 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, with 14 Lifts from the bottom including Red Dog & KT22; Plus, the Aerial Tram & Funitel. 12 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 / 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 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 19" of new on a base of 9-10 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 (68MG) + 8 Terrain Parks with 41 features & Super Pipe open (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 18F / 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 () – is open with 2" of new on a base of 48". 4 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 9 Trails open (MGPP). XC Center is also open with 70 miles of trails.

Dodge Ridge - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 () – Is reporting 9-12" of new on a base of 40-50". 12 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 65 Runs open (44MG). 3 Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 20F / Snow/ Lt-Mod Winds) **(209) 536-5300.** www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 (R2) – Reports 10" of new a base of 78". 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 8" of new on 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, 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

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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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