

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, December 27, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Happy Holidays, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your, Thursday, December 27th. And a Slight Break in Weather, So get out and enjoy the Fresh Snow. Expect Mostly Cloudy skies with Isolated Snow Showers in the morning, then Partly Cloudy in the Afternoon. Temperatures remain cold, in to the mid 20's on the Slopes with Light Winds. Dress warm... layer up with your Insulated 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 5" of new on a base of 47-73". 28 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. 95 Trails are accessible (51MG); Plus 2 Terrain Parks open with 36 Features. Sledding & Tubing Hill is open at top of Gondola. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 17F / Flurries / 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 7" of new on a base of 70-117". 11 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. 45 Trails are open (30MG). 3 Terrain Parks are open with over 20 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 16F / MCldy / Lt 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. Hosting Moonlight Snowshoe tour, 6pm, on Dec 28. **(530) 694-2266**. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 (R2) – is reporting 4-12" of new on a base of 68-94". 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 (43MG), including Bowls to open. Terrain Park Closed. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 20F / Flurries / Lt Winds). Hosting 40th Year on New Years Eve with Torchlight Parade, Fireworks & More... **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open with 50km of groomed XC trails & Hosting Full Moon Snowshoe Treks tonight. **(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 reporting a base of 31-45". All 7 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Crystal Express Quad to the top. 29 Runs are open (10MG). (MG & SKRPP / 16F / Cldy / Lt Winds), **(775) 831-1177**. www.diamondpeak.com

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) Is reporting 1-2" of new on a base of 74-128". All 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 will open. 48 Trails open (27MG). Terrain parks Closed. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 14F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE**. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 (R1) – Is reporting 4-6" of new on a base of 53-108". 18 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with the Front Side, Back Side & Look Out Mountain all open. 87 trails are open (54MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open with 61 features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 13F / Snow Showers / 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 () in Truckee – Is open on a base of 45-75". 5 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 15 runs are open (MGPP). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 21 trails - 25Km of groomed trails. (20F / MCldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9484**. www.skitaheedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 () – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is reporting 2-4" of new on a base of 88-132". 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. 36 runs are open (13MG). Terrain Park open with 5 features. (MG & SKRPP / 12F / PCldy / 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 open Wed-Sun (8:30-4:30p) on a base of 48". They are grooming out 16 trails with 12km of Groomed XC Trails open. www.AuburnSkiClub.org

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd. (R2) – Is open with 2-4" of new on a base of 71-123". 2 Lifts will operate (10-4) for skiing / riding with 16 runs open (MGPP); plus The Tube Town, the Kids Tub Carousel & Planet Kids are open with 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 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 a base of 32-84". 6 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 52 runs open (MG & SKRPP). The Tubing Hill open (10-4). (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd (R2) – is reporting 2-4" of new on a base of 81-170". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Jerome Hill, Judah & Mt Lincoln Express. 83 runs are open (50MG). Terrain Park open with 27 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 14F / MClear / 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 1-4" of new on a base of 41-89". 6 Lifts will operate (9-4) including the Ellis Chair, Quail Chair & Old Homewood Express. 63 runs are open (28MG). 2 Terrain Parks open with 12 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 16F / MClody / 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 (8:30-5) on a base of 35". 16 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 9" of new on a base of 84-108". 13 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Roundhouse, Summit Six & Sherwood. 85 Runs are open (24 MG) plus 3 Parks open with 16 Terrain Park features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 15F / PClody / Lt Winds) The Free Squaw / Alpine Express Shuttle is operating. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 (R1) is reporting 7-9" of new on a base of 63-127". 26 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) 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 / 18F / PClody / Lt 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 / Clody / 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, There are several Roads restrictions, so Carry Tire Chains and for updates on roads, Call 5-11. For updates on this Reports, 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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