

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Monday, December 31, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your, Last Day of 2012, Monday, December 31st. A Great Day to Finish Out the Year by enjoying the Great conditions. Expect Mostly Sunny to Partly Cloudy Skies and Temperatures in to the low 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 Sunglasses or Goggles and don't forget the Sunscreen today. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed & Skier/Rider Packed Powder with some Powder stashes yet to track up. 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 a Trace of new on a base of 42-72". 27 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 (54MG); Plus 2 Terrain Parks open with 36 Features. Sledding & Tubing Hill is open at top of Gondola. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 12F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttles buses running to all base facilities. Unbuckle Apres Ski Party at Tamarack Lodge (3:30-5:30pm). NYE Party in the Village with Fireworks at 9:00pm. (Hwy 207) **1-800-HEAVENLY**. www.skiheavenly.com

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Is reporting 2" of new on a base of 62-108". All 14 Lifts & Tows scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with the Front Side; Backside & The West Bowl open. 46 Trails are open (33MG). 4 Terrain Parks are open including the Alley. Check with Patrol on Back Country Gates. (MG & SKRPP / 17F / MClear / 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 (NB Hwy 89, Closed at Emerald Bay-Bliss State Park) – is open daily (9-4) with about 15km of 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 on a base of 36-60". 50 Miles of Marked & Skier Packed Trails are accessible with 10 mile of groomed. No Fees to XC or Snowshoe in Hope Valley. Accepting Donations. **(530) 694-2266**. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 () – is reporting a base of 77-96". 11 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 plus the Vista Tow. 2 Lifts will turn at the Timber Creek Base. 81 Trails are open (52MG), including Bowls to open & 2 Terrain Park to Open (MG & SKRPP / 14F / Clear / Lt Winds). Hosting 40th Year Celebration on New Years Eve with Torchlight Parade, Fireworks & More... **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open with 70km 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 () is Closed this year.

***Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 () - in Incline Village – is reporting a base of 36-60". All 7 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 Runs are open (18MG). (MG & SKRPP / 12F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttles run thru Incline Village. **(775) 831-1177**. www.diamondpeak.com

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 () Is reporting a Trace 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 (31MG). Terrain park open with 12 Features. (MG & SKRPP / 8F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE**. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 () – Is reporting a base of 50-101". 19 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with the Front Side, Back Side & Look Out Mountain all open. 94 trails are open (56MG) + Sawtooth Ridge open. 4 Terrain Parks open with 63 features. (MG & SKRPP / 9F / MClear / Lt Winds). Snow Tubing open (10-4) + The Village Ice Rink is open (12-9pm). Cross Country, Telemark & Snowshoe Center open (8:30-4) with 20km of groomed trails. Fireworks tonight at 9:00pm. **(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 16 trails open (MGPP). Torchlight Parade tonight. **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 33 trails - 80Km of groomed trails. (12F / PCldy / Lt Winds). **(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 89-132". 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 7 features. (MG & SKRPP / 12F /

MClear / Lt 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 have 20 trails with 14km of Groomed XC Trails open. Hosting Paco's Freestyle Race. www.AuburnSkiClub.org

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd. () – Is open a base of 89-132". 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 52 trails and 150Km of groomed XC terrain. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 () – Has a base of 40-84". 7 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 () is reporting a base of 81-170". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Jerome Hill, Judah & Mt Lincoln Express. 96 runs are open (60MG). Terrain Park open with 27 Features. (MG & SKRPP / 18F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

***Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 () – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, is open reporting a base of 64-81". 6 Lifts will operate (9-4) including the Ellis Chair, Quail Chair & Old Homewood Express. 63 runs are open (35MG). 2 Terrain Parks open with 11 Features. (MG & SKRPP / 22F / MClidy / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. www.skihomewood.com

***Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 () - Tahoe City – The Ski & Snowboard Hill is open for the Holidays with 2 Surface Lifts & 3 Runs open, Plus their XC & Snow Shoe Trails & Snow Play & Sledding hill are open. (530) 581-7533. www.granlibakken.com

***Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area** - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 () – is open (8:30-5) on a base of 60". 20 trails = 40Km of Groomed 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 is open. They will operate thru Holiday weeks and Fri-Mon thru March 31.

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 () – is reporting a base of 75-100". 12 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Roundhouse, Summit Six & Sherwood. 90 Runs are open (22 MG) plus 3 Parks open with 16 Terrain Park features. (MG & SKRPP / 10F / PClidy / Lt Winds) The Free Squaw / Alpine Express Shuttle is operating. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 () is reporting a base of 63-121". 27 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 14 Lifts from the bottom including Red Dog & KT22; Plus, the Aerial Tram & Funitel. 13 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain including Shirley Lake, Granite Chief & Silverado. 160 runs are open, plus 2 Parks are open with 15 Features. (MG & SKRPP / 11F / PClidy / Lt Winds). Snow Tubing, Mini Snowmobiles, Ice Skating open 11-7pm. Night Skiing from Tram open till 8pm. (530) 452-4335. www.squaw.com
And, for XC Skiing or Snow Shoeing & Ice Skating, **The Resort at Squaw Creek** has 18Km of 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 11-12.5 ft. Entire Mtn to open with 24 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with 13 Lifts out of the Main Lodge, 8 Lifts out of Canyon Lodge & 3 Lifts from Eagle Lodge. 159 Trails are accessible (99MG) + 8 Terrain Parks with 41 features & Two ½ Pipes open (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 11F / PClidy / Lt 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 on a base of 55". 4 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 9 Trails open (8MG) (MGPP). Snow tubing Hill is open. XC Center is also open with 70 miles of trails. (209) 372-1000 #5. www.yosemitepark.com/DailySnowReport.aspx

***Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 () – Is reporting a base of 43-54". 12 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 65 Runs open (47MG). 5 Terrain Parks open with 20 features. (MG & SKRPP / 19F / MClear / Lt Winds) (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 () – Reports a base of 79". 7 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 57 trails open plus Cub Terrain Park. (MG & SKRPP / 13F / MClear / Lt Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2. www.bearvalley.com

***Bear Valley XC** – is open on a base of 48-60". 25 Trails = 38Km of groomed trails are accessible for XC & Snow Shoeing. Plus Sledding & Tubing Hill open (9-4). (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalleyxc.com

So, there you have it, One Road Restrictions remains, Hwy 89 Closed between Emerald Bay & DL Bliss State Park. 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 and Great & Safe New Years Eve Celebration... It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's your Mtn. Resort Report.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

FOR CURRENT ROAD INFORMATION CALL:

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Special Events and Promotions:

Heavenly Village

Ring in the New Year with Heavenly during Heavenly's New Year's Eve celebration. Come for an evening packed with world-class entertainment, interactive games, fireworks show, and the world's only "Gondola Ball Drop." Entertainment includes music from the LA Allstars, an ice sculpting performance by Fear No Ice, Fire Groove fire dancers. Throughout the Village there will be ice sculptures, a photo booth, snowboard simulator and face painting.

Festivities begin at 6:00pm and the Gondola Ball Drop will be timed to East Coast New Year's at 9:00pm followed by the fireworks show. The party continues into the night at one of the many casino nightclub parties.

Kirkwood Mountain Resort

Celebrating 40th Year, New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.

Torchlight Parade, Fireworks, Fire Dancers & Aerial Performers, DJ @ NYE Party

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe

NYE – Torchlight Parade & Fireworks, 4:00pm-6:00pm, Winters Creek Lodge on Slide Side

Northstar California

NYE Celebration: DJ (12-3pm) & Live Music (7:00-9:00pm)

Fireworks @ 9:00pm

Tahoe Donner

NYE Torchlight Parade, Dec. 31. Sign Up 4:30pm. Torchlight Parade 6:15pm

Sugar Bowl

Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides Dec. 28 – Jan 3. Out of The Village, 3:00-9:00pm

Alpine Meadows

Ski with Jonny Moseley, Dec. 28-31, Summit Six Lift, 9:00am.

NYE Apres Ski Party with Live Music, Dec. 31, 2:00-5:00pm

Squaw Valley USA

Ski with Jonny Moseley, Dec. 28-31, Gold Coast Station, 2:00pm

Dawn Patrol, Dec. 28-30, Tram Bldg. 7:30am

NYE Celebration, Dec. 31, Fireworks Show 9:00pm then Party at Olympic House

Mammoth Mountain

NYE Prom, Dec. 31, Canyon Lodge, 9:00pm-1:30am

Bear Valley

NYE Celebration, Dec 31, Bear Valley Lodge. Live Music - 8:00-12:00pm

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.
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