

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Wednesday, December 5, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Hump Day, Wednesday, December 5th. A Winter Weather Advisory is in affect for elevations above 6500 feet thru 10am this morning. Expect Cloudy Skies with rain and snow. Snow level 6500 to 7000 feet in the morning then rising to 8000 feet. Snow accumulation of 3 to 8 inches predicted above 7000 feet. Temperatures will be in low 40's on the Slopes. Expect Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph and Ridge Top gusts up to 65 mph. So, Lifts will operate Wind & Weather Permitting. Dress in layers with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket... Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; also, wear Good Goggles. Surface conditions are Variable but primarily Machine Groomed Wet Packed Snow, Skier/Rider Packed Snow & Powder in the highest elevations. 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 reporting a base of 36-50". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. Call Ahead. Access to the mountain is from the Heavenly Village Gondola with Tamarack Express, Dipper Express & Comet Express operating on the upper NV side. 19 Trails are accessible, including Milky Way Bowl & Aries Woods for Tree skiing; Plus 14 Terrain Park Features are on the Mtn. (MG Snow, SKRPkd Snow / 37F / Mixed Precip / Mod Winds). Unbuckle Apres Ski Party at Tamarack Lodge 3:30-5:30pm.

1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Is open, reporting 2" of new on a base of 14-59". 5 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the front side with Nob Hill & Grandview Express to the top-WWP; Plus, EZ Rider, & 2 Surface Lifts. 25 Trails are to open (20MG) with New Terrain Park Features on Snowshoe and on Broadway. (MG Snow, SKRPP, Powder/ 39F / Snow-Rain / Lt Winds). **(530) 659-7475.** 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

Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center - 14655 Hwy 89 /88 () – at Pickett's Junction, is open on weekend on a base of 6-12". The Yurt is open from 10-4pm with XC & Snow Shoe Rentals. 10km of Skier Packed trails are accessible. **(530) 694-2266.** www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com

Kirkwood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 88 (R1) – is open, reporting 3.5" of new on a base of 38-48". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, out of the Mtn. Village. Chair #1, Chair #5 & #11; Plus, Chair #6 & Chair #10 to the top of the front side-WWP. 29 Trails (13MG) & 3 Bowls are to open. (Powder, MG & SKRPkd Snow / 29F / Mixed Precip & Mod-Strong Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open with 10km of groomed track in the meadow. **(877) KIRKWOOD.** www.kirkwood.com

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

Spooner Lake Cross Country – at the Junction of Highway 28/50 () - 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 () - in Incline Village – is scheduled to open December 13, conditions permitting. They report a snow depth base of 6- 18". **(775) 831-1177.** www.diamondpeak.com

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) Is open reporting 3-9" of new on a base of 38-71". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with Ponderosa & the NW Magnum 6 to the top of the Rose Side; Plus Blazing Zephyr schedule to open at 8:30 on the Slide Side. 39 trails are open (22MG). (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 33F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE.** www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar California - On Hwy 267 () – Is open reporting 5" of new on a base of 18-60". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with the Arrow Express & the Comstock Express the top of the front side_WWP. 29 trails are open (22MG) + Terrain Park has been rebuilt with 18 features. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 31F / Snow-Rain / Lt-Mod Winds). The Village Ice Rink scheduled to open (12-9pm). **(530) 562-1330.** www.northstarcalifornia.com

Tahoe Donner Ski Area - 11603 Snowpeak Way () Truckee – Is scheduled to open Dec 7, conditions permitting. **Tahoe Donner XC** – will open when conditions permit. **(530) 587-9484.** www.skitaheodonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 () – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is reporting 6" of new on a base of 29-41". 2 Lifts are scheduled to operate with The Castle Peak Quad & Accelerator Express to the top (9am-9pm)-WWP. 6 runs are open with 11 Terrain Park features. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 39F / Rain-Snow & Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd. () – will open when conditions permit. Great Family area offering skiing, boarding, snow tubing and more. **(530)426-3901** www.skisodasprings.com

Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort – Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd () in Soda Springs, is now owned and operated by Sugar Bowl. XC Snowshoeing Season Passes are available for \$299. Will open when conditions permit (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 () – Needs 6” more inches of snow to open and will open this weekend with 2 Lifts if they get it... (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd () – Will Re-Open this Thursday thru Sunday, Dec 6-9. They Have a base of 18-80”. /// Previous Report: Mtn. Access is from the Gondola with 4 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4); Nob Hill, Disney, Christmas Tree & Mt. Lincoln Express to the top for top to bottom skiing & riding. 25 runs open (22MG). (MG MM PP / 37F / Cldy & Lt-Mod 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 planning to open on Dec. 14, conditions permitting. (530) 525-2900. www.skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 () - Tahoe City – The Ski & Snowboard Hill will open when conditions permit and scheduling Dec. 16 as opening. (530) 581-7533 www.granlibakken.com

Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 () – Will open when conditions permit. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 () – is Getting ready to Open this Friday, December 7, conditions permitting. They received 8-35” of new from the storm and have a base of 18-43”. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 () is open reporting 4” of new on a base of 4-52”. 14 Lifts are Scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 5 Lifts from the bottom, including the Aerial Tram & the Funitel; Plus, 3 Surface Lifts. 9 Lifts are scheduled for the Upper Mountain, including Shirley Lake, Siberia & Granite Chief -WWP. 28 Runs are open. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 39F / Rain-Snow & Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 452-4335. 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

Central Sierra Resorts

Mammoth Mountain - off Hwy 395 () – Is open with a base of 60-70”. 15 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP with 13 Lifts out of the Main Lodge including the Lower & Upper Panorama Gondola & 2 Lifts out of Canyon Lodge. 95 Trails are opened (44MG) + 5 Terrain Parks with 33 features. (MG & SKR PP / 35F / Cldy & Mod Winds). Planning to have the entire mountain open on Dec. 7. (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 () – Scheduled to open on Dec 14, or as conditions permit. They picked up 8” of new snow.

Dodge Ridge - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 () – Is schedule to open in early December, conditions permit. They received 12” of new. (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 () - Will open December 21, or when conditions permit. They report 29” of new from this storm. (209) 753-2301 #2. www.bearvalley.com

Bear Valley XC – will re open on Dec. 8. (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalleyxc.com

So, there you have it, There are some road controls this morning. Call 5-11 for updates on Roads. For updates on this Reports, Please visit my Website at BikeandSkiTahoe.Com. Have and a Safe Day on the Mountain... It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's your Mtn. Resort Report.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

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