

# Mountain Resort Report©

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

Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Friday, December 7th. Shaping up to be a Great Day to get some turns in... Expect Mostly Sunny to Partly Cloudy Skies with temperature in to the mid 40's on the slope and Light Winds. Possible Ridge Gusts up to 50mph in the afternoon. Dress in layers with a Jacket... Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles. Don't forget the Sunscreen... Surface conditions are Variable but primarily Machine Groomed Snow & Skier/Rider Firm Packed Snow with Packed Powder on upper 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". 10 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Access to the mountain is from the Heavenly Village Gondola with Tamarack, Dipper & Comet Express operating on the upper NV side. And, today opening Canyon Express on Upper CA side accessible from the Gondola with 5 more trails to open. 32 Trails are accessible; Plus 13 Terrain Park Features on CA Trail. Sky Express will operate ONLY for return access back to NV side & Gondola. (MG Snow & PP / 24F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). Unbuckle Apres Ski Party at Tamarack Lodge 3:30-5:30pm.

1-800-HEAVENLY. [www.skiheavenly.com](http://www.skiheavenly.com)

**Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Is open, reporting a base of 14-60". 6 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the front side with EZ Rider, Nob Hill & Grandview Express to the top; Plus, 2 Surface Lifts. Plus, Backside opens today with Short Stuff. 32 Trails are open (21MG) with Terrain Park Features on Snowshoe and on Broadway. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 32F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 659-7475. [www.sierraattahoe.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com)

**Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 () – is open, reporting a base of 38-48". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) out of the Mtn. Village. Chair #1, Chair #5 & #11; Plus, Chair #6 & Chair #10 to the top of the front side. 39 Trails (16MG) & 3 Bowls are to open. (MG & SKRPP / 28F / PCldy & Lt Winds). Kirkwood to open Entire Mountain on Saturday with all 11 Lifts, including Timber Creek Base & The Backside. **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open for retail (trails Closed). (877) KIRKWOOD. [www.kirkwood.com](http://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](http://www.diamondpeak.com)

**Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 () Is open reporting a base of 36-71". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Ponderosa Lift & the NW Magnum 6 to the top of the Rose Side; Plus Blazing Zephyr schedule to open at 8:30 on the Slide Side. 37 trails are open (27MG). (MG & SKRPkd Snow & FP / 29F / MClear / Lt Winds). (800) SKI ROSE. [www.mtrose.com](http://www.mtrose.com)

## Truckee Area Resorts

**Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 () – Is open reporting a base of 18-60". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with the Arrow Express & the Comstock Express the top of the front side and Today, Zephyr Express will open with 4 more trails. 34 trails are open (26MG) + Terrain Park has been rebuilt with 22 features. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 26F / MClear / Lt Winds). The Village Ice Rink scheduled to open (12-9pm). (530) 562-1330. [www.northstarcalifornia.com](http://www.northstarcalifornia.com)

**Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Snowpeak Way () Truckee – Is waiting on more snow to open. **Tahoe Donner XC** – will open when conditions permit. (530) 587-9484. [www.skitahtoedonner.com](http://www.skitahtoedonner.com)

## Donner Summit Resorts

**Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 () – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is reporting a base of 29-41". 4 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate with The Nugget Chair & Kids Carpet (9-4) & the Castle Peak Quad & Accelerator Express to the top (9am-9pm). 22 runs are open with 17 Terrain Park features. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 33F / MClear & Lt Winds). Play Land Tubing Park open from 10-4pm. (530) 426-3666 #1. [www.rideboreal.com](http://www.rideboreal.com)

**Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd. () – Has Scheduled Dec 14 as Opening Day and plans to have Tube Town, Planet Kids and Lift access for skiing & boarding. (530)426-3901 [www.skisodasprings.com](http://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](http://www.royalgorge.com)

**Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 () – Needs 6” more inches of snow to open... (530) 426-3635. [www.donnerranch.com](http://www.donnerranch.com)

**Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd () – Is open thru Sunday. They report a base of 18-80”. Access to the mountain 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. 31 runs are open (23MG). Plus a Terrain Park with 8 Features. (MG FP Snow / 32F / MClear & Lt Winds). (530) 426-1111. [www.sugarbowl.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.tahoexc.org)

**Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 () – is Open today. They report a base of 19-46”. 6 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Roundhouse, Summit Six & Alpine Bowl. 12 Trails open (7MG) plus 12 terrain features (MG Snow / 32F / PCldy / Lt Winds) The Squaw / Alpine Free Shuttle will operate so you go back & forth. (530) 581-8374. [www.skialpine.com](http://www.skialpine.com)

**Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 () is open reporting a base of 4-60”. 14 Lifts are Scheduled to operate (9-4) 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 now open. 28 Runs are open. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 26F / MClear & Lt Winds). (530) 452-4335. [www.squaw.com](http://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](http://www.visitsquawcreek.com)

#### Central Sierra Resorts

**Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 () – Is opening the Entire Mtn today, reporting a base of 54-78”. 23 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with 13 Lifts out of the Main Lodge, 8 Lifts out of Canyon Lodge & 2 Lift from Eagle Lodge. 153 Trails are opened (70MG) + 5 Terrain Parks with 33 features. (MG & SKR PP / 30F / Clear & Lt Winds). (888) 766-9778. [www.mammothmountain.com](http://www.mammothmountain.com)

**June Mountain** – June Lakes Loop () Will be closed this winter. (760) 934-2224. [www.junemountain.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.bearvalley.com)

**Bear Valley XC** – will re open on Dec. 8. (209) 753-2834. [www.bearvalleyxc.com](http://www.bearvalleyxc.com)

So, there you have it, All Roadways & Mtn Passes around Tahoe are open. Call 5-11 for updates on Roads. For updates on this Reports, Please visit my Website at [BikeandSkiTahoe.Com](http://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](http://www.bikeandskitahoe.com)

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See you on the Slopes...

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