

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Saturday, December 8, 2012 - As of 7:30am
Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Saturday, December 8th. Shaping up to be a Great Day to enjoy early season skiing & riding... Expect Partly Cloudy Skies with temperature in to the low 40's on the slope and Light Winds. 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 26-48". 10 Lifts & Tows scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with Access to the mountain is from the Heavenly Village Gondola with Tamarack, D & Comet Express operating on the upper NV side. And, Canyon Express on Upper CA side accessible from the Gondola. 32 Trails are accessible; Plus 13 Terrain Park Features on CA Trail. Sky Express will operate ONLY for r access back to NV side & Gondola. (MG Snow & PP / 26F / MClear / Lt Winds). Don't miss the Winter Ignite Concert 1:30pm followed by the Unbuckle Apres Ski Party with the Heavenly Angles at Tamarack Lodge 3:30-5:30pm. **1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com**

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Is open, reporting a base of 12-56". 8 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with EZ Rider, Nob Hill, Rock Garden & Grandview Express to the top; Plus, 3 Surface Lifts. Plus, Backside open with Short Stuff. 32 Trails are open (22MG) with 2 Terrain Parks on the mountain. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 33 MClear / Lt Winds). The Snowplay Area is open. **(530) 659-7475. www.sierraattahoe.com**

Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center - on Emerald Bay Road () – will open for cross-country and snow shoe when conditions permit. **(530) 542-6584. www.camprichardson.com**

***Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center** - 14655 Hwy 89 /88 () – at Pickett's Junction, The Yurt is open on weekend from 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 () – is opening the entire mountain, reporting a base of 38-48". 10 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4) with 5 Lifts out of the Mtn. Village including Chair #6 & Chair #10: Chairs #2, #3 & #4 to Back Side & 2 Lifts at the Timber Creek Base open. 84 Trails (45MG) & All the Bowls including Thunder Saddle open (MG & SKRPP / 28F / MClear & Lt Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open. **(877) KIRKWOOD. www.kirkwood.com**

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

Spoooner Lake Cross Country – at the Junction of Highway 28/50 () - at Spooner Lake State Park. After 27 years & 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 () Is open reporting a base of 35-70". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (with the Ponderosa Lift & the NW Magnum 6 to the top of the Rose Side; Plus Blazing Zephyr schedule to open at on the Slide Side. 37 trails are open (31MG) + 4 Terrain Park features. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 31F / MClear / Lt-M Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 () – Is open reporting a base of 18-57". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30 with the Arrow Express & the Comstock Express the top of the front side and Zephyr Express open. 33 trails are open (27MG) + Terrain Park open with 22 features. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 28F / MClear / Lt 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 waiting on more snow to open. **Tahoe Donner XC** will open when conditions permit. (530) 587-9484. www.skitahtoe.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 scheduled to operate with The Nugget Chair & Kids Carpet (9-4) & the Castle Peak Quad & Accelerator Express to top (9am-9pm). 22 runs are open with Mini Shred Park open with 17 features. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 30F / MClear Winds). Play Land Tubing Park open from 10-4pm. (530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com /// the adjacent **Aut Ski Club Training Center** has 4km of Groomed XC Trails.

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd. () – Has Scheduled Dec 14 as Opening Day and pl have Tube Town, Planet Kids and Lift access for skiing & boarding. (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) 43871. www.royalgorge.com

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 () –is open this weekend for limited Skiing & Riding. (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd () – Has decided to open for the season. 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, Chris Tree & Mt. Lincoln Express to the top for top to bottom skiing & riding. 45 runs are open (24MG). Plus a Terrain Park with 8 Features. (MG Snow / 32F / 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 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) 5475. 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 (10MG) plus 12 terrain features & PP / 32F / PCldy / Lt Winds) The Squaw / Alpine Free Shuttle will operate so you go back & forth. (530) 581-837. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 () is open reporting a base of 4-59". 15 Lifts are Scheduled to operate (9-4) with 5 L from the bottom, including the Aerial Tram & the Funitel; Plus, 3 Surface Lifts; 10 Lifts are scheduled for the Upper Mountain, including Shirley Lake, Siberia & Granite Chief now open. 28 Runs are open + 13 Terrain Park Features & SKR Pkd Snow / 28F / MClear & Lt 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 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 L 156 Trails are opened (83MG) + 5 Terrain Parks with 33 features. (MG & SKR PP / 29F / Clear & Lt Winds). (888) 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 scheduled 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 r

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, 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. 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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See you on the Slopes...

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