

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Monday, December 10, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Monday, December 10th. Shaping up to be another Beautiful Day to enjoy early season skiing & riding. Expect Mostly Sunny Skies with temperature in to the mid 40's on the slope and Light Winds. There's more weather coming thru this week, with the forecast for Snow Wednesday & Thursday. For today, Dress in layers with your 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 & 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". 11 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Access to the mountain from the Heavenly Village Gondola with Tamarack, Dipper & Comet Express; Plus adding Olympic Express, operating on the NV side. And, Canyon Express on Upper CA side accessible from the Gondola. 35 Trails are accessible; Plus 13 Terrain Park Features on CA Trail. Sky Express will operate for return access back to NV side & Gondola. (MG & SKR FP Snow / 28F / MClear / Lt Winds). Don't miss the 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 a base of 11-53". 6 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with EZ Rider, Nob Hill & Grandview Express to the top; Plus, 2 Surface Lifts. Plus, Backside open with Short Stuff. 28 Trails are open (22MG) with 3 Terrain Parks on the mountain. (MG & SKR FP Snow / 36F / Clear / Lt Winds).

Hosting CANucopia Food Drive for El Dorado Food Bank – Donate cans of non-parishable food items. **(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, The Yurt is open on weekend 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 () – has opened the entire mountain, reporting a base of 38-48". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 5 Lifts out of the Mtn. Village including Chair #6 & Chair #10: Chairs #2, #3 & #4 to the Back Side & 2 Lifts Turning at the Timber Creek Base open. 81 Trails (39MG) & All the Bowls including Thunder Saddle open. (MG & SKR FP Snow / 26F / Clear & Lt Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open with 10km of groomed XC trails 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 – has pushed back their scheduled to opening to week of Dec 17-21st. conditions permitting. **(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 (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. 38 trails are open (22MG) + Ponderosa Park with 4 features. (MG & SKR FP Snow / 35F / MClear / Lt Winds). Santa Ski Crawl Dec. 15. **(800) SKI ROSE.** www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 () – Is open reporting a base of 18-57". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with the Arrow Express & the Comstock Express the top of the front side and Zephyr Express open. 34 trails are open (26MG) + Pinball Terrain Park open with 26 features. (MG & SKRFPkd Snow / 31F / 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.skitahtoedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 () – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is reporting a base of 29-41". 2 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-9pm) with the Castle Peak Quad & Accelerator Express. 22 runs are open with Mini Shred Park open with 17 features. (MG & SKR FP Snow / 30F / MClear & Lt Winds). (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 12". has 4km of Groomed XC Trails open.

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

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 () –is open weekends for Skiing & Riding with Chairs #1 & #2 28 Trails open (MG FP Snow / 25F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd () – is open and report a base of 18-80". Access to the mountain is from the Gondola with 5 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4); Nob Hill, Disney, Christmas Tree & Mt. Lincoln Express to the top. 45 runs are open (29MG). Plus a Terrain Park with 8 Features. (MG SKR FP Snow / 34F / 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) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 () – is reporting a base of 18-46". 5 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Roundhouse, Summit Six & Alpine Bowl. 12 Trails open (10MG) plus 12 terrain features (MG & SKR FP Snow / 34F / PCldy / Lt Winds) The Squaw / Alpine Free Shuttle is operating so you go back & forth. (530) 581-8374. 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 6 Lifts from the bottom, including the Aerial Tram, the Funitel & Red Dog; Plus, 3 Surface Lifts; 9 Lifts are scheduled for the Upper Mountain, including Shirley Lake, Siberia & Granite Chief now open. 30 Runs are open + 13 Terrain Park Features. (MG & SKR FP Snow / 26F / 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 () – Entire Mtn is open, 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. 156 Trails are opened (80MG) + 7 Terrain Parks with 41 features. (MG & SKR PP / 32F / MClear & Lt-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 () – 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 – is open weekends with a 4-8" base. 5-10Km of groomed trails are accessible. (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalleyxc.com

So, there you have it, All Roadways & Mtn Passes around Tahoe are open. Buckle Up and Drive Safely. 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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