

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, January 3, 2013 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your, Thursday, January 3rd. Shaping up to be another beautiful day to enjoy the great mid winter conditions. Expect Mostly Clear & Sunny Skies and Temperatures warming up a bit in to the Mid 30's on the Slopes with Light Winds. Dress warm... with your Good 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. Ski & Ride with Care! 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 base of 42-72". 28 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. 96 Trails are accessible (47MG); Plus 2 Terrain Parks open with 36 Features. Sledding & Tubing Hill is open at top of Gondola. (MG & SKRPP / 22F / Clear / Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttles buses running to all base facilities. Unbuckle Apres Ski Party at Tamarack Lodge (3:30-5:30pm). (Hwy 207) **1-800-HEAVENLY**. www.skiheavenly.com

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Is reporting a base of 58-98". All 14 Lifts & Tows scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with the Front Side; Backside & The West Bowl open. 46 Trails are open (35MG). 5 Terrain Parks are open including the Alley. (MG & SKRPP / 37F / Clear / Lt Winds). Tubing Hill & Snow Play Area are open. Complimentary Shuttles buses run from So. Shore. **(530) 659-7475**. www.sierraattahoe.com

Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center - on Hwy 89/Emerald Bay Road () – is open daily (9-4) with about 15km of XC & Snowshoe 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 30-50". 50 Miles of Marked & Skier Packed Trails are accessible with 10 mile of groomed. No Fees to XC or Snowshoe in Hope Valley and they Accept Donations. **(530) 694-2266**. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com

Kirkwood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 88 () – is reporting a base of 77-96". 11 Lifts & Tows 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. 72 Trails are open (52MG), including All Bowls to open & 2 Terrain Parks Open (MG & SKRPP / 29F / Clear / Lt Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open with 80km 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". 6 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Crystal Express Quad to the top. 29 Runs are open (15MG). (MG & SKRPP / 28F / MClear / 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 base of 74-128". All 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) 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 (27MG). Terrain park open with 14 Features. (MG & SKRPP / 34F / Clear / Lt Winds). Friday Night Lights Rail Jam @ 4:30pm. **(800) SKI ROSE**. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar California - On Hwy 267 () – Is reporting a base of 47-95". 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 (48MG) + Sawtooth Ridge & Lookout Glade open. 6 Terrain Parks open with 68 features. (MG & SKRPP / 31F / Clear / 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. **(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). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 35 trails - 60Km of groomed trails. (15F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(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 89-132". 7 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate starting at 9am including Lost Dutchman (10-3:30) on the backside & the Castle Peak Quad & Accelerator Express Quad turning till 9pm. 36 runs are open (13MG). 3 Terrain Parks open with 26 features. (MG & SKRPP / 28F / Clear / 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. 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 61 trails and 173Km 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). Old School Pricing with \$30 Lift Tickets. 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 75-150". 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Jerome Hill, Mt Judah & Mt Lincoln Express. 96 runs are open (61MG). Terrain Park open with 38 Features. (MG & SKRPP / 23F / 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 54-79". 6 Lifts will operate (9-4) including the Ellis Chair, Quail Chair & Old Homewood Express. 63 runs are open (36MG). 2 Terrain Parks open with 11 Features. (MG & SKRPP / 14F / MClear / 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". 21 Trails = 57 KM Groomed trails are open with 3 warming huts & 3 dog friendly trails. **(530) 583-5475**. www.tahoexc.org. And, in Tahoe City, the new **Tahoe City Winter Sports Park** at the Tahoe City Golf Course is open with 3 KM 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 72-97". 12 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Roundhouse, Summit Six & Sherwood. 99 Runs are open (26 MG) plus 4 Terrain Parks open with 44 features. (MG & SKRPP / 13F / MClear / 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 63-120". 26 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 13 Lifts from the bottom including Red Dog & KT22; Plus, the Aerial Tram & Funitel. 13 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain including Shirley Lake, Silverado & Broken Arrow. 160 runs are open (37MG), plus 4 Parks are open with 41 Features. (MG & SKRPP / 13F / MClear / Lt Winds). Snow Tubing, Mini Snowmobiles, Ice Skating open 11-4pm. **(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 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. 160 Trails are accessible (100MG) + 8 Terrain Parks with 87 features & Two ½ Pipes open (MG & SKRPP / 23F / Clear / 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 (5MG) (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 41-48". 12 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 65 Runs open (43MG). 5 Terrain Parks open with 23 features. (MG & SKRPP / 21F / Clear / Lt Winds) **(209) 536-5300**. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 () – Reports a base of 78". 7 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 75 trails open (24MG) plus 2 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 29F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(209) 753-2301 #2**. www.bearvalley.com

Bear Valley XC – is open on a base of 36-48". 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, All Roadways around Tahoe are open and free of controls. Buckle up & drive Safely. 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 ... It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's your Mtn. Resort Report.

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Special Events and Promotions:

Heavenly Mtn Resort
Unbuckle Apres Ski Party at Tamarack Lodge, 3:30-5:30pm

Sierra at Tahoe
Thursday Jan 3
Vendor Village on Java Deck with Pro Riders from 686 Team & Rock Star Energy
Friday Jan 4
Hosting Snowjam Slopestyle Rail Jam.

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

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.
Rent Equipment the night before at no additional charge. Rent 3 days & 4th day is FREE.

For Information and Lodging on the Lake Tahoe's South Shore please visit:
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See you on the Slopes...
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