Mountain Resort Report®

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" - Thursday, February 21, 2013 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Thursday, February 21st. Shaping up to be a Great Day for President's Week Holiday Skiing & Riding. Expect Mostly Cloudy Skies with Scattered Snow Showers tapering off during the day. Temperatures will be in to the low 30's on the Slopes with Light Winds. Dress, warm in layers, with your insulated Jacket... Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; also, wear Good Goggles. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed & Skier/Rider Packed Powder, with some areas of Firm Packed Snow. Ski & Ride with Care! Keep an Eye out for Marked & Unmarked Obstacles. Ski & Ride with a Buddy & Stay In Bounds and on Opened Runs & Terrain Only.

South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

*Heavenly Mountain Resort - South Lake Tahoe CA/NV – Checks in with 2" of new on 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. 14 Lifts scheduled in CA & 14 Lifts in NV. 95 Trails are accessible (46MG); Plus 3 Terrain Parks open with 70 Features including Half Pipe open. Sledding & Snow Tubing offered at Adventure Peak at top of Gondola. (MG & SKRPP / 15F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttles buses running to all base facilities. (Hwy 207: R1) 1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com

*Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 (R2) – Is reporting 4" of new on a base of 33-94". 11 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with the Grandview Express to the top of Front Side; the Backside & The West Bowl open. 45 Trails are open (33MG) + 5 Terrain Parks are open with over 50 Features including Boarder Cross & Super Pipe. (MG & SKR PP / 20F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttles buses run from So. Shore. (530) 659-7475. www.sierraattahoe.com

*Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center - on Hwy 89/Emerald Bay Road (R2: EmBay-DL Bliss) – is open (9-4) with 10km of Groomed 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 18-36". They have 20 miles of groomed Trails and 20 Miles of Marked & Skier/ Snowshoe Packed Trails accessible. 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 86-106". All 12 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) Entire Mtn. to open with 5 Lifts out of the Mtn. Village including Chairs #6 & Chair #10; All Lifts scheduled for the Backside & 2 Lifts will turn at the Timber Creek Base. 72 Trails are open (41MG), Plus, All Bowls & 3 Terrain Parks are open (MG & SKRPP / 16F / Lt Snow / Lt-Mod Winds). Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center is open with 72km of groomed XC trails. (877) KIRKWOOD. www.kirkwood.com

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

Spooner Lake Cross Country - at the Junction of Highway 28/50 () is Closed this year.

*Diamond Peak - Hwy 28 () - in Incline Village – is reporting 1" of new on a base of 24-48". 6 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) including Crystal Express Quad to the top. 25 Runs are open (20MG) Plus Terrain Park open. (MG & SKR PP / 18F / Flurries / Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttles run thru Incline Village. (775) 831-1177). www.diamondpeak.com

*Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) Is reporting 1" of new on a base of 52-105". 5 Lifts & Tow are scheduled to operate (9-4)- with the NW Magnum 6 & The Blazing Zephyr scheduled to the top of both sides. 41 Trails are open (35MG) + The Chuter Lift & All the Chutes Gates remain Closed today. 3 Terrain park are open with 19 Features. (MG & SKR PP / 16F / PCldy / Lt Winds). (800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

*Northstar California - On Hwy 267 () – Is reporting 1" of new on a base of 36-82". 20 Lifts & Tows will operate (8:30-4) with the Front Side, Back Side & Look Out Mountain all open. 93 trails are open (63MG). 7 Terrain Parks are open with 152 features. (MG & SKRPP / 19F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Snow Tubing open (12-4) + The Village Ice Rink is open (12-9pm). Cross Country, Telemark & Snowshoe Center open (8:30-4) with 35km 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 will operate (9-4) with 17 trails including the Bite Size & Mini Size Terrain Parks open (MGPP). Tahoe Donner XC – is open (8:30-5) with 49 trails = Offering 95Km of groomed XC Terrain available. (21F / PCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 587-9484. www.skitahoedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

*Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 () – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is reporting 1" of new on a base of 103-149". 7 Lifts & Tows will operate starting at 9am, with Accelerator Express Quad to the top of on the Front Side & Lost Dutchman turning on Back Side. 2 Lifts will turn till 9pm for Night Skiing & Riding. 36 runs are open (13MG). 3 Terrain Parks open with 53 features including Boarder Cross (Super Pipe Closed). (MG & SKR PP / 21F / MCldy / 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 (8:30-4:30pm) on a base of 42". They have 18 trails accessible with 16km of

Groomed XC Trails open. www.AuburnSkiClub.org

*Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd. () – Is open this week (10-4), reporting 1" of new on a base of 102-143". 2 Lifts will operate with 16 runs open (MG PP); 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 72 trails, 31 are Groomed offering 94Km of groomed XC terrain accessible. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com

*Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 () – Has a base of 30-84". 7 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with both Front & Back sides open. 52 runs are open (MG & SKR PP). The Tubing Hill open (10-4). **(530) 426-3635.** www.donnerskiranch.com

*Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd () is reporting 1" of new on a base of 71-133". 9 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Jerome Hill, Mt Judah & Mt Lincoln Express. 92 runs are open (58MG). Switching Yard Terrain Parks open with over 40 Features. (MG & SKR PP / 18F / PCldy / 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 reporting 1" of new on a base of 41-68". 6 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with Entire Mtn Open with 64 runs (36MG). 4 Terrain Parks open with 29 Features. (MG & SKR PP/ 19F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. www.skihomewood.com

*Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 () - Tahoe City – The Ski & Snowboard Hill is open thru out this week 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) with a base of 36". Grooming out 20 Trails to offer 42 KM of Groomed Terrain with 3 Warming Huts. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org. And, at Tahoe City Golf Course, the new Tahoe City Winter Sports Park is open this week (10-5) with 3 KM of XC / Snow Shoe trails & the Sledding Hill is open.

*Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 () – is reporting a base of 58-87". 12 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Summit Six to the top of the front side & Sherwood turning on the backside. 64 Trails are accessible (29MG) plus 6 Terrain Parks open with 86 features. (MG & SKR PP / 14F / Cldy / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 581-8374.

www.skialpine.com

*Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 () is reporting a base of 26-97". 23 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 12 Lifts from the bottom including Red Dog & KT22; Plus, the Funitel & Aerial Tram (9-4pm). 11 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain including Shirley Lake, Siberia & Granite Chief. 77 runs are open (36MG), plus, 6 Terrain Parks are open with 52 Features. (MG & SKR PP / 12F / Cldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Snow Tubing, Mini Snowmobiles & Ice Skating open from, 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 8-16 ft. Entire Mtn to open. 23 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with 12 Lifts out of the Main Lodge, 8 Lifts out of Canyon Lodge & 3 Lifts from Eagle Lodge. 159 Trails are accessible (101MG) + 8 Terrain Parks with 108 features & 3 Half Pipes open (MG & SKR PP/ 12F / Lt Snow / 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 () – is open on a base of 30-36". 4 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 10 Trails open (5MG) (MG & SKR PP / 21F / MCldy / Lt Winds). 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 25-41". 8 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 66 Runs open (33MG). 3 Terrain Parks open with 19 features. (MG & SKR PP / 23F / PCldy / Lt Winds). 2 Miles of Nordic Track open. (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

*Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 () –a base of 65". 6 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 75 trails open (23MG) plus 2 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR PP / 16F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2. www.bearvalley.com
*Bear Valley XC – is open on a base of 36". 32 Trails = 44Km of groomed XC trails are accessible. Plus Sledding & Tubing Hill open (9-4). (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalleyxc.com

So, there you have it! There are some Road Restrictions Posted... For updates on Roads Dial 5-11. For updates on this report 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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