

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, February 28, 2013 - As of 7:30am
Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Thursday, February 28th. Shaping up to be a Great Day to Enjoy the Slopes... Expect Mostly Sunny to Partly Cloudy Skies with Temperatures in to the mid 40's on the Slopes with Light Winds. Dress in layers, with your Jacket or Shell... Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles. And, don't forget to use Sunscreen and stay Hydrated. Surface conditions are Variable with Machine Groomed & Skier/Rider Packed Snow, with areas of Firm Packed Snow, Softening. Ski & Ride with Care! Keep an Eye out for Marked & Unmarked Obstacles and 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 a base of 42-72". 26 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Mtn. Access from the Gondola, California Base; Plus, both Stagecoach & Boulder Lodges in NV. 12 Lifts are scheduled in CA & 14 Lifts in NV. 94 Trails are accessible (40MG); Plus 3 Terrain Parks open with 70 Features. Sledding & Snow Tubing offered at Adventure Peak at top of Gondola. (MG & SKRPP / 26F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). Complimentary Shuttles buses running to all base facilities. (Hwy 207) **1-800-HEAVENLY**. www.skiheavenly.com

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Is reporting a base of 34-93". 9 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with the Grandview Express to the top of Front Side; the Backside & The West Bowl open. 46 Trails are open (36MG) + 6 Terrain Parks are open with over 50 Features. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 31F / MClear / Lt Winds). Hosting the Ralstor Cup Snow Skate Event on Saturday. Snow Shoe Trails, 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 (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 12-34". They have 20 miles of groomed Trails and 20 Miles of Marked & Skier/ Snowshoe Packed Trails accessible. Hosting Annual Snow Shoe Thompson Event / Tour on Saturday. 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) Ely Mtn. is open with 5 Lifts out of the Mtn. Village including Chairs #6 & Chair #10; All Lifts scheduled for the Backside & 6 Lifts will turn at the Timber Creek Base. 72 Trails are open (40MG), Plus, All Bowls & 3 Terrain Parks are open (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 25F / Clear / Lt 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 a base of 24-48". 5 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) include Crystal Express Quad to the top. 25 Runs are open (16MG) Plus Terrain Park open. Hosting Special Olympics Celek Winterfest Corporate Race on Saturday. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 25F / Cldy / 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 51-104". 6 Lifts & Tow are scheduled to operate (9 with the both NW Magnum 6 & The Blazing Zephyr to Turn, Plus The Chuter Lift & 6 of the Chutes Gates to open. 47 Trails are to open (29MG) + 3 Terrain park are open with 19 Features. Hosting Ladies Day "Pink Chase Tahoe" (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 28F / MClear / Lt Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE**. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar California - On Hwy 267 () – Is reporting a base of 36-79". 16 Lifts & Tows will operate (8:30-4) with the Front Side, Back Side & Look Out Mountain all open. 93 trails are open (64MG). 7 Terrain Parks are open with 157 features (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 29F / Clear / Lt Winds). Hosting the TransWorld TransAM Snowboard Event on Saturday. Sn

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 (MG Snow). **Tahoe Donner XC** – open (8:30-5) with 46 trails = Offering 95Km of XC Terrain available. (30F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 587-9484. www.skitalhoedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 () – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is reporting a base of 103-149". 6 Lifts & Tows operate starting at 9am, with Accelerator Express Quad to the top of on the Front Side & Lost Dutchman turning on the Back Side. 2 Lifts will turn till 9pm for Night Skiing & Riding. 36 runs are open (13MG). 2 Terrain Parks open with 21 features including Boarder Cross & Super Pipe open. Core Terrain Park being rebuilt. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 22F / MClear / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park open from 10-4pm. (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 17 trails accessible with 141 km of Groomed XC Trails open. www.AuburnSkiClub.org

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd. () – Is open (10-4 / Thur-Mon), reporting a base of 103-149". 2 Lifts will operate with 16 runs open (MG Snow); 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 73 trails, 43 are Groomed today, offering 119Km of groomed XC terrain accessible. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.cc

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 () – Has a base of 30-85". 7 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with both Front & Back sides open. 52 runs are open (MG & SKR Pkd Snow). Old School Thursday with \$30 Lift Ticket. 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 65-129". 8 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Jerome Hill, Mt Judah & Mt Lincoln Express. 96 runs are open (53MG). Switching Yard Terrain Parks open with over 40 Features. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 25F / Clear / 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 a base of 41-68". 6 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) 64 runs are open (36MG). 4 Terrain Parks open with 29 Features. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow/ 23 MClody / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. www.skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 () - Tahoe City – The Ski & Snowboard Hill is Closed today /// open Sun with 2 Surface Lifts & 3 Runs open. /// But, 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 30". 18 Trails are open to offer 42 KM of Groomed Terrain. Hosting the Great Race on Sunday. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org And, at Tahoe City Golf Course, the new **Tahoe City Winter Sports Park** is Closed Today /// open Fri-Mon (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 54-85". 10 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Summit Six to the top of the front side & Sherwood turning on the backside. 66 Trails are accessible (30MG) plus 6 Terrain Parks open with 86 features. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 26F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 () is reporting a base of 24-95". 20 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 9 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. 82 runs are open (44MG), plus, 5 Terrain Parks are open with 53 Features. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 25F / MClear / Lt Winds). Snow Tubing, Mini Snowmobiles & Ice Skating open from 11-4pm. Hosting Snowfest Opening Ceremonies Friday Night with Fireworks. For the complete schedule of Snowfest events go to TahoeSnowFestival.com. (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 Trail 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 7.5-15.5 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. 158 Tr are accessible (94MG) + 8 Terrain Parks with 108 features & 2 Half Pipes open (MG & SKR PP / 29F / 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 (R1) – is open on a base of 30-36". 4 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) v 10 Trails open (5MG) (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 21F / MClear / 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 27-39". 8 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 64 Runs open (29MG). 3 Terrain Parks open with 20 features. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 29F / Clear / Lt Winds). Hosting Mountain Challenge Mar. 1-3, with Fireworks on Mar. 2. 2 Miles of Nordic Track open. (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 () reports a base of 64". 7 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 75 trails open (19MG) plus 2 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 29F / Clear / Lt Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2. www.bearvalley.com

Bear Valley XC – is open on a base of 36". 32 Trails = 38Km of groomed XC trails are accessible. Plus Sledding & Tubing Hill open (9-4). (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalleyxc.com

So, there you have it! All Road are open, Buckle Up in Drive Safely. 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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