

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Saturday, March 2, 2013 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Saturday, March 2nd. Expect increasing Clouds to Mostly Cloudy Skies with Temperatures warming in to the low 50's on the Slopes and Light to Moderate Winds with possible Ridge to Gusts up to 55 mph in the afternoon that may affect lifts. There's a chance of Snow coming in tonight and tomorrow. Keep your fingers Crossed for that... For today, Dress in light layers, with a 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 Corduroy & Skier/Rider Packed Snow, with areas of Firm Packed Snow, all 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". 27 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP with Mtn. Access from the Gondola, California Base; Plus, both Stagecoach & Boulder Lodges in NV. 13 Lifts are scheduled in CA & 14 Lifts in NV. 94 Trails are accessible (40MG); Plus 3 Terrain Parks open with 70 Features including Half Pipe. Sledding & Snow Tubing offered at Adventure Peak at top of Gondola. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 35F / PCldy / 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 33-92". 13 Lifts & Tows will operate (8:30-4) 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 / 36F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Hosting the 6th Annual Ralston Cup Snow Skate Event today. 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 of 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 Today (there is a fee). 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. is 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 (51MG), Plus, All Bowls & 3 Terrain Parks are open (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 34F / PCldy / Lt Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open with 72km 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 24-48". 5 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) including Crystal Express Quad to the top. 25 Runs are open (15MG) Plus Terrain Park open. Hosting Special Olympics Celebrity Winterfest Today. I'll be there to call the Play by Play. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 33F / MCclear / 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 49-102". All 7 Lifts & Tow are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the both NW Magnum 6 & The Blazing Zephyr to Turn, Plus The Chuter Lift to open. 47 Trails are to open including 6 Chutes Gates (36MG) + 3 Terrain park are open with 20 Features. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 40F / MCclear / Lt Winds). Hosting a Rail Jam & Ladies Soiree Today. **(800) SKI ROSE**. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar California - On Hwy 267 () – Is reporting a base of 34-76". 19 Lifts & Tows will operate (8:30-4) with the Front Side, Back Side & Look Out Mountain all open. 90 trails are open (59MG). 7 Terrain Parks are open with 157 features including Super Pipe. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 31F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Hosting the TransWorld Snowboarding TransAM Event today. Snow Tubing open (10-4) + 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). Hosting their Winter Beach Party today. **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 46 trails = Offering 95Km of XC Terrain available. (34F / MCldy / 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 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 including the New Core Park open. There's a total of 52 features including Boarder Cross & Super Pipe open. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 34F / 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 48". They have 16 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 (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, 51 are Groomed today, offering 139Km 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 30-85". 7 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with both Front & Back sides open. 52 runs are open (MG & SKR Pkd Snow). 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 64-127". 8 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Jerome Hill, Mt Judah & Mt Lincoln Express. 96 runs are open (58MG). Switching Yard Terrain Parks open with over 40 Features. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 37F / 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 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/ 35F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. www.skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 () - Tahoe City – The Ski & Snowboard Hill open Fri-Sun 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 30". 18 Trails are open to offer 42 KM of Groomed Terrain. Hosting the 37th Ann. Great Ski Race on Sunday. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org. And, at 2nd Location at the Tahoe City Golf Course, the new **Tahoe City Winter Sports Park** is 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 52-83". All 13 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 / 36F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 () is reporting a base of 23-94". 22 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 11 Lifts from the bottom including Red Dog & KT22; Plus, the Funitel & Aerial Tram (9-8pm). 11 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain including Shirley Lake, Siberia & Granite Chief. 84 runs are open (40MG), plus, 5 Terrain Parks are open with 53 Features including Super Pipe. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 36F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). Snow Tubing, Mini Snowmobiles & Ice Skating open from 11-7pm. (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 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 Trails are accessible (95MG) + 8 Terrain Parks with 138 features & 2 Half Pipes open (MG & SKR PP / 38F / 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 (R1) – is open on a base of 30-36". 4 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 10 Trails open (7MG) (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 28F / 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". 12 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 64 Runs open (41MG). 3 Terrain Parks open with 20 features. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 33F / MClear / Lt Winds). Hosting All Mountain Challenge Mar. 1-3, with Fireworks this Evening. 2 Miles of Nordic Track open. (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 () reports a base of 62". 7 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 75 trails open (24MG) plus 2 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 39F / Cldy / 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! The NLT Snowfest continues thru March 10. For the complete schedule events, go to www.TahoeSnowFestival.com. 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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