

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Saturday, March 16, 2013 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Saturday, March 16th. And, Spring Conditions Prevail... Expect Mostly Sunny to Partly Cloudy Skies with Temperatures warming in to the Mid 50's on the Slopes and Light to Moderate Winds. Dress in light layers with your Jacket or Shell... Take a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles. And, Don't forget the Sunscreen & Stay Hydrated on the Slopes. Surface conditions are Spring Like with Machine Groomed & Skier / Rider Firm Packed Snow, Softening by Afternoon. 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 48-78". 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 are scheduled in CA & 14 Lifts in NV. 91 Trails are accessible (52MG); Plus 3 Terrain Parks are open with 95 Features including Half Pipe. Sledding & Snow Tubing is offered at Adventure Peak at top of Gondola. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 28F / 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 31-95". 9 Lifts & Tows will operate (8:30-4) with the Grandview Express to the top of Front Side, the Back Side & The West Bowl open. 46 Trails are open (34MG). Plus, Back Country Gates are open & 6 Terrain Parks with over 50 Features including Half Pipe. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 39F / MClear / Lt Winds). Snowshoe 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 XC & Snowshoe Rentals. Their trails are closed for more snow. Don't Miss the Snowshoe Cocktail Races at the Beacon this evening. **(530) 542-6584**. www.campricharson.com

Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center - 14655 Hwy 89/88 () – at Pickett's Junction, the Yurt is open, 10-4pm, on a base of 6-24". They have 30 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 92-110". All 12 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) 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 (53MG), Plus, All Bowls & 3 Terrain Parks are open (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 35F / MClear / Lt Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open with 65km 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 (Hwy 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 the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 24 Runs are open (16MG) Plus their Terrain Parks open hosting the Diamond Peak Jiblet today & Last Tracks Wine Tasting. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 25F / MClear / Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttles run thru out Incline Village. **(775) 831-1177**. www.diamondpeak.com

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 () Is reporting a base of 48-101". 7 Lifts & Tows including the NW Magnum 6 are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the both & The Blazing Zephyr & The Chuter Lift scheduled to open at 8:30am. 60 Trails are open (32MG) The Chutes Gates + 3 Terrain Parks are open with 19 Features. (MG & SKR FP Snow Softening / 37F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting their Stake Your Claim Freeride Chutes Competition on Saturday. **(800) SKI ROSE**. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar California - On Hwy 267 () – Is reporting a base of 35-83". 19 Lifts & Tows will operate (8:30-4) with the Front Side, Back Side & Look Out Mountain all open. 86 trails are open (56MG). 7 Terrain Parks are open with 158 features. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 32F / MClear / Lt Winds). Snow Tubing open (10-3) + The Village Ice Rink is Open (12-9) & 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 25-55". 4 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 14 trails including 2 Terrain Parks open (MG Pkd Snow). Hosting their Tahoe Donner Race Series today. **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 29 trails = Offering 40km of XC Terrain available. Hosting their Family Fun Relay Race tomorrow. (32F / 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 116-162". 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. 34 runs are open (13MG). 3 Terrain Parks open with 53 features including Boarder Cross & Super Pipe reopening today. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 34F / MClear / 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 38". They have 17 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 113-159". 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) on a 48" base. 73 Trails are open, 56 are Groomed today, offering 149Km of groomed XC terrain accessible. Hosting "Sugar Rush" 16km Nordic Race tomorrow. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 () – Has a base of 30-77". 7 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with both Front & Back sides open. 50 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 46-125". 9 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Jerome Hill, Mt Judah & Mt Lincoln Express. 96 runs are open (53MG). 3 Switching Yard Terrain Parks are open with 35 Features. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 42F / 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 50-76". 6 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) 63 runs are open (35MG). 4 Terrain Parks open with 29 Features. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 28F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. www.skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 () - Tahoe City – The Ski & Snowboard Hill is open Fri-Sun with 2 Surface Lifts. Plus, their 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 12-24". 12 Trails are open to offer 32 KM of Groomed Terrain. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org.

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 () – is reporting a base of 51-89". 11 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 Pkd Snow / 35F / MClear / Lt Winds). Free Shuttles run back & forth to Sister Resort Squaw Valley. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley - Hwy 89 () is reporting a base of 18-98". 25 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 13 Lifts from the bottom including Red Dog & KT22; Plus, the Funitel & Aerial Tram (9-8pm). 12 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain including Shirley Lake, Siberia & Granite Chief. 82 runs are open (36MG). Plus, 6 Terrain Parks are open with 61 Features including Super Pipe. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 38F / MClear / Lt Winds). Snow Tubing & Mini Snowmobiles open (11-7pm). (Ice Skating Closed) (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. 160 Trails are accessible (92MG) + 8 Terrain Parks with 138 features & 3 Half Pipes open (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 33F / PCldy / 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 with a base of 36". 4 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 10 Trails open (7MG) (MG & SKR Pkd / 30F / 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 30-44". 9 Lifts & Tows will operate (8:30-4) with 63 Runs open (37MG). 2 Terrain Parks open with 14 features. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 35F / MClear / Lt Winds). 2 Miles of Nordic Track open. (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 () reports a base of 69". 7 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 75 trails open (24MG) plus 2 Terrain Park is open. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 38F / Clear / Lt Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2. www.bearvalley.com

***Bear Valley XC** – is open on a base of 24-36". 30 Trails are open to offer 37Km of groomed XC trails. Plus Sledding & Tubing Hill open (9-4). Hosting Snow-Down for Habitat XC & Snow Shoe Fundraiser on Sunday. (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalleyxc.com

So, there you have it! All Roads are open and free of controls. Buckle up and Drive Safely. 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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