

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, January 21, 2010 - **UPDATED** as of 9:00am

Good Day, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mid Morning Mountain Resort Report for your Thursday January 21st. There's More Fresh Snow and more snow predicted. A Winter Weather Advisory is in effect thru 10pm with moderate to heavy Snow. Another 8 to 12 inches possible above 7000 feet. Temps in the low 20's on the Slopes with Light to Moderate winds to 35 mph and Stronger Ridge Gusts up to 60mph. Winds may affect the operation of Upper Mountain Lifts. Be Aware or Call Ahead. Dress warm, layer up today and wear your Windproof - Waterproof Jacket. Take along a hat, beanie or wear a helmet for safety. Wear Good Goggles & Warm Gloves. Surface conditions are Powder, Machine Groomed & Skier-Rider Packed Powder. National Safety Awareness Week on the Slopes – Please review the Skier & Rider Responsibility Codes. Ski and Ride with Care and always with a Buddy if you go Off Piste. Keep an eye out for marked and unmarked obstacles and "Stay on opened runs only".

South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

Heavenly Mountain Resort - South Lake Tahoe – Reports 10-14" of new on a base of 39-55". 27 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. Access to the mountain will be from The Gondola, CA Base Lodge, Stagecoach Lodge and Boulder Lodge on the NV side. 13 Lifts on the CA Side & 14 Lifts on the Nevada Side. 80+ trails are accessible + Powder Bowl T-Park. Adventure Peak activities at the top of the Gondola are scheduled to open with the Snow Tubing Hill (11-4:30) Sledding, Snowshoeing & Snow Bikes for Rent. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / PCldy & Lt-Mod Winds). Complimentary Shuttle Buses are running thru-out the South Shore to all base facilities. **1-800-HEAVENLY**. www.skiheavenly.com

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 (R2)– Reports 10" of new and a base of 40-83". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Grandview Express to the top, West Bowl & Short Stuff on the backside. 39 Trails are open (30 MG) + Gate 1 & 2 accessing Huckleberry Canyon – CLOSED. 2 T-Parks are open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / Lt Snow & Lt-Mod Winds). Snowshoe Trails open. Complimentary Shuttle Buses are running from the South Shore. **(530) 659-7475**. www.sierraattahoe.com

Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center - on Emerald Bay Road (R2 – Closed at Em Bay) - Hwy 89 - Is open daily from 9-4. They have 4" of new and a base of 12-18". 10-12km of groomed XC trails & 2-3km of Snow Shoe trails are open. **(530) 542-6584**. www.camprichardson.com

Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center - 14655 Hwy 89/88 (R2) – at Pickett's Junction. The Yurt is open (9-5) They report 4" of new on a base of 24-36". They and have 60 miles of Marked and Skier Packed Trails with 30 miles of that groomed out for XC Skiing & Snow Shoeing. No Fees to XC or Snowshoe up in Hope Valley and No Snow Park fees. They do except donations. Rental & Lessons available. **(530) 694-2266**. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com

Kirkwood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 88 (R2) – Reports 36" of new on a base from 72-100". 5 Lifts on the lower mountain will operate (9-4) On the Front Side out of the Village & Timber Creek. Chairs #6 & #10 are Scheduled to operate-WWP. All Lifts to the Back Side are on Hold. Call Ahead. 72 Trails are accessible (34MG) + 6 Bowls and 1 T-Parks + the Skier/Boarder X Course open on the mountain. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 18F / Cldy & Lt Winds). **Kirkwood XC Center**: is open with 40km of groomed trails. **(877) KIRKWOOD**. www.kirkwood.com

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

Spooner Lake Cross Country - Highway 28 (R1) - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open (9-5) with 6" of new snow on a base of 18-36". Grooming out 7 trails = 45Km of Groomed Trails up North Canyon to Marlette Lake. Separate Snowshoe Trails also open around Spooner Lake and above Spooner Meadow. (775) 749-5349. www.spoonerlake.com

Diamond Peak - Hwy 28 (R1)- in Incline Village – is open with 16" of new on a base of 49-74". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Lakeview and the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails + T-Park open. (Powder & MGPP / 16F / PCldy & Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttle buses running thru-out Incline Village **(775) 831-3211**. www.diamondpeak.com

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) – Reports 14-18" of new and a base is 36-58". 4 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP Including NW Magnum 6 to the top of the Rose Side and the Blazing Zephyr (opening at 8:30) on the Slide Side. 50 Trails + 3 T-Parks open. All Chutes Gates are Scheduled to Open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 22F / PCldy & Lt-Mod Winds). Ladies Day Thursday = \$35 Lift Tickets. **(775) 849-0704 #1**. www.skirose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 (R1) – Reports 16-28" of new on a base of 44-64". 15 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. They are open top to bottom - Front to Back including Lookout Mountain. 92 trails are open (63 MG) with 6 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 26F / Snowing & Lt-Mod Winds). **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** – is open with 40km of groomed XC & Snowshoe trails. Snow Tubing Center is open (12-4) & Village Ice Rink open (1-8pm). **(530) 562-1330**. www.northstarattahoe.com

Tahoe Donner Ski Area - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – is open with 22-26" of new on a base of 65-85". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 12 Trails open + T-Park. (Powder & MGPP / 21F / Snowing & Lt Winds). **(530) 587-**

9444 #2 (Downhill). Tahoe Donner XC – Also open (8:30-5) Grooming out 41 Trails = 77Km of Groomed XC & Snowshoe Trails. (530) 587-9484. www.skitaohedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 (R2) at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Reports 22-33” of new on a base 85-100”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP Including the Accelerator Express Quad to the Top with 41 Trails open. Terrain Park & Boarder X Open. Their Playland Tubing Park open (11-3). 2 Lifts will continue to operate till 9pm for night skiing & riding-WWP. (Powder, MG & SKRPP/ 18F / Snowing & Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com

Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort – Off I-80 (R2) in Soda Springs – Is open (9-4:30) with 8-10” of new on a base of 58-68”. 25 Trails = 60km of groomed XC trails & Snow shoe trails open. (20F / Snow & Lt Winds). (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 (R2) – Is open with 22-33” of new on a base up to 100”. 2 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP for skiing and riding with 15 Trails open. Plus, 2 moving Carpets scheduled to open (10-4) for Tube Town & Planet Kids. (Powder & MGPP / 20F / Snowing & Lt Winds). Mini Snowmobiles are Closed. (530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road (R2) – is open with 20” of new on a base of 60-80”. 2 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP on their front side. Back-Side Lifts Closed. 20 Trails open. \$22 Lift Tickets. (Powder, MG & SKRPP/ 21F / Snowing / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 (R2) on Donner Pass Rd - Reports 20-24” of new on a base of 70-115”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, Mt Lincoln Express to the Top. 81 Trails are open (41 MG) + 4 T-Parks including Switching Yard open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / Snowing & Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

Homewood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 89 (Closed at Em Bay R1) – Reports 12-24” of new and a base of 60-72”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 55 Trails open (28MG) + Quail Face Bowl. Both their North and South Lodges are open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 25F / Lt Snow & Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski Hill – Hwy 89 (R1) - Tahoe City – is operates (9-4) Friday thru Sunday, they have XC & Snow Shoe Trails and the Snow Play Area accessible. (530) 581-7533.

Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area - 2.5 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 (R1)– is open (8:30-5) with 12-18” of new and a base of 36-50”. Grooming out 17 Trails to get 62km of groom track open. 2 dog friendly trails are open. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 (R1) – Is reporting 23-33” of new and a base of 81-114”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with Roundhouse and Summit Six to the top of the front side & Sherwood Express Scheduled. 100 Trails & 3 T-Parks to open on the mountain. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 22F / MCldy & Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 (R1) – Reports 18-24” of new on a base of 90-105”. 21 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP. 12 Lifts from the Bottom with the Cable Car & Funitel and Red Dog & KT22 scheduled. Plus, 9 Lifts scheduled to operate on the Upper Mountain-WWP including Shirley Lake & Siberia. 170 trails to open (+ The Belmont & Monster T-Parks Closed). The Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled open for Ice Skating (11-7)-WWP. Snow Tubing offered at Papoose (10-4). You can Ski / Ride, Ice Skate & Dine till 7pm at High Camp-WWP (Powder, MG & SKRPP/ 17F / Snow & Lt Winds). (530) 583-6955 #1. www.squaw.com.

The Resort at Squaw Creek has 18Km of groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails open daily (9-5), as well as their Ice Rink open.

Central Sierra Resorts

Mammoth Mountain - off Hwy 395 - is reporting 19” of new on a base of 96-156”. 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP out of all 3 Lodge Bases including the Village Gondola. 130 Trails (60MG) & 6 T-Parks and Super Pipe & The Super Duper Pipe open (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 11F/ Clear & Lt-Mod Winds). Nordic Center has 19 miles of Groomed trails open. (888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain** – is open with 12” of new on a base of 36-72”. 7 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 29 Trails & 3 T-Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP/ 12F / Cldy & Lt-Mod Winds). (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com

Yosemite/Badger Pass - is open with 24-32” of new on a base of 48-64”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 9 runs open. (MGPP / 20F / Cldy & Lt Winds). For XC Skiing, there is 10.5 miles (one way) of groomed trails out to Glacier Point & 3.3 Miles groomed out to Bridalveil Creek. (209) 372-8430. www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx

Dodge Ridge - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 (R2) – Reports 10” of new and a base of 58”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 61 Trails Open (42 MG) + 3 T-Parks and Granite Bowl open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP/ 28F / PCldy & Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 (R2) – Reports 21” of new and a base of 94”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with the Front & Back-Sides & Grizz Open. 67 Trails open + 2 T-Parks. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 19F / MCldy & Lt Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2. **Bear Valley XC** – Open with 20” of new on a base of 66”. 32 Trails = 45Km of

groomed track open + 4km of separate Snow Shoe trails. Sledding open daily & Tubing Hill open weekends. **(209) 753-2834. www.bearvalley.com**

So there you have it. For updates on all Resorts visit **BikeandSkiTahoe.Com**. Stay tuned to KTHO for the latest in Weather and Road Conditions or Dial 511. Be Safe and have a great day on the mountain. It's Curtis, TGFT and that's today's Mtn Resort Report on KTHO AM590 & 96.1FM.

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On another note, this year I am working the **RSN** and producing a weekly feature titled, **“What’s Up Tahoe”**. I have Resort News & Interviews, action Video and a weekly calendar of fun events on and off the slopes. It airs 6 times daily in various programs. Tune into RSN in South Lake Tahoe, North Lake Tahoe, Reno, Carson City & Carson Valley.

See you on the Slopes...

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