

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, January 28, 2010 - **UPDATED as of 7:00am**

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your Morning Mountain Resort Report for your, Thursday January 28th. Shaping up to be a great day to carve turns. Expect Mostly Sunny to Partly Cloudy Skies with Temps into the low 30's on the Slopes and Light to Moderate Winds. Dress warm, in layers with your Jacket. Take along a hat, beanie or wear a helmet for safety. Wear Good Sunglass or Goggles. Don't forget to use Sunscreen at least an SPF15. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed & Skier-Rider Packed Powder. 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 In Bounds and on opened runs only".

South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

***Heavenly Mountain Resort** - South Lake Tahoe – Reports a base of 39-58". 27 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 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 including Mott Canyon. 85 trails are accessible (60+MG) + Powder Bowl & Groove T-Parks Open. 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. (MG & SKRPP/ 27F / MClear & Lt Winds). Heavenly Village Ice Rink is open daily from 10 till 8pm. 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 – Reports a base of 58-105". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Grandview Express to the top, West Bowl & the backside open. 46 Trails are open (36 MG) + Jacks Bowl and Avalanche Bowl Open. All 5 Gates accessing Huckleberry Canyon Open – Check with Patrol at the top. 4 T-Parks are open. (MG & SKRPP / 20F / MClear & Lt-Mod Winds). Snowshoe Trails & Tubing Hill are 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 - Hwy 89 - Is open daily from 9-4. They have a base of 12-18". 10-12km of groomed XC trails & 2-3km of Snow Shoe trails are open. Plus Skier packed Trails along the beach. **(530) 542-6584. www.camprichardson.com**

***Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center** - 14655 Hwy 89/88 – at Pickett's Junction. The Yurt is open (9-5) They report a base of 40-54". 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 – Reports a base from 112-155". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Chairs #6 & #10 to the top of the Front Side + 3 Lifts to the Back Side. Plus all Timber Creek Lifts to turn. 72 Trails are accessible (34MG) + 6 Bowls, 3 T-Parks & Skier/Boarder X Open. (MG & SKRPP / 16F / Clear & Lt-Mod Winds). **Kirkwood XC Center**: is open with 50km of groomed trails. **(877) KIRKWOOD. www.kirkwood.com**

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

***Spoooner Lake Cross Country** - Highway 28 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open (9-5) with a base of 20-65". 7 trails = 45Km of Groomed Trails up North Canyon to Marlette Lake and to the Dam. Separate Snowshoe Trails also open around Spooner Lake and above Spooner Meadow. **(775) 749-5349. www.spoonerlake.com**

***Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – is open with 2" of new on a base of 59-88". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Lakeview and the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails (19MG) + T-Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 24F / MClear & Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttle buses running thru-out Incline Village **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431– Reports a base is 42-65". 5 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4) Including NW Magnum 6 to the top of the Rose Side and the Blazing Zephyr (opening at 8:30) on the Slide Side. 60 Trails + 2 T-Parks open. All Chutes Gates are Open. (MG & SKRPP / 20F / MClear & Lt Winds). Ladies Day Thursday with \$35 lift tickets. Hosting Friday Night Lights Rail Jam, Tomorrow. **(775) 849-0704 #1. www.skirose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – Reports a base of 50-93". 15 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are open top to bottom - Front to Back including Lookout Mountain. 91 trails are open (73 MG) with 6 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP / 26F / MClear & Lt 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 (1-8). **(530) 562-1330. www.northstarattahoe.com**

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – is open with a base of 65-85". All 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 12 Trails open + T-Park. (MG & PP / 19F / MClear & Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). Tahoe Donner XC** – Also open (8:30-5) with 36 Trails = 63Km of XC & Snowshoe Trails. **(530) 587-9484. www.skitahtoedonner.com**

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Reports 1” of new on a base 90-130”. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the Accelerator Express Quad to the Top with 41 Trails open. Terrain Park, Super Pipe & Boarder X Open. Their Playland Tubing Park open (11-3). 2 Lifts will continue to operate till 9pm for night skiing & riding. (MGPP / 20F / MClear & Lt Winds). (530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 – Is open with 1” of new on a base up to 100”. 2 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) for skiing and riding with 16 Trails open. Plus, 3 moving Carpets scheduled to open (10-4) for Tube Town, Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. (MG & PP / 19F / MClear & Lt Winds). Mini Snowmobiles are open. (530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 in Soda Springs – Is open (9-4:30) with a base of 85-90”. 17 Trails = 50km of groomed XC trails & Snow shoe trails open. (20F / MClear & Lt Winds). (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – is open with a base of 44-96”. 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Front Side & Back Side open with 53 Trails open. Snow Tubing Moving Carpet open. (MG & SKRPP/ 20F / MClear / Lt Winds). \$22 Lift Tickets Today. (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd - Reports a base of 92-139”. 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Lincoln Express & the New Summit Lift to the Top. 95 Trails are open (62 MG) + 4 T-Parks including Switching Yard open. (MG & SKRPP / 20F / MClear & Lt Winds). (530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

***Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 – Reports a base of 70-98”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 55 Trails open (34MG) + 2 Terrain Parks and Quail Face Bowl Open. Both their North and South Lodges are open. (MG & SKRPP / 24F / MClidy & Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

***Granlibakken Ski Hill** – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – is open (9-4) Friday thru Sunday, only. They have XC & Snow Shoe Trails and the Snow Play Area open daily. (530) 581-7533.

***Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area** - 2.5 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 – is open (8:30-5) with a base of 34-60”. 19 Trails are open with 65km of groom track. 2 dog friendly trails are open. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – Is reporting a base of 84-140”. 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Roundhouse and Summit Six to the top of the front side + Scott & Sherwood Express to the Back Side. 90 Trails, 2 Bowls & 3 T-Parks to open. (MG & SKRPP / 19F / PClidy & Lt Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Reports a base of 115-131”. 23 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 10 Lifts from the Bottom with the Cable Car & Funitel and Red Dog & KT22 scheduled. Plus, 13 Lifts scheduled to operate on the Upper Mountain including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Granite Chief & Broken Arrow Schedule to open. 170 trails to open + The Belmont & Monster T-Parks open. The Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled open for Ice Skating (11-7). Snow Tubing offered at Papoose (10-4). You can Ski / Ride, Ice Skate & Dine till 7pm at High Camp (MG & SKRPP/ 20F / PClidy & 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 a base of 90-138”. 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) out of all 3 Lodge Bases including the Village Gondola. 130 Trails (103MG) & 6 T-Parks and Super Pipe & The Super Duper Pipe open (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 22F / Clear & Lt Winds). Nordic Center has 19 miles of Groomed trails open. (888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain** – is open with a base of 60-120”. 7 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 37 Trails & 3 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP/ 12F / Clear & Lt Winds). (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com

***Yosemite/Badger Pass** - is open with a base of 84-168”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 9 runs open. (MGPP / 24F / MClear & 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 – Reports a base of 67-70”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 61 Trails Open (38 MG) + 4 T-Parks and Granite Bowl open. (MG & SKRPP/ 29F / Clear & Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 – Reports a base of 94”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Front & Back-Sides & Grizz Open. 67 Trails open + 2 T-Parks. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 27F / Clear & Lt Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2. **Bear Valley XC** – Open with a base of 72”. 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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