

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Friday, March 19, 2010 - **UPDATED as of 7:00am**

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Friday, March 19th. Shaping up to be a great day to make turns. The forecast is calling for Sunny Skies and Temps warming into the mid 50's on the Slopes with Light to Moderate Winds and Possible Stronger Gusts. So, Dress in light layers but take a Jacket or Shell. Take a hat with a brim or wear a helmet for safety. Also, wear good Sunglasses or Goggles. Don't forget to use the sunscreen and stay well hydrated. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed and Skier / Rider Packed Snow. Firm in the morning then Softening with rising daytime temperatures. Ski and Ride with Care and always with a buddy if 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 69-101". 27 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Access to the mountain will be from The Gondola, The CA Base Lodge and both Stagecoach and Boulder Lodges on the NV side. 13 Lifts are scheduled on the CA Side & 14 Lifts on the Nevada Side. 94 trails are open (70+MG), Plus 3 Terrain Parks on the CA side. Adventure Peak activities at the top of the Gondola are scheduled to open (11-4:30) with the Snow Tubing, Sledding, Snowshoeing & Snow Bikes for Rent. (MG & SKRPP / 28F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). Heavenly has 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 52-118". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Grandview Express to the top, West Bowl & Short Stuff on the backside open. 47 Trails are open (36MG) + Jacks Bowl and Avalanche Bowl Open. Gate 1 accessing Huckleberry Canyon Open – Check with Patrol at the top. 3 T-Parks, Boarder X & Super Pipe are open. (MG & SKRPd Snow / 31F / Clear & Lt Winds). They also have SnowShoe Trails & The Tubing Hill open. Hosting their 4th annual Buckle Up Big Air Saturday, March 20. 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 from 9-4. They have a base of 12-18". 10-12km of XC trails are open & 2-3km of Snow Shoe trails. 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 is open (10-5) They have a base of 30-68". They and have 60 miles of Marked and Skier Packed Trails and 25 miles of groomed trails open. No Fees to XC or Snowshoe up in Hope Valley and No Snow Park fees. They do except donations and they have Rentals & Lessons available. **(530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com**

Kirkwood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 88 – Reports a base from 130-190". All 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Chairs #6 & #10 to the top of the Front Side + 5 Lifts to the Back Side including the Vista & Covered Wagon tows; and all Timber Creek Lifts to turn. 72 Trails are accessible (40MG) + 7 Bowls, 3 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X and the Half Pipe open. (MG, PP & Spring Snow / 26F / Clear & Lt Winds). Hosting Women's 2-Day Ski & Board Clinic this weekend. And, the Rip Curl Grom Search for kids 16 & Under on Sunday. **Kirkwood XC Center:** is open with 70km of groomed trails and hosting their Soup & Shoe guided Snowshoe Hike on Sunday. **(877) KIRKWOOD. www.kirkwood.com**

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

Spooner Lake Cross Country - Highway 28/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open (9-5) with a base of 36-84". They have 65Km of Groomed Trails up North Canyon to Marlette Lake and around to the Dam. High Notch, Flying Goose, Saints Rest all open. They also have Separate Snowshoe Trails open around Spooner Lake and above Spooner Meadow. (775) 749-5349. **www.spoonerlake.com**

Diamond Peak - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – is reporting a base of 59-100". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Lakeview Chair & the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (18MG) + T-Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 20F / Clear / Calm Winds). Hosting their Go Lil' or Go Home Festival on Saturday for Kids 10 & Under. 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 of 60-95". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the NW Magnum 6 to the top of the Rose Side and the Blazing Zephyr (opening at 8:30) on the Slide Side. 60 Trails + 3 T-Parks open. 8 of the Chutes Gates are scheduled to open. (MG & SKRPd Snow / 30F / Clear & Lt Winds). Hosting their Annual Dummy Downhill Saturday, March 20. **(775) 849-0704 #1. www.skirose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 – Reports a base of 39-104". 17 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) They are open top to bottom - Front to Back including Lookout Mountain. 91 trails are open (65 MG) + 7 T-Parks open & Super Pipe Open. (MG & SKRPd Snow / 20F / Clear / Lt Winds). **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** – is open (9-3) with 40km of groomed XC & Snowshoe trails. Snow Tubing Center is open (12-4). The Village Ice Rink is Closed and will reopen for Roller Skating on Saturday. **(530) 562-1330. www.northstarattahoe.com**

Tahoe Donner Ski Area - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – is open reporting a base of 65-85". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 12 Trails open + T-Park open. (MGPP / 27F / Clear / Lt Winds). (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – Also open (8:30-5) with 49 Trails = 100 Km of Groomed XC & Snowshoe Trails. (530) 587-9484.
www.skitahtoeonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Reports a base 100-160". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top of the Front Side & The Lost Dutchman Triple on the Back Side. 41 Trails are open + 3 Terrain Parks, Super Pipe & the Boarder X are Open. Their Playland Tubing Park open (10-4). 2 Lifts will continue to operate till 9pm for night skiing & riding. (MG & SKRPPd Snow / 28F / Clear / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 – Reports a base up to 100". 2 Lifts will operate (9-4) for Skiing & Riding with 16 Trails open. They also have 3 Moving Carpets open (10-4) for Tube Town, Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. (MG / 28F / Clear & Calm 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 95-100". They have 55 Trails = 172 km of groomed XC trails & Snowshoe trails open. Hosting their Women's Stretch & Skate Clinic on Sunday. (28F / Clear & Lt Winds). (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road – Is open on a base of 90-148". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side & Back Side with 42 Trails open. Snow Tubing scheduled to open in the afternoon. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / Clear / Lt Winds). \$22 Lift Tickets Mon-Fri. (530) 426-3635. www.donnerrskiranch.com

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd - Reports a base of 114-178". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Lincoln Express, Disney & the Summit Chair. 96 Trails are open (48MG) + 4 T-Parks including Switching Yard open. (MG & SKRPP / 31F / Clear & Lt Winds). (530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

Homewood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 89 – Reports a base of 80-162". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the Madden Chair & The Old Homewood Express. 60 Trails are open (31MG) + 2 Terrain Parks and Quail Face Bowl open (MG & SKRPP / 28F / Clear / Calm Winds). Spring Music Series kicks off on Saturday and Hosting Community Benefit Day on Sunday with \$25 Lift Tickets. (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski Hill – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – is open (9-4) Friday thru Sundays, on a base of 60". 2 Tows will operate with 3 trails open. They also have XC & Snow Shoe Trails and the Snow Play Area open daily. (530) 581-7533.

Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 – is open (8:30-5) with a base of 30-50". They have 19 Trails open offering 65km of groomed set track for XC with adjacent Snow Shoe trails. Plus 2 Dog Friendly trails are open. Hosting Randolph Green BBQ Fundraiser & Silent Auction on Saturday. (530) 583-5475.

www.tahoexc.org

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 – Is reporting a base of 93-150". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Roundhouse and Summit Six to the top of the front side + Scott Chair & Sherwood Express scheduled to the Back Side. 100 Trails open + 3 T-Parks are open. (MG & SKRPP- Spring Snow/ 28F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). Spring Music Series Kicks off Saturday also hosting Disabled Sports Ability Bash and the SnowBomb Sick & Twisted Big Air Competition. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 – Reports a base of 124-144". 22 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 9 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, Headwall, Granite Chief & Silverado on the schedule. 177 trails to open + The Belmont & Monster T-Parks open and the Riviera Super Pipe. The Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled open for Ice Skating (11-9). You can Ski / Ride, Ice Skate & Dine till 9pm from High Camp. (MG & SKRPP/ 21F / Clear / Lt Winds). the High Camp Swimming Lagoon & Spa opens on Saturday. (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 114-168". 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) out of all 3 Lodge Bases including the Village Gondola. 150 Trails (102MG) & 6 T-Parks and Wonderland Pipe, Super Pipe & The Super Duper Pipe open (MG & SKRPP Spring Snow / 27F / 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 80-126". 7 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 37 Trails & 3 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP/ 27F / Clear & Lt Winds). (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com

Yosemite/Badger Pass - is open with a base of 96-108". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 9 runs open. (MGPP-Spring / 24F / Clear & Lt Winds). Snow Tubing offered. For XC Skiing, there's 145 KM of Skier Packed trails and 32 KM of Groomed track. (209) 372-8430.

www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx

Dodge Ridge - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 – Reports a base of 87". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 61 Trails

Open (35 MG) + 4 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X & Granite Bowl Open. (MG & SKRPP / 34F / Clear / Calm Winds). Hosting their 2nd annual Ski & Tee Event on Sunday. (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 – Reports a base of 105". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Front & Back-Sides & Grizz Open. 67 Trails open + 2 T-Parks. (MG & SKRPP / 33F / Clear & Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting Country Snow Fest on Saturday. (209) 753-2301 #2. **Bear Valley XC** – Open with a base of 66-72". 37 Trails = 65Km 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 Fong, TGFT and that's today's Mtn Resort Report on KTHO AM590 & 96.1FM.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

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Heavenly Village Ice Rink is open 10-8pm in the Heavenly Village.

Explore Tahoe Visitor Center open 9-5pm in the Heavenly Village.

For Information and Lodging on the South Shore please visit:
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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 in to RSN in South Lake Tahoe, North Lake Tahoe, Reno, Carson City & Carson Valley.

You can also watch **Nevada Trails** where I am a monthly guest supplying information about skiing and bicycling in Nevada. This is a :30 minute program, produced by Michael Smith and Access Carson City Television and is Broadcast weekly in the Reno, Carson City, Carson Valley and at Lake Tahoe on Public Access Cable Stations. Please visit:

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See you on the Slopes...

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