

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Monday, Dec. 13, 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 Monday, December 13th. Get out today as Winter Returns tomorrow. Increasing Clouds and winds expected today with Temps warming up into the mid 40's on the Slopes. Light to Moderate Winds with Ridge Gusts up to 55mph may affect the operation of upper mountain lifts. Call Ahead. A Winter Storm Watch is posted for Tomorrow through out the day. Today, Take along your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket, wear a hat, beanie or wear a helmet for safety; Also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed and Skier-Rider Packed Snow and Variable off piste. Ski and Ride with care. Early season conditions exist, so keep an eye for marked and unmarked obstacles and stay on opened runs only.

South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

Heavenly Mountain Resort - South Lake Tahoe – Reports a base of 45-54". 20 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 10 Lifts scheduled in California and 10 Lifts on the Nevada Side. Access to the mountain is from the Gondola, California Base Lodge & Stagecoach on the NV side. Open top to bottom in both CA & NV with 71 Trails open (50+MG) Mott & Killebrew Canyons open + Terrain Park with 15 features on Cal Trail. (MG & SKRPP / 28F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). Sledding & Snow Tubing Hill are scheduled to open (10-4) at the top of the Gondola. Their Heavenly / Northstar Season Pass is still available for \$379 with prices going up after Dec 19. **1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com**

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 – Is open reporting a base of 19-64". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side including Grandview Express to the top and the West Bowl open. 44 Trails are open (33MG) + 3 T-Parks, Snow Shoe Trails and Snow Play Area open. (MG & SKRPP / 43F / Clear / Lt Winds). Sierra only Season Passes still available for \$199. **(530) 659-7475. www.sierraattahoe.com**

Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center - on Emerald Bay Road - Hwy 89 – is Open weekends (9-4) /// on a base of 12". They have 3 trails = 8km of groomed XC / Snowshoe Trails Open. Call Ahead. **(530) 542-6584. www.camprichardson.com**

Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center - 14655 Hwy 89/88 – at Pickett's Junction – The Yurt is Open Daily (9-4) Their base is 12-30". They have 20 miles of groomed trails and 40 miles of marked & skier packed trails open. No Fees to XC or Snow Shoe in Hope Valley, but they do accept donations. **(530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com**

Kirkwood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 88 – Is open reporting a mid-mountain base of 40". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) out of the Village on the Front Side, including Chairs #5, #11, Plus Chairs #6 & #10 to the top. Chair #7 operating out of the Timber Creek Facility. 43 Trails open (20MG) 3 Bowls & 2 Terrain Parks. (MG & SKRPP / 31F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Kirkwood Season Passes available starting at \$239 with prices going up after Dec 15. **Kirkwood XC Center** – Open with 40KM of Groomed XC Trails and Snow Shoe Trails open. **(877) KIRKWOOD. www.kirkwood.com**

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

Spooner Lake Cross Country - Highway 28/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open daily (9-5). They have a base of 12-24". 5 Trails are open offering 20KM of Groomed XC trails & 2 Separate Snow Shoe Trails open offering 7km. **(775) 749-5349. www.spoonerlake.com**

Diamond Peak - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – Is scheduled to open on Dec 16. **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 – is reporting a base of 30-54". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including the NW Magnum Six to the top of the Rose side & The Blazing Zephyr opening at 8:30 on the Slide Side. The Chutes and 7 Chutes Gates are scheduled for Delayed opening today. 35 Trails are open + Two Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 46F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 – is reporting a base of 28-61". 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain open. 86 Trails are open (56MG) + 8 Terrain Parks Open. (MG, SKRPP / 40F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Village Ice Rink (1-8pm) & Snow Tubing Center (12-4pm) are scheduled to open.

Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center is open with 40km of groomed XC & Snow snow shoe trails. **(530) 562-1330. www.northstarattahoe.com**

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is open on a base of 30-40". 5 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 8 trails + Terrain Park open. (MGPP / 28F / Clear / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 28 trails are open offering 49 km of groomed XC trails + 4 separate Snowshoe trails offering 6 Km. **(530) 587-9484. www.skitahtoedonner.com**

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting a base of 60-67". They have 3 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4) including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top. 35 Trails are open (16MG). Their South 40 & Mini Shred Terrain Parks are open and the Main Jumphline open. (MG & SKRPP / 33F / MClear / Lt Winds).

Playland Tubing Park Closed midweek. 2 Lifts operate till 9pm. (530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com
Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 – Is Closed Midweek, Opening daily starting Friday, Dec 17. /// Reporting a base of 58-65". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate for Skiing & Riding (9-4) with 16 Trails open; Plus 3 Lifts for Snow Tubing operating (10-4) with Tube Town, the Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. (MGPP / 33F / PCldy / Lt Winds).(530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com
Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort – Off I-80 in Soda Springs – is open Friday thru Mondays, on a base of 50". They have 85 Km of groomed XC trails open. Closed Tuesday – Wednesday reopening 7 days a week starting Thursday, Dec 16. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com .
Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road – Is Closed Midweek, opening for the season next weekend. /// They have a base of 50-60". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Chairs 1, 4, 6 & 7. Plus the Tubing Hill is scheduled open in the afternoon. (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com
Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is open daily, reporting a base of 56-68". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Judah, Jerome Hill & Lincoln Express. 76 Trails to open (47MG) + 3 T-Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 37F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Please enter from the Mt Judah Base area. (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 open on a base of 37-78". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 64 trails are open (27MG). (MG & SKRPP / 33F / MCclear / Lt Winds) (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com
Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – Is scheduled to open December 17, but the Sledding hill is open daily (9-4:30) conditions permitting. (530) 581-7533 www.granlibakken.com .
Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 – Is open daily (8:30-5). They Report a base of 16-35". 13 trails are open offering 35 Km of Groomed trails + 2 Dog Friendly Trails are open. (27F / MCclear / Lt Winds) (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org
Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 – is open reporting a base: 37-78". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side, including Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top plus Scott Chair. 70 Trails open + Terrain Park. (MG & SKRPP / 42F / MCclear / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com
Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base of 18-46". 15 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 7 Lifts from the bottom, including the Cable Car & Funitel, plus Red Dog & KT-22. Plus, 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate on the upper mountain including Shirley Lake, Siberia & Headwall. 100 Trails are open (31MG) + The Belmont Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 28F / MCclear / Lt-Mod Winds). Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled to open (11-4). (530) 583-6955 #1. www.squaw.com . The Resort at Squaw Creek XC Trails are open.

Central Sierra Resorts

Mammoth Mountain - off Hwy 395 – is open and reporting a base of 42-84". 19 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4) including the Upper Panorama Gondola, Plus Chair #23 to the top, Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails open (73 MG) + 7 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKRPP / 44F / Clear / Lt-Strong Winds). (888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com . June Mountain – Scheduled to open on Dec. 16, Celebrating their 50 th year, will offer \$5 lift tickets. (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com
Yosemite/Badger Pass - is CLOSED. Scheduled to open Dec. 17. (209) 372-8430. www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx
Dodge Ridge - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 – open on a base of 21". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (29MG). Plus Rocky's Road Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 32F / Clear / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com
Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 – Open for the season with a base of 33-41". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 39 Trails open + 2 Terrain Parks. (MG & SKRPP / 40F / MCclear / Lt Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2. Bear Valley XC – open with 14Km of groomed XC trails & Sledding hill open. (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalley.com

So, there you have it. Get out today as a Winter Storm Watch is posted for tomorrow. For updates on this Report, Please visit my Website at **BikeandSkiTahoe.Com**. Have a Safe Day on the Mountain, It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's today's Mtn Resort Report.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

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On another note, this year I am working the **Lake Tahoe Television / Outside TV** 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 Lake Tahoe Television / OUTSIDE TV 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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