

Mountain Resort Report©

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

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Saturday, February 15th. of your Presidents weekend... A Beautiful Day to get out on the Mountain. Expect Mostly Sunny Skies with Temperatures in to the high 40's the Slopes & Light Winds. Dress, in layers, with your Jacket or Shell... Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles. Stay Hydrated & Don't forget to use the Sunscreen. Surface conditions are Variable with Machine Groomed & Skier/Rider Packed Snow, with areas of Firm Packed Snow, Off Piste – Softening... 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 42-72". 27 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with Mtn. Access from the Gondola, California Base; Plus, both Stagecoach & Boulder Lodges in NV. 13 Lifts scheduled in CA & 14 Lifts in NV. 95 Trails are accessible (44MG); Plus 3 Terrain Parks open with 68 Features including Half Pipe open. Sledding & Snow Tubing offered at Adventure Peak at top of Gondola. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 23F / Clear / 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 32-90". 14 Lifts & Tows will operate (8:30-4) with the Grandview Express to the top of Front Side; the Backside & The West Bowl open. 46 Trails are open (35MG) + Check with Patrol on Back Country Gates today. 6 Terrain Parks are open with over 50 Features including Boarder Cross & Super Pipe. (MG & SKR FPKd Snow / 37F / Clear / Lt Winds). Snow Shoe 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 10km of Groomed XC & Snowshoe trails. (530) 542-6584. www.camprichardson.com

Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center - 14655 Hwy 89/88 () – at Pickett's Junction, the Yurt is open, 10-4pm, on a base of 18-36". They have 20 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 86-106". 12 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) Entire Mtn scheduled to Open with 5 Lifts out of the Mtn. Village including Chairs #6 & Chair #10; All Lifts to the Back side & 2 Lifts will turn at the Timber Creek Base. 72 Trails are open (54MG), Plus, All Bowls are to open & 3 Terrain Parks Open (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 33F / Clear / Lt Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open with 72km 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 () is Closed this year.

Diamond Peak - Hwy 28 () - in Incline Village – is reporting a base of 24-48". 6 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) including Crystal Express Quad to the top. 25 Runs are open (17MG) Plus Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 23F / Clear / Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttles run thru Incline Village. (775) 831-1177. www.diamondpeak.com

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 () Is reporting a base of 53-106". 6 Lifts & Tow will operate (9-4) with both NW Magnum 6 & Blazing Zephyr scheduled to turn. 41 Trails open (35MG) + The Chuter Lift & All the Chutes Gates remain Closed today. 3 Terrain park open with 18 Features. (MG & SKR FPKd Snow / 35F / MClear / Lt Winds). (800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar California - On Hwy 267 () – Is reporting a base of 35-80". 20 Lifts & Tows will operate (8:30-4) with the Front Side, Back Side & Look Out Mountain all open. 92 trails are open (68MG). 7 Terrain Parks open with 146 features, including Half Pipe. (MG & SKR FPKd Snow / 23F / Clear / Lt Winds). Snow Tubing open (12-4) + The Village Ice Rink is open (12-9pm). 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 45-75". 5 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 17 trails including the Bite Size & Mini Size Terrain Parks open (MGPkd Snow). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 50 trails = 95Km of groomed trails. (29F / Clear / 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 98-143". 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. 36 runs are open (13MG). 3 Terrain Parks open with 42 features including Boarder Cross & Super Pipe open. (MG & SKR FPKd Snow / 28F / Clear / 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 42". They have 18 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 - Thur-Mon (10-4), reporting a base of 97-141". 2 Lifts will operate with 16 runs open (MG Pkd 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) with 72 trails, 64 are Groomed offering 183Km of groomed XC terrain accessible. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 () – Has a base of 30-84". 7 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 52 runs open (MG & SKR FPKd 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 61-128". 9 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) including Jerome Hill, Mt Judah & Mt Lincoln Express. 92 runs are open (58MG). Switching Yard Terrain Parks open with over 40 Features. (MG & SKR FPKd Snow / 24F / 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 41-65". 6 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with Entire Mtn Open. 64 runs are open (36MG). 4 Terrain Parks open with 28 Features. (MG & SKR FPKd Snow / 32F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. www.skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 () - Tahoe City – The Ski & Snowboard Hill is open thru out this week with 2 Surface Lifts & 3 Runs open. Plus, Their XC & 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) on a base of 36". 21 Trails = 45 KM Groomed trails are open with 3 Warming Huts. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org. And, at Tahoe City Golf Course, the new **Tahoe City Winter Sports Park** is open (Fri-Mon / 10-5), with 3 KM of XC / Snow Shoe trails & the Sledding Hill is open.

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 () – is reporting a base of 54-84". 13 Lifts & Tows are Scheduled to operate (9-4) including Summit Six to the top of the front side & Sherwood turning on the back side. 63 Trails are accessible (30MG) plus 6 Terrain Parks open with 86 features. (MG & SKR FP Snow / 36F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 () is reporting a base of 23-93". 21 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 10 Lifts from the bottom including Red Dog & KT22; Plus, the Funitel & Aerial Tram (9-8pm). 11 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain including Shirley Lake, Siberia & Granite Chief. 81 runs are open (42MG), plus, 6 Terrain Parks are open with 52 Features. (MG & SKR FP Snow / 34F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). Snow Tubing, Mini Snowmobiles, Ice Skating open from 11-7pm. (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 7.5-15 ft. Entire Mtn to open with 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with 13 Lifts out of the Main Lodge, 8 Lifts out of Canyon Lodge & 3 Lifts from Eagle Lodge. 160 Trails are accessible (96MG) + 8 Terrain Parks with 108 features & 3 Half Pipes open (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 24F / Clear / Lt 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 on a base of 30-36". 4 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 10 Trails open (10MG) (MG & SKR Pkd Snow / 22F / Clear / 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 25-38". 12 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 66 Runs open (42MG). 3 Terrain Parks open with 16 features. (MG & SKR FPKd Snow / 34F / Clear / Lt Winds). 2 Miles of Nordic Track open. (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 () – Reports a base of 61". 7 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 75 trails open (26MG) plus 2 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR FPKd Snow / 35F / Clear / Lt Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2. www.bearvalley.com

Bear Valley XC – is open a base of 36". 32 Trails = 44Km of groomed XC trails are accessible. Plus Sledding & Tubing Hill open (9-4). (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalleyxc.com

So, there you have it, All Roads are open – Buckle up & Drive Safely. I'm now in Cedar City Utah and heading to Brian Head Ski Resort to make some turns. Will be heading to the bright lights of Las Vegas tonight to ski Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard Resort tomorrow. For updates on my mid winter road trip please check out my Facebook page or 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.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

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