

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, March 21, 2013 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Thursday, March 21st. Officially Spring is here and Shaping up to be a Great Day to enjoy Fresh Snow... Expect Mostly Sunny to Partly Cloudy Skies by afternoon with Temperatures in the upper 30's low 40's on the Slopes and Light Winds. Dress in layers with your Jacket... Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles. Don't forget to use Sunscreen. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed with Fresh Snow and Powder & Skier / Rider Packed Snow. 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 3-6" of new on a base of 48-78". 25 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Mtn. Access from the Gondola, California Base; Plus, both Stagecoach & Boulder Lodges in NV. 11 Lifts are scheduled in CA & 14 Lifts in NV. 93 Trails are accessible (44MG); Plus 3 Terrain Parks are open with 95 Features including Half Pipe. Sledding & Snow Tubing is offered at Adventure Peak at top of Gondola. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 24F / MClear / 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 7" of new on a base of 31-100". 8 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with the Grandview Express to the top of Front Side, the Back Side & The West Bowl open. 44 Trails are open (35MG). Plus, 6 Terrain Parks are open with over 50 Features including Half Pipe. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 29F / MClear / Lt Winds). College Week with \$57 Lift Tickets with Valid College ID. Hosting their 6th Annual Salsa Showdown Sunday. 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 XC & Snowshoe Rentals. Their trails are closed waiting on more snow. **(530) 542-6584**. www.campricharson.com

***Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center** - 14655 Hwy 89/88 () – at Pickett's Junction, the Yurt is open, 10-4pm, on a base of 6-24". They have 30 miles of Groomed Trails and 20 Miles of Marked, Skier & Snowshoe Packed Trails accessible. There are 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 10-17" of new on a base of 92-110". All 12 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 5 Lifts out of the Mtn. Village including Chairs #6 & Chair #10; All Lifts scheduled for the Backside & 2 Lifts will turn at the Timber Creek Base. 72 Trails are open (41MG), Plus, All Bowls & 3 Terrain Parks are open (Powder / MG & SKRPP / 18F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open with 60km of groomed XC trails. **(877) KIRKWOOD**. www.kirkwood.com

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

Spoooner Lake Cross Country – at the Junction of Highway 28/50 (Hwy 50:) is Closed this year.

***Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 () - in Incline Village – is reporting 2" of new on a base of 24-48". 5 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) including the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 22 Runs are open (12MG) Plus their Terrain Parks are open. (MG & Spring Conditions / 25F / MClear / Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttles run thru out Incline Village. **(775) 831-1177**. www.diamondpeak.com

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) Is reporting 1" of new on a base of 45-98". 5 Lifts & Tows, including the NW Magnum 6, are scheduled to operate (9-4) with The Blazing Zephyr to open at 8:30am. The Chuter Lift & Chutes Gates on Delayed opening. 41 Trails are open (29MG). 3 Terrain Parks are open with 19 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 27F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE**. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 () – Is reporting 4" of new on a base of 34-84". 14 Lifts & Tows will operate (8:30-4) with the Front Side, Back Side & Look Out Mountain all open. 82 trails are open (58MG). 6 Terrain Parks are open with 158 features including Half Pipe. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 25F / MClear / Lt Winds). Snow Tubing open (12-4) + The Village Ice Rink is Open (12-9) & 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 25-55". 4 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 14 trails open (MG Snow). **Tahoe Donner XC** - is open (8:30-5) with 19 trails open = Offering 30km of XC Terrain available. (34F / Mixed Precip / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9484**. www.skitahtahodonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 () – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is has 12-14" of new a base of 111-157". 5 Lifts & Tows will operate starting at 9am, with the Accelerator Express Quad to the top of on the Front Side. 2 Lifts will turn till 9pm for Night Skiing & Riding. 33 runs are open (13MG). 3 Terrain Parks are open with 53 features including Boarder Cross & Super Pipe. (MG & SKRPP / 32F / MClear / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park open from 10-4pm. **(530) 426-3666 #1**. www.rideboreal.com / Closing Day: April 14. /// The adjacent **Auburn Ski Club Training Center** is open

Wed-Sun (8:30-4:30pm) on a base of 38". They have 14 trails accessible with 10km of Groomed XC Trails open.

www.AuburnSkiClub.org

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd. () – Is Open 10am-4pm (Thur-Mon) reporting 12-14" of new on a base of 111-157". 2 Lifts will operate with 16 runs open (MG 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 5-8" of new on a 48" base. 73 Trails are open, 50 are Groomed, offering 142Km of groomed XC terrain accessible. Check out lessons from the Sierra Snowkite Center @ www.sierrasnowkite.com (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 () – Reports 12" of new on a base of 30-77". 7 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with both Front & Back sides open. 50 runs are open (Powder, MG & SKRPP). Old School Pricing Mon-Fri with \$30 Lift Tickets. 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 5-8" of new (12-18" total) and a base of 55-139". 9 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Jerome Hill, Mt Judah & the Mt Lincoln Express. 96 runs are open (49MG). 3 Switching Yard Terrain Parks are open with 35 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 29F / 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 1-8" of new on a base of 50-76". 6 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4). 50 runs are open (36MG). Plus, 4 Terrain Parks are open with 29 Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 30F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. www.skihomewood.com

***Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 () - Tahoe City – The Ski & Snowboard Hill is Closed today (open Fri-Sun with 2 Surface Lifts.) But, their 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 Closed for the Season. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org.

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 () – is reporting 7-10" of new on a base of 60-100". 8 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Summit Six to the top of the front side. 46 Trails are accessible (19MG) plus 6 Terrain Parks are open with 86 features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 25F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Free Shuttles runs back & forth to their Sister Resort Squaw Valley. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley** - Hwy 89 () is reporting 1-10" of new on a base of 12-101". 20 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 9 Lifts from the bottom including Red Dog & KT22; Plus, the Funitel & Aerial Tram (9-4pm). 11 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain including Shirley Lake, Siberia & Granite Chief. 81 runs are open (31MG). Plus, 6 Terrain Parks are open with 61 Features including Super Pipe. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 22F / MClear / Lt Winds). Snow Tubing open (11-4pm). Hosting the US Alpine Championships (530) 452-4335. www.squaw.com
And, **The Resort at Squaw Creek** has XC & Snowshoe Trails open. (530) 583-6300 ext 6631. www.visitsquawcreek.com

Central Sierra Resorts

***Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 () – is reporting 1" of new on a base of 7-15 ft. Entire Mtn to open. 23 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) with 12 Lifts out of the Main Lodge, 8 Lifts out of Canyon Lodge & 3 Lifts from Eagle Lodge. 130 Trails are accessible (91MG) + 8 Terrain Parks with 138 features & 3 Half Pipes open (MG & Spring Conditions / 27F / 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 with 1" of new on a base of 24-32". 4 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 10 Trails open (6MG) (MG & SKRPP / 30F / MClear / 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 3" of new a base of 17-41". 8 Lifts & Tows will operate (8:30-3) with 63 Runs open (22MG). 2 Terrain Parks are open with 14 features. (MG & SKRPP Snow / 32F / MClear / Lt Winds). Half Day Ticket Prices Mon-Fri. (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 () reports 5" of new a base of 73". 6 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 64 trails open (16MG) plus 2 Terrain Parks are open. (MG & SKRPP Snow / 29F / MClear / Lt Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2. www.bearvalley.com

***Bear Valley XC** – is open with 5" of new on a base of 24-36". 30 Trails are open offering 37Km of groomed XC trails. Plus their Sledding & Tubing Hill are open (9-4). (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalleyxc.com

So, there you have it! I'm reporting from the Beautiful Atlantis Casino Resort & Spa in Reno finishing up a North American Snowsports Journalists Meeting. Yesterday we had a Great Day skiing deep snow on the upper Mtn at Homewood and today some are heading to Squaw and others to Northstar... There is One Road Control Posted – For

Update on Roads Call 5-11. For updates on this report please 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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