

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Friday, March 8, 2013 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Finally a Friday, March 8th. And, there's more Fresh Powder to be had today... Expect Mostly Cloudy Skies with a chance of Snow Showers thru out the day. Temperatures will remain cold in to the upper 20's on the Slopes with Light Winds. Dress for Winter Conditions. Layer up, with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket... Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; also, wear Good Goggles & Warm Gloves. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed & Skier / Rider Packed Powder with Fresh Powder on top. 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 5" of new on a base of 48-78". 26 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Mtn. Access from the Gondola, California Base; Plus, both Stagecoach & Boulder Lodges in NV. 12 Lifts are scheduled in CA & 14 Lifts in NV. 97 Trails are accessible (46MG); Plus 3 Terrain Parks are open with 77 Features including Half Pipe. Sledding & Snow Tubing is offered at Adventure Peak at top of Gondola. (Powder, MG & SKR PP / 18F / Cldy / Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttles buses running to all base facilities. (Hwy 207: R1) **1-800-HEAVENLY**. www.skiheavenly.com

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Is reporting 5" of new on a base of 41-106". 9 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with the Grandview Express to the top of Front Side, Short Stuff on The Back Side & The West Bowl Express open. 45 Trails are open (32MG) + 6 Terrain Parks are open with over 50 Features including Half Pipe. (Powder, MG & SKR PP / 22F / Cldy / 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 (Closed at Emerald Bay to DL Bliss) – 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 12-36" with 1-2" of new. 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 (R2) – is reporting 4-6" 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 (42MG), Plus, All Bowls & 3 Terrain Parks are open (Powder, MG & SKR PP / 15F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open with 70km 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 (Hwy 50: R1) is Closed this year.

Diamond Peak - Hwy 28 () - in Incline Village – is reporting 1" of new on a base of 24-48". 5 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) including the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 26 Runs are open (15MG) Plus Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 25F / Cldy / 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 2" of new on a base of 55-108". 7 Lifts & Tow including the NW Magnum 6 are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the both & The Blazing Zephyr & The Chuter Lift scheduled to open at 8:30am. 60 Trails are open (28MG) All the Chutes Gates + 3 Terrain Parks are open with 19 Features. (Powder, MG & SKR PP / 16F / Cldy / Lt Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE**. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar California - On Hwy 267 () – Is reporting 4-5" of new on a base of 44-96". 15 Lifts & Tows will operate (8:30-4) with the Front Side, Back Side & Look Out Mountain all open. 92 trails are open (72MG). 7 Terrain Parks are open with 157 features including Super Pipe. (Powder, MG & SKR PP / 19F / Cldy / 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 with 1-2" of new on a base of 25-55". 4 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 18 trails including 3 Terrain Parks open (MGPP). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 45 trails = Offering 35Km of XC Terrain available. (23F / Cldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9484**. www.skitahoedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

Boreal Mountain Resort – Off I-80 () – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is reporting 6" of new on a base of 116-162". 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 53 features including Boarder Cross & Super Pipe open. (Powder, MG & SKR PP / 20F / MCldy / 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 48". They have 17 trails accessible with 16km of Groomed XC Trails open. www.AuburnSkiClub.org

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd. (R2) – Is open (10-4 / Thur-Mon), reporting 6" of new on a base of 113-159". 2 Lifts will operate with 16 runs open (MG PP); 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 (R2) in Soda Springs, is open (8:30-4) with 5-7" of new on a 48" base. 73 Trails, 29 are Groomed today, offering 82Km of groomed XC terrain accessible. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 (R2) – Has 4-6" of new on a base of 30-85". 7 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with both Front & Back sides open. 45 runs are open (Powder, MG & SKR PP). The Tubing Hill open (10-4). (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd (R2) is reporting 6-8" of new on a base of 53-130". 9 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Jerome Hill, Mt Judah & Mt Lincoln Express. 96 runs are open (58MG). Hosting Finals of the Rahlves' Bonzai Tour this weekend. Switching Yard Terrain Parks open with over 40 Features. (Powder, MG & SKR PP / 22F / Lt Snow / 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 4-6" of new on a base of 50-76". 6 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) 64 runs are open (36MG). 4 Terrain Parks open with 29 Features. (Powder, MG & SKR PP / 21F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. www.skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 () - Tahoe City – The Ski & Snowboard Hill is open Fri-Sun with 2 Surface Lifts. 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) with 4" of new on a base of 24-36". Grooming out 16 Trails, to offer 35 KM of Groomed Terrain. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org. Hosting the Gourmet Ski Tour on Sunday.

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 () – is reporting 4-6" of new on a base of 65-101". 10 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Summit Six to the top of the front side & Sherwood turning on the backside. 63 Trails are accessible (29MG) plus 6 Terrain Parks open with 86 features. (Powder, MG & SKR PP / 18F / Cldy / Lt Winds). Free Shuttles run back & forth to Sister Resort Squaw Valley. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

Squaw Valley - Hwy 89 () is reporting 3-5" of new on a base of 32-111". 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. 89 runs are open (35MG). Plus, 5 Terrain Parks are open with 58 Features including Super Pipe. (Powder, MG & SKR PP / 16F / Cldy / Lt Winds). Snow Tubing, Mini Snowmobiles & Ice Skating open (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 7-10" of new on a base of 8.5-16.5 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. 159 Trails are accessible (90MG) + 8 Terrain Parks with 138 features & 2 Half Pipes open (Powder, MG & SKR PP / 19F / Lt Snow / 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 (R2) – is open with 6" of new on a base of 30-36". 4 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 10 Trails open (4MG) (MG & SKR PP / 24F / Lt Snow / 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 9" of new on a base of 41-53". 9 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 64 Runs open (35MG). 3 Terrain Parks open with 20 features. (Powder, MG & SKR PP / 19F / MCldy / Lt Winds). 2 Miles of Nordic Track open. (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 (R2) reports 4" of new on a base of 79". 7 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 75 trails open (23MG) plus 2 Terrain Park is open. (Powder, MG & SKR PP / 21F / Cldy / Lt Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2. www.bearvalley.com

Bear Valley XC – is open with 4" of new on a base of 24-36". Grooming out 32 Trails = 38Km of groomed XC trails are accessible. Plus Sledding & Tubing Hill open (9-4). (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalleyxc.com

So, there you have it! The NLT Snowfest continues thru March 10. For the complete schedule events, go to www.TahoeSnowFestival.com. Road Restrictions are posted. For updates on Road Conditions, Dial 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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R2=CHAINS MANDATORY EXCEPT 4WD WITH SNOWTIRES

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March 8, 6:00pm

USASA Night Race / World Cup Run

North Lake Tahoe Snowfest

Thru March 10

www.tahoesnowfestival.com

Sierra at Tahoe

Saturday, March 9

Gnu's LiL' Weirdo's 13 & Under Competition

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe

Sat/Sun, March 9/10

McKinney Cup Race Slalom / Giant Slalom

Tahoe Donner Downhill

Sunday, March 10

I-DID-A-RUN

Timed Dog Pull Race

Sugar Bowl

March 9/10

Rahlv's Bonzai Tour Finals

Tahoe Sports Ltd

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See you on the Slopes...

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