

# Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Wednesday, November 14, 2012 - As of 7:30am

Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Welcome to the 2012/13 Winter Snowsports Season. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Wednesday, November 14th. This past weekend's snow blanketed the High Sierra with Fresh Snow and cold temperatures have allowed resort to make snow and has prompted several resorts to open earlier than originally scheduled. Expect Mostly Cloudy Skies with temps into the upper 40's and Light Winds. There is a chance of more snow coming thru starting Thursday night and thru the weekend. Dress in layers, with your Jacket. Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles. Surface conditions are Variable but primarily Machine Groomed - Machine Made Snow. Ski & Ride with Care! Early Season Conditions Exist! Keep an Eye for Marked and Unmarked Obstacles & Stay on Opened Runs Only.

## South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

**\*Heavenly Mountain Resort** - South Lake Tahoe CA/NV 14-17" of natural snow & their massive snow making has allowed them to open today. They report a packed base of 18". 2 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Access to the mountain from the Heavenly Village Gondola. Tamarack Express will turn at the top with two runs open & 7 Terrain Park Features. (MM MG PP / 29F / MClear & Lt Winds). By Friday, they plan add Dipper Express and Orion's Run. Tahoe Local Pass is their best deal at \$459, but prices increase after November 18. **1-800-HEAVENLY.**

[www.skiheavenly.com](http://www.skiheavenly.com)

**\*Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Will be opening as soon as conditions permit. Their Unlimited Season Pass is available for only \$379. No restrictions. This pass is also good for skiing 10 days at China Peak, Mountain High & Stevens Pass; Plus 3 days at Monarch Mountain and at Grand Targhee with each night of lodging. And, in addition to these benefits, The Sierra Pass will allow FREE Skiing or Riding at Squaw Valley & Alpine Meadows from opening day thru December 21 and April 15 till Closing. **(530) 659-7475. [www.sierraattahoe.com](http://www.sierraattahoe.com)**

**Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center** - on Emerald Bay Road () – will open for cross-country and snow shoeing when conditions permit. **(530) 542-6584. [www.camprichardson.com](http://www.camprichardson.com)**

**Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center** - 14655 Hwy 89 /88 () – at Pickett's Junction will open when conditions permit. **(530) 694-2266. [www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com](http://www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com)**

**\*Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 () – Received 15-18" of snow and they are making snow. They have now moved up their opening day to Friday, November 16. One lift, Chair 5, is scheduled to operate with 5 trails expected to open. Tahoe Locals Pass is available to ski all 3 Vail owned resorts around Lake Tahoe for only \$459 thru Nov 18.

**Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** will open when conditions permit. **(877) KIRKWOOD. [www.kirkwood.com](http://www.kirkwood.com)**

## North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

**Spoooner Lake Cross Country** – at the Junction of Highway 28/50 () - at Spooner Lake State Park. After 27 years, Max & Patti Jones have decided not to renew their lease with Nevada State Parks. State Parks report they will try to keep the parking lot plowed but will not be packing or maintaining trails or seeking another operator... **(775) 749-5349.**

[www.spoonerlake.com](http://www.spoonerlake.com)

**\*Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 () - in Incline Village – Received snow and started making snow. They are scheduling December 13 as their opening date, conditions permitting. New lower prices on full season passes are offered at \$449. **(775) 831-1177. [www.diamondpeak.com](http://www.diamondpeak.com)**

**\*Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 () received 4-8" of snow and is getting ready to open, projecting Wednesday, November 21 as opening, conditions permitting. Full Season Passes still available for \$427. This pass also features other money saving benefits like 25% off all mountain dining and gear in 431 Sports Shop and 50% off Equipment Repair. **(800) SKI ROSE. [www.mtrose.com](http://www.mtrose.com)**

## Truckee Area Resorts

**\*Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 () – Is opening today on a base of 18" of both natural & machine made snow. 5 Lifts will operate (9-4) and 7 trails will be open + Terrain Park with 9 features. (MM MG PP / 32F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Planning more Trails & Terrain features for the weekend. Village Ice Rink also open (12-9pm). They are also among the Vail family of resorts at Lake Tahoe and offer the Tahoe Locals Pass for \$459 (prices good thru Nov 18). 7 day a week access with traditional holiday black out restrictions. **(530) 562-1330. [www.northstarcalifornia.com](http://www.northstarcalifornia.com)**

**Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Snowpeak Way () Truckee –They usually open before Christmas holiday week. **Tahoe Donner XC** – will open when conditions permit. **(530) 587-9484. [www.skitaheodonner.com](http://www.skitaheodonner.com)**

## Donner Summit Resorts

**\*Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 () – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Has Re Opened. They report a base of 24-36". One Lift, The Castle Peak Quad will operate (9am-9pm). 2 runs are open with Terrain Park. (MG-PP / 29F / PCldy & Lt Winds). **(530) 426-3666 #1. [www.rideboreal.com](http://www.rideboreal.com)**

**Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd. () – will open when conditions permit. Great Family area

offering skiing, boarding, snow tubing and more. (530)426-3901 [www.skisodasprings.com](http://www.skisodasprings.com)

**Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 ( ) on Donner Pass Rd ( ) in Soda Springs, is now owned and operated by Sugar Bowl. XC Snowshoeing Season Passes are available for \$299. Will open when conditions permit (530) 426-3871. [www.royalgorge.com](http://www.royalgorge.com)

**Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 ( ) – open for limited skiing and boarding on October 27/28. They received more snow from this past storm and will reopen when conditions permit. (530) 426-3635. [www.donnerranch.com](http://www.donnerranch.com)

**\*Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 ( ) on Donner Pass Rd ( ) – Received 15-20” of snow from this storm and they are making snow. They will now open this weekend, November 17 & 18. Access will be from their Gondola with 4 lifts including Lincoln Express to offer top to bottom skiing & riding with a base of 20-28”. (530) 426-1111. [www.sugarbowl.com](http://www.sugarbowl.com)

#### West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

**\*Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 ( ) – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, is scheduled to open Dec. 14. If you have a season pass from any other local resort you can pick up their unlimited pass to ski or board Homewood for only \$299. Job Fair set for Saturday, November 17. (530) 525-2900. [www.skihomewood.com](http://www.skihomewood.com)

**Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 ( ) - Tahoe City – The Ski & Snowboard Hill will open when conditions permit. (530) 581-7533 [www.granlibakken.com](http://www.granlibakken.com)

**Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area** - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 ( ) – Will open when conditions permit. They are hosting their Annual Ski Swap on Saturday, November 17. (530) 583-5475. [www.tahoexc.org](http://www.tahoexc.org)

**\*Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 ( ) – Now combined with Squaw, received 28” of snow from this storm. Opening day is set for December 7, conditions permitting. Tahoe Super Pass good also at Squaw is offered. (530) 581-8374. [www.skialpine.com](http://www.skialpine.com)

**\*Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 ( ) Received 24” of new snow from this storm system. They are making snow and plan to now open on Friday, November 16. 4 Lifts are projected to open including Red Dog & Squaw Creek. Tahoe Super Pass available to ski / ride unlimited at both Alpine & Squaw for \$749, and as low as \$429 with 16 Black Out days. Gold & Silver Passes now have the added benefit of Skiing or Riding Sierra at Tahoe Sunday thru Fridays the entire season. (530) 583-6955 #1. [www.squaw.com](http://www.squaw.com)  
And, for XC Skiing or Snow Shoeing & Ice Skating, **The Resort at Squaw Creek** will open when conditions permit. (530) 583-6300 ext 6631. [www.visitsquawcreek.com](http://www.visitsquawcreek.com)

#### Central Sierra Resorts

**\*Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 ( ) – Is now open for the 2012/13 Winter Season. They report a Base of 12-18”. 6 Lifts will operate (8:30-4) out of the Main Lodge. with the Lower & Upper Panorama Gondola is running. 24 runs are opened (8MG) + 2 Terrain Parks. (MGPP / 33F / Clear & Lt Winds). (888) 766-9778. [www.mammothmountain.com](http://www.mammothmountain.com)

**June Mountain** – June Lakes Loop ( ) Will be closed this winter. (760) 934-2224. [www.junemountain.com](http://www.junemountain.com)

**Yosemite/Badger Pass** – on Badger Pass Rd ( ) - Will open when conditions permit.

**Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 ( ) – Will open when conditions permit. (209) 536-5300. [www.dodgeridge.com](http://www.dodgeridge.com)

**Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 ( ) - Will open in mid December or when conditions permit . (209) 753-2301 #2. [www.bearvalley.com](http://www.bearvalley.com)

**Bear Valley XC** – has enough snow to open for Thanksgiving weekend with limited trails. (209) 753-2834. [www.bearvalleyxc.com](http://www.bearvalleyxc.com)

So, there you have it, All roadways around the Lake Tahoe Basin are open. For updates on Roads call 5-11. For updates on this Report, Weekly Articles and other news from the Resorts, Please visit my Website at **BikeandSkiTahoe.Com**. Have and a Safe Day on the Mountain... It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's your Mtn. Resort Report.

[www.bikeandskitahoe.com](http://www.bikeandskitahoe.com)

**FOR CURRENT ROAD INFORMATION CALL:**

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See you on the Slopes...  
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"The Guy From Tahoe"