19 February 2020

ALL TIME TRAVEL

February blue has set in and man is it good to see the sun. But don't blink because it may not last; there's still snow in the forecast. Travel conditions have been amazing this week in Golden. The alpine powder has been cold and deep, yet traction is great and allows you to get everywhere. There's still a ton of it out there so you should probably come get some.

We have a neat announcement! Our new DFD mobile emergency-shelter has been moved into Gorman. This is a permanent structure that will be moved frequently. Read more about it

14 cms of snow by Sunday. We'll take it!

Avalanche

Travel and Terrain Advice (as copied from Avalanche.ca)

Be mindful that deep instabilities are still present and have produced recent large avalanches. Avoid shallow, rocky areas where the snowpack transitions from thick to thin. Minimize exposure to sun-exposed slopes when the solar radiation is strong.

If you can ride in the mountains you're probably travelling in avalanche terrain. Please be careful and submit what you see to the MIN Network.

Travel on Logging Roads

Please observe proper safety on the logging roads. Radio channel in Silent is RR3 (150.140)

Trail Area Conditions Reports

Quartz Creek

Conditions: Packed powder
Grooms scheduled: Wednesday (19), Friday (21), Saturday (22), Sunday (23)
Fees: $25
Parking: cleared
Road: n/a
Additional notes:

Quartz has been great this week and will continue to be. The parking lots are cleared, the fire wood is stocked in the sea can and there's propane for the BBQ.

PLEASE STAY OUT OF THE PARKS! Don't sled past a sign and in to the National Park. This seriously impacts our relationship with the Park and our ability to keep areas open and open new areas. We don't have caribou in Golden, but we are not immune from closures.

Please note that avalanche safety protocols sometimes affect our grooming schedule. Ask the gate staff in the morning about the last groom.

Gorman Lake

Conditions: The alpine bowls have been great
Grooms scheduled: Wednesday (19), Saturday (22)
Fees: $25
Parking: 4 km (lower) parking lot.
Road: Road is in good shape - Radio RR27 / 151.37
Additional notes:

Gorman is in good shape. There has been a lot of wind lately so you can expect scouring and loading in pockets. The alpine bowls have been amazing.

Please be aware of active logging on the road. The Radio Channel is RR27 or 151.37

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Silent Pass

Conditions: Really good.
Grooms scheduled: Wednesday (19), Saturday (22)
Fees: $25
Parking: 46km - until it snows, then the 25km
Road: Please use radios on FSR. Channel is RR3 (150.140) - Logging trucks have been driving FAST!
Additional notes:

Great conditions at Silent lately.

Please keep in mind there is active logging taking place very near to the parking lot. Please do not follow the plowed road to the "end" or park in signed no-parking areas. Riding a snowmobile on a plowed road is illegal, so if you can't snag a spot in the lot drop off your sled and park elsewhere, don't ride on the road.

HEADS UP Logging operations have stopped. You can expect to park at the 25km when it snows too much to get to the 46km. That means you must have a VHS Radio in your vehicle to travel down the active logging road. Check out our video on logging road etiquette here. The Radio Channel is RR3 or 150.140.

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Westbench Trail

Conditions: really good
Grooms scheduled: Wednesday 19
Fees: $25
Parking: Gorman or Quartz
Road: n/a
Additional notes: WBT is in excellent condition. Now is the time to ride it.

Old Man

Conditions: tracked powder
Grooms scheduled: Wednesday 19
Fees: $25
Parking: Quartz
Road: n/a
Additional notes: unreported

East Quartz

Conditions: packed powder
Grooms scheduled: Thursday (13)
Fees: $25
Parking: Quartz
Road: N/A
Additional notes: A bit played out in the trees but the alpine bowls are amazing.

Weather & Avalanche Conditions

Avalanche Conditions
https://www.avalanche.ca

Weather Conditions
https://www.snow-forecast.com/resorts/GC-HeliSki/6day/mid

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