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CALL OF THE WILD

The winter that keeps on giving is still in full effect. We have enjoyed 2 resets of powder in the past week and there is 5-10cms still expected before the weekend. Conditions are amazing out in Golden BC right now and you should definitely come check it out. If you do, don't forget your balaclava and puffy jacket because temps are still cold in the alpine. The cold temps are great because it keeps our trails in good condition and preserves the powder! See you soon.

Kicking Horse Resort has reported 43 cms in the past 7 days. Let that one sink in! Now add 5-10 before Friday… Yahoo!

Check out our webcam, weather data (including snowfall) and the local weather forecast on our webcams page: www.sledgolden.com/webcams-and-condition

Avalanche

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

Be aware of the potential for large avalanches due to the presence of buried surface hoar. Use conservative route selection and resist venturing out into complex terrain. Stay off recently wind loaded slopes until they have had a chance to stabilize. Avoid shallow, rocky areas where the snowpack transitions from thick to thin.

Please check out avalanche bulletins (https://www.avalanche.ca/map/forecasts/purcells) each time you go.

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)

Big Announcement!

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

Trail Area Conditions Reports

Quartz Creek

Conditions: Powder and packed powder
Grooms scheduled: Wednesday (11), Friday (13), Saturday (14), Sunday (15)
Fees: $25
Parking: cleared
Road: n/a
Additional notes:

Quartz is good right now. Wood should be restocked by the weekend at the cabin.

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: wind buffed alpine ridges and deep at treeline
Grooms scheduled: Wednesday (11), Saturday (14)
Fees: $25
Parking: 14 km (upper) parking lot. A bit of a gong show.
Road: Road is in good shape - Radio RR27 / 151.37
Additional notes:

There is now active logging up to the 9 km mark at Gorman. The road is plowed to the upper lot now too. You should park up high. The road between the lower and the upper parking lot freezes at night and melts during the day. It's not the best for big trailers at the moment. Great snow, a lot of wind.

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: Thursday (12), Saturday (14)
Fees: $25
Parking: 46km BUT.. There is NO road maintenance from the 27-46km.
Road: Please use radios on FSR. Channel is RR3 (150.140) - Logging trucks have been driving FAST!
Additional notes:

Great conditions at Silent lately. The best riding has been in the trees.

Parking is changing on a day to day basis as there is NO road maintenance from the 27km to the 46km. You can still make it to the 46km but when the next big snow happens you probably won't make it… unless it melts out… sorry, we can't give you a better answer than that. Feel free to message us on Facebook for the most current update.

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 - but won't last - get it while it's still cold.
Grooms scheduled: Friday (13)
Fees: $25
Parking: Gorman or Quartz
Road: n/a
Additional notes: WBT is in good condition. It will start to deteriorate soon, so go for it while you can.

Old Man

Conditions: excellent
Grooms scheduled: Friday (13)
Fees: $25
Parking: Quartz
Road: n/a
Additional notes: trail is in good shape and so are the upper bowls.

East Quartz

Conditions: packed powder
Grooms scheduled: Friday (13)
Fees: $25
Parking: Quartz
Road: N/A
Additional notes: unreported.

Weather & Avalanche Conditions

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

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