

BRISK AND BEAUTIFUL!

It's going to be a cooler week but those cold temps are bringing some beautiful weather for a few days before the clouds roll in again. We will get a bit of a break from the COLD double digit temps over the weekend and will receive a bit of warmer weather into the weekend and early next week.

With the cold temperatures it is a great time to look at the emergency gear you should be bringing with you. Check out Mountain Sledgers "Essential Safety Gear for Mountain Sledgers!" article here.

We've had some issues lately with people riding in closure areas. Here's a reminder of the Quartz Creek areas... FYI the boundary lines are not obvious, so you need to know where you can and cannot be. This photo is a perfect demonstration of what is ILLEGAL sledding.

This shows the overlay of the boundary lines as per the photo above. Fines for using a motorized vehicle in the National Parks can be as high as \$25,000. It also doesn't give sledgers a very good reputation so please, stay out. There are several signs along the borders so it's pretty hard to plead ignorance. Please make yourself aware of where you can and cannot be. Expect to see the Conservation Officers out looking for people in closures.

Trail Area Conditions Reports

Quartz Creek

Conditions: Getting pretty tracked out, but still beautiful!

Grooms scheduled: Wednesday, Friday, Sunday and as needed!

Fees: \$25

Parking: Parking at the main highway lot.

Road: Side "bench" trail built for snowmobile use until the 4k. Please use it and stay off the FSR when possible.

Additional notes:

The active logging is complete at Quartz but there are still rock haul trucks using the road. There is a side "bench" trail that is meant to be travelled on.

Travel slow and pay attention. Check in at the Quartz gate for the most up to date info.

Gorman Lake

Conditions: Cold and bluebird.

Grooms scheduled: Wednesday, Saturday, and as needed.

Fees: \$25

Parking: Park at the 3.5km lot

Road: Road has been in good shape!

Additional notes: Equipment hauling happening on the Dogtooth FSR as local contractors perform "right of way" (road building). There's quite a bit of room for parking at the 3.5km, but keep it tight. Gorman has been busy this year so be prepared for a full lot!

Silent Pass

Conditions: Looking good these days.

Grooms scheduled: Wednesday, Saturday and as needed

Fees: \$25

Parking: Parking at the 31k

Road: Road is in great shape

Additional notes: The road to Silent is in good shape at the moment, and don't forget, we have a parking lot at the 31 k which is new this year. Expect active logging to be happening now, so have your radio handy!

East Quartz

Conditions: Grooming once a week currently

Grooms scheduled: Friday

Fees: \$25

Parking: As per Quartz, Gorman

Road: N/A

Old Man

Conditions: Great coverage this year

Grooms scheduled: As needed

Fees: \$25

Parking: At Quartz Creek main parking lot

Road: N/A

Westbench Trail

Conditions: The trail is continuous now and it sounds like it's in GREAT shape.

Grooms scheduled: Wednesday

Fees: \$25

Parking: Gorman or Quartz

Road: N/A

Additional notes: If you're looking for a cruise and great views, the WBT is a great option and we are lucky to have it in such great shape right now. Thanks to the grooming staff for all their hard work getting it sorted this season!

Weather & Avalanche Conditions

Avalanche Conditions

<https://www.avalanche.ca>

Weather Conditions

<https://www.snow-forecast.com/resorts/GC-HeliSki/6day/mid>