

## DEC 5 - PUSHING GORMAN

Sled conditions in Golden remain consistent with many riders exploring on the early season snow. Quartz is now open 7 days a week and we are pushing into Gorman this week. There's approx 15 cm of snow in the forecast and some sun as well. Avalanche conditions have been quite manageable but are set to spike on Saturday as the new snow falls. There's news about logging near the Quartz creek parking lot so keep reading to hear the latest.

### Quartz Parking Lot info

Please beware of the upcoming Selkirk Mountain – Quartz Creek Rest Area Clearing & Brushing Project located on Highway 1 and Quartz Creek FSR. Kenpesq't Construction has been contracted by the Ministry of Transportation and Transit to carry out this work, which is scheduled to begin on December 13th, 2024, and is expected to be completed by December 20th, 2024 (weather permitting).

### Project Details:

**Project Start Date:** December 13th, 2024 **Project End Date:** December 20th, 2024 **Work Hours:** 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM Monday to Friday **Affected Areas:** Selkirk Mountain – Quartz Creek Rest Area **Traffic Impact:** Expect traffic delays and intermittent road closures during the project, which may cause disruptions to travel along Highway 1. **Golden Snowmobile Club Impact:** Restricted access for snowmobile staging during active tree clearing operations. **Estimated Duration of Delays/Closures:** Intermittent traffic delays up to 20 minutes in duration.

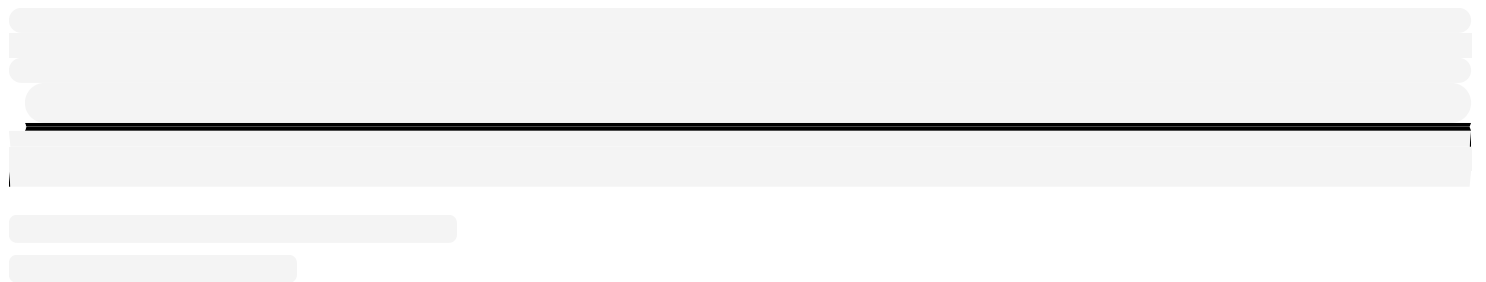
SledGolden will be updating our website and social media channels in terms of how this project will affect our operations. At the very least, the truck parking lot near the kiosk will be closed during this time.

### New Silent Pass Mobile Emergency Shelter /Warming Hut

We have exciting news. We are pleased to announce that we will have a new mobile cabin at Silent Pass this year. We plan to put the cabin near the end of the groomed trail and it will serve as a great warming spot on the Silent Pass ride. This year the parking lot is forecast to be at the 17 km, which means it will be a long ride in to the riding area this year. Having our warming cabin at the end of the trail should serve as a nice break spot. Check out this instagram video for more info.



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## Snow & Weather

### SNOW AND WEATHER

The big bomb cyclone dump that we had earlier in the month delivered an excellent base for us. While the snowpack is settling to about 90-100 cms the coverage is quite good and it is supportive to sledding. There is still a lot of powder in the bowls where people haven't been playing too much. Lots of early season hazards exist so tread carefully, but this is the best early season we've had in a

couple years for sure.

Looks like 15-20 cms if forecast in our mountains, with the majority coming on Saturday. Temps will warm up during the storm and then look like they will cool down again after.



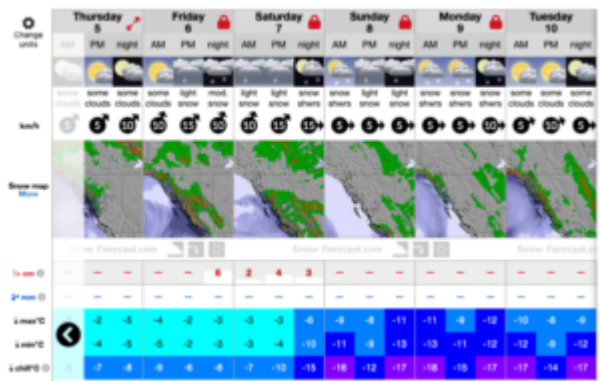
Silent Pass on Dec 3, 2024



Silent Pass sign on Nov 28



Waterfall feature on Nov 28 in Silent Pass



Snow forecast screen shot on Dec 5

# Staging Areas Latest Info

## Quartz Creek

**Conditions:** Settled Early Season Snow

**Grooms scheduled:** As needed

**Fees:** \$30/sled

**Parking:** main parking lot

**Additional notes:**

Good early season coverage. A lot of compaction in the main bowls. Powder if you search for it.

Please make yourself aware of the logging that will be occurring in the Quartz parking lot (posted above) this month.



Quartz Nov 23

## Silent Pass

**Conditions:** Good early season

**Grooms scheduled:** none

**Fees:** none

**Parking:** Just before McMurdo bridge at 45km - Large Enclosed trailers not recommended

**Road:** Log hauling activity Use a radio to call you kms. RR3

**Additional notes:**

Silent is in pretty good shape. The waterfall feature is mostly in with a few bumps in it from previous stucks. The area has seen some traffic but there's still some left.



Forestry work at the 36km on North Fork



Silent Parking at the 45km McMurdo bridge

## Gorman Lake

**Conditions:** unknown

**Grooms scheduled:** Dec 5-6

**Fees:** When groom is complete ; kiosk open this weekend for pass pickup

**Parking:** upper lot

**Road:** A lot of active logging traffic on road. Call your kms! RR24

**Additional notes:**

Whiskeyjack Logging will be hauling down from the 7.5km for the next 2-3 weeks, and until they're done PWT will continue to plow up to the top parking lot. Please be aware about the increased traffic and be extra vigilant.

Looks like come January, PWT will have a logging crew and hauling from the West Main road as well so will be maintaining the Dogtooth to the 3.5km lot most of the winter.

**KNOW WHERE YOU RIDE**