

FEB 20 - LET'S GO SNOW

There's a system of low pressure fronts marching their way across Golden this week and with them will come some warmer temps and some sweet precipitation. This week is all about planning your attack to match the weather patterns and get as much snow as you can get. The grooming crew is ready and operations continue to keep the trails smooth. Avalanche conditions remain moderate and low but those can change in an instant when the new snow comes.

Riley Suhan Backcountry Race



On April 5, 2025 the Golden Snowmobile Club will once again host the [Riley Suhan Backcountry Race](#), one of the best events in all of snowmobiling! This unique mountain race traverses a large loop of the Quartz Creek riding zone in Golden BC and is executed in a timed, relay format. **For 2025, on top of the normal race that combines the times of a randomly chosen, 4 person team, we will have an additional pro-level race with a special prize purse on a more challenging course.** We're sorting out the details of this pro race but be assured that the idea is for it to be awesome for both spectators and participants alike. Entry to the second pro race will require some sort of qualifying that we will determine before the event; it may likely be the top 10-20 times of the first lap are invited to try the second, more challenging lap, for a separate prize purse. We will announce the specifics as we iron them out.

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

OVER 50% BOOKED!

65spots registered. 55 spots left...

Snow & Weather

SNOW AND WEATHER

The past week we've received approx 10 cms of snow. It looks like there's another 25-30 cms in the forecast. The temps will vary as the storms hit. It looks like it'll be above 0 at the valley bottoms at moments but the alpine seems like the freezing level will hold.

Marching Fronts

Synopsis

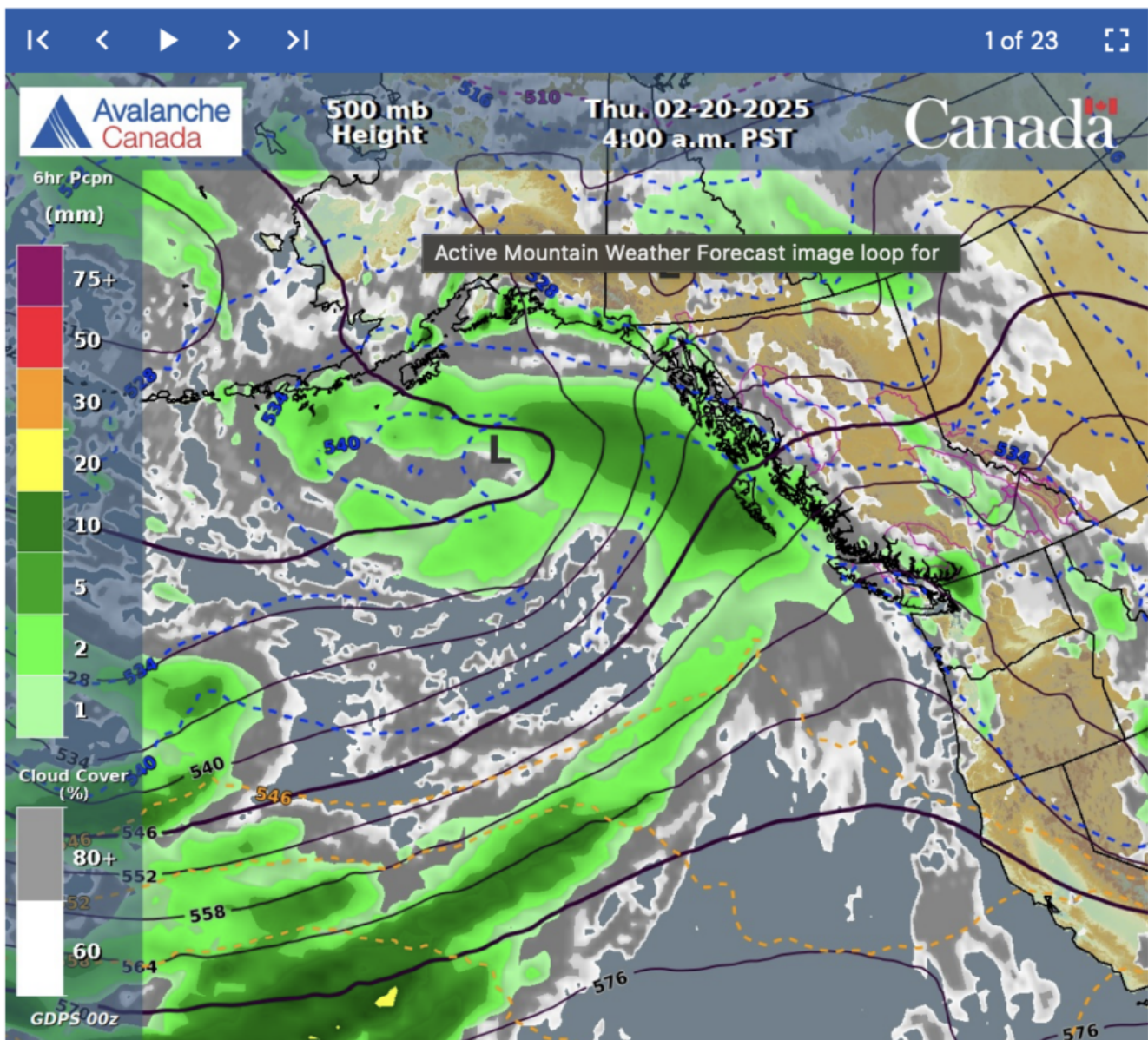
Day 1

Day 2

Day 3-4

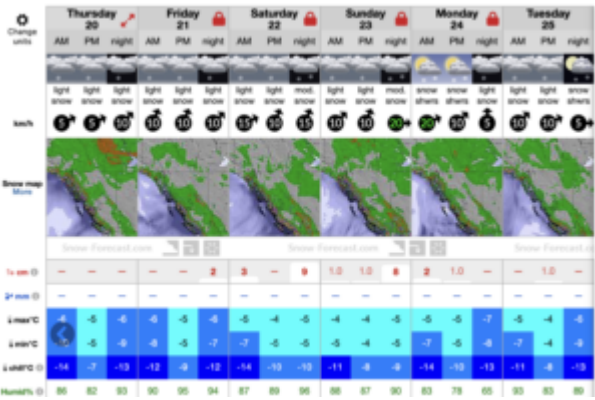
Day 5-7

- Weather system #1 today with rain and snow for BC coastal areas and snow for the North Rockies and South Klondike
- Weather system #2 arrives on Friday and brings more moisture and warmth to coastal and interior B.C., raising freezing levels
- Weather system #3 arrives on Saturday and is currently the wettest of the four systems. It will continue advecting warm air into the province, maintaining higher freezing levels
- Weather system #4 arrives on Sunday and appears to be the weakest of the four weather systems



Forecasts and graphics produced by the Meteorological Service of Canada (MSC)

screen shot from Avalanche.ca on Feb 20



Snow forecast screen shot for near Quartz on Feb 20



storm approaching Quartz Lake on Feb 19

Staging Areas Latest Info

Quartz Creek

Conditions: Compacted main areas
Grooms scheduled: As needed
Fees: \$30/sled
Parking: main parking lot
Additional notes: Main area is compacted. Flat Trail in. Parking lot is cleared. East Quartz trail has been pushed.

Silent Pass

Conditions: packed powder
Grooms scheduled: as needed.
Fees: \$30/sled
Parking: 31km lot - please do not drive past.
Road: Road is rough! Drive slow. Log hauling activity Use a radio to call you kms. RR3
Additional notes:

Good riding. Lots of snow left. Compaction in main areas.

The road in is rough. Drive will be slow.

Gorman Lake

Conditions: firm

Grooms scheduled: As needed moving forward (once a week)

Fees: \$30/sled

Parking: 3.5km lower lot

Road: road is nicely gravelled. Call your kms! RR27

Additional notes:

Logging work on the first km of the trail in. Watch for vehicles.

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