

DEC 18 - WAWAWEWA IT'S GOOD!

We're not sure if we remember a December this good. It's basically all-time out here in Golden these days and if you can slip in a quick trip before Christmas, you should. Last week we extolled about 2 full resets of snow, and well, it's snowed over a meter since then! The lowest hanging fruit has been plucked so many times this month we're starting to loose count. We feel like a broken record playing the best possible music: it's deep on repeat! Of course wild weather means grooming ops have been subject to avalanche delays. We're trying to get all 3 zones going by the weekend but a few things also need to go right. You can count on the fact that our team is working their butts off to make it happen. Travel has been crazy on the roads around these parts. There's been a lot of delays and terrible conditions. Avalanche conditions remain considerable at the least and caution is required. The weather looks to continue to be unstable and there's 50+ cms in the 6 day forecast! Wawawewa! This is what we live for...

Snow & Weather

SNOW AND WEATHER

It's deep out there plain and simple. We've had 1.2-1.5 meters of snow in our zones in the past week and there's another 50+cms in the forecast. But more than the total snow is what the temps have done and that's stay at 0 or below freezing from 2000m and up. Golden is one of thee best places when a warm wet storm rolls through and this is why it's so good here.

The other big factor in the equation is what the winds have done because not all this snow load came in light and fluffy. Winds have played a major factor and you can feel the results in the upper alpine. The best snow is in protected trees and if you do find a sweet spot that hasn't been touched you're in for a deep moment.

We probed 220cm at 2200 meters in Quartz on Dec 17! We're officially at a mid winter snowpack.

RECENT SNOWFALL

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5 CM
OVERNIGHT

19 CM
LAST 24 HOURS

45 CM
LAST 48 HOURS

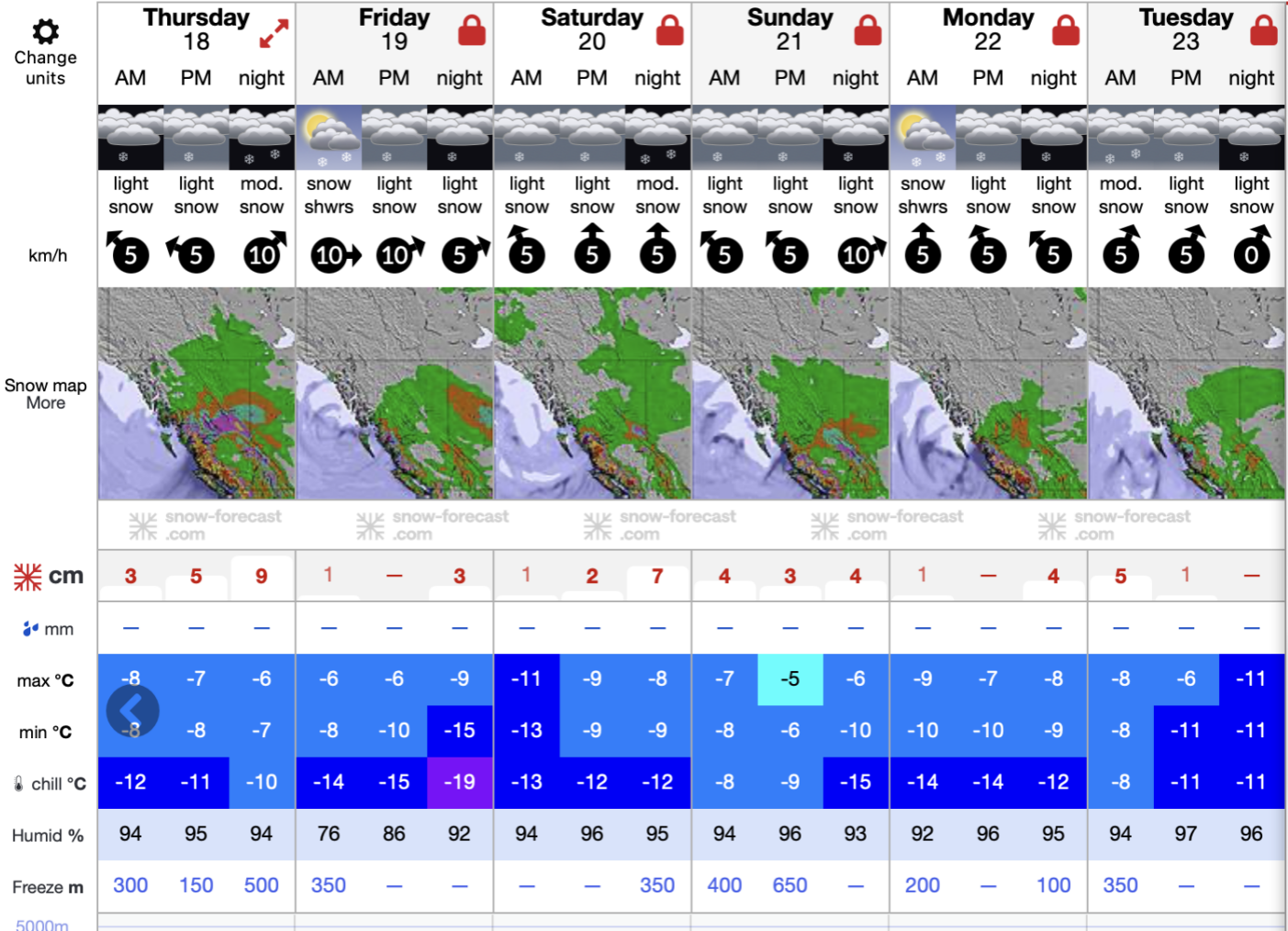
121 CM
LAST 7 DAYS

157 CM
BASE

401 CM
THIS SEASON

Taken from Alpine Snow Plot at 2,060 m

KHMR Snow report on Dec 18.



Snow-forecast screen shot for near Quartz on Dec 18



Deep in Gorman this week!

Staging Areas Latest Info

Quartz Creek

Conditions: Excellent mid winter snowpack. Deep

Grooms scheduled: Thurs/Saturday or as needed

Fees: \$30

Parking: Main lot - Cleared on Dec 17

Additional notes:

Quartz may be the easiest accessed mountain riding in the province right now. Park at the main lot, which is good for trailers and ride a groomed trail in to the zone.

It's been absolutely amazing at Quartz lately. It keeps resetting and the same lines have been good day over day...

Silent Pass

Conditions: Deep!

Grooms scheduled: hopefully this weekend

Fees: Only if the groom happens

Parking: 46.5km. - Not certain about clearing status. There was 40 cms of uncleared powder in the parking lot on Dec 17

Road: road is in icy condition, Bring chains! Watch for industry traffic and call your kms.

Additional notes:

It's deep in Silent. But the road has not been great. We did hear of a much needed sanding on the road on Dec 17. But the final km from the McMurdo turn to the parking lot was not cleared as of Dec 17. We can update here as we learn how it is.

We're trying to get a cat to Silent to get a groom going as early as Saturday but a few things need to go right.

Logging is happening past the 45km turn off to Silent Pass's upper parking lot this year. We've been told this will happen till at least late February. This means that sledders heading to Silent should be able to drive to the 46.5km parking lot for most of the winter.

Gorman Lake

Conditions: Deep

Grooms scheduled: Saturday

Fees: \$30

Parking: lower parking. 3.5km

Road: icy road conditions. Big trailers should have chains.

Additional notes: Using deep and Gorman in the same sentence is not something we'd normally do in December but this year is special and guess what? It's deep in Gorman too! The coverage is excellent for December.

KNOW WHERE YOU RIDE