



03 January 2026

JAN 3 - HAPPY NEW YEAR

The holiday season has come and gone and now we move on to the rest of the winter. The snow taps look to be turning on again and there's approximately 23+ cms forecast in the next week. Grooming ops are in full swing with all 3 managed areas getting grooms as needed. Avalanche conditions seem moderate/considerable through the weekend and temps are mild for the deep of winter. Mark March 28th on your calendar for the next Riley Suhani Backcountry Race.

Riley Suhani Backcountry Race



MARCH 28, 2026 : SAVE THE DATE! The next RSBR will take place on March 28th, 2026. Registration should be live in the next week or so but we wanted to get the word out.

[Read the Sleddermag.com Recap Here](#) from 2025.

Snow & Weather

SNOW AND WEATHER

After epic dumps all December the holiday season treated many riders to sunny skies and excellent travel days with great coverage. Most of the main zones have seen a lot of compaction and we're ready for more snow. Luckily there's approximately 20-25 cms

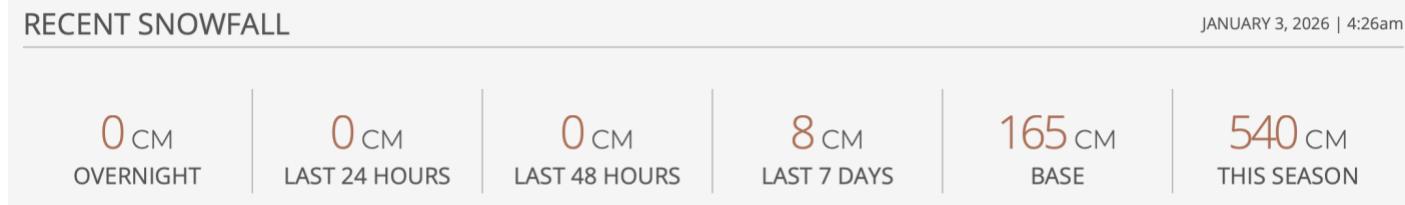
forecast for the next week and we're hopefully the general trend this month if for more snow.

Temps are swirling this week with a warmer than usual weekend and then cooler temps throughout the week.

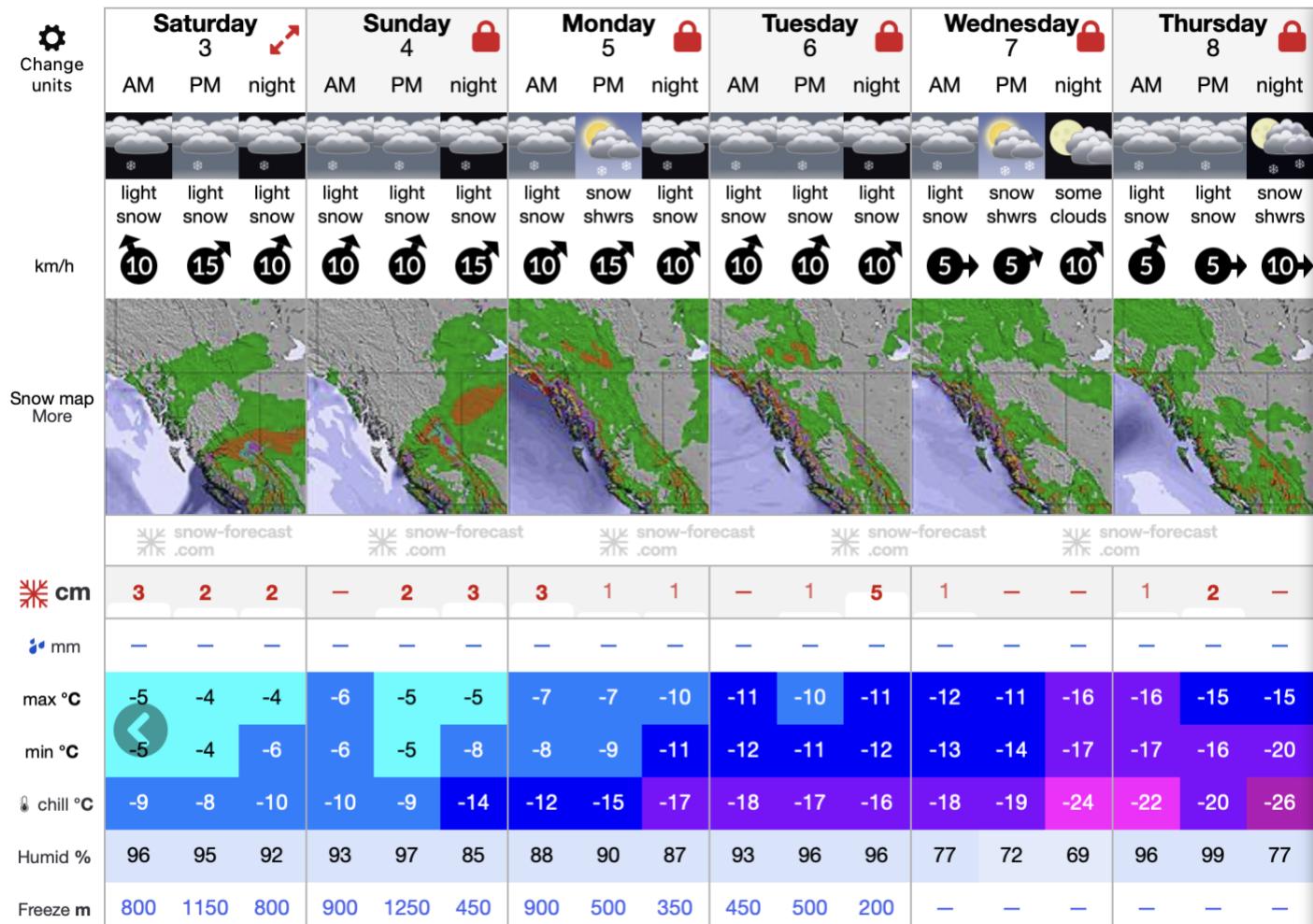
According to AvCan's weather resource:

- An offshore low-pressure system and southwest flow drive active weather across southern BC and Alberta this weekend. Heavy precipitation is expected on the South Coast starting Friday night, and light to moderate precipitation is expected for the southern BC interior starting Saturday. This weather system makes its way into the Rockies by Sunday.
- Cool and dry weather persists in the northwest of BC until active weather returns late Monday.

KHMR is reporting 540 cms of snowfall this season



KHMR snow report screen shot on Jan 3



screen shot of snow-forecast on Jan 3 for near Quartz

Staging Areas Latest Info

Quartz Creek

Conditions: compacted main zones and wind swept alpine. Fresh in the trees where no one has ridden.

Grooms scheduled: As needed

Fees: \$30

Parking: Main lot

Additional notes:

Quartz has great coverage but has seen a lot of compaction over the holidays.

Silent Pass

Conditions: compacted main zones and wind swept alpine. Fresh in the trees where no one has ridden.

Grooms scheduled: Dec 26 and then as needed

Fees: \$30

Parking: 46.5km

Road: Bring chains! Watch for industry traffic and call your kms.

Additional notes:

The road is in good shape.

Gorman Lake

Conditions: compacted main zones and wind swept alpine. Fresh in the trees where no one has ridden.

Grooms scheduled: As needed.

Fees: \$30

Parking: lower parking. 3.5km

Road: Was sanded before Christmas. Big trailers should have chains.

Additional notes: compacted main zones and wind swept alpine. Fresh in the trees where no one has ridden.

Old Man

Conditions: compacted main zones and wind swept alpine. Fresh in the trees where no one has ridden.

Grooms scheduled: none

Fees: \$30 - pay at Quartz Kiosk

Parking: Quartz Main Lot

Additional notes: We got about 75% of Old Man groomed just before Christmas.

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Weather & Avalanche Conditions

Avalanche Conditions

<https://www.avalanche.ca>

Weather Conditions

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