



16 January 2026

JAN 16 - SPRING BLUE

Snowmobile conditions in Golden have changed a lot over the course of the last week. We are now in a cycle that feels like spring. There is frozen snow down low and crusty powder up top. The travel is excellent and it's been good to see the sun. The avalanche conditions look to remain moderate and grooming ops are mostly back to normal after a wild wet storm early in the week. The Suhan race registration is open on Jan 18.

Riley Suhan Backcountry Race



MARCH 28, 2026 : SAVE THE DATE! The next RSBR will take place on March 28th, 2026. Registration should be live on **Jan 18**.

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

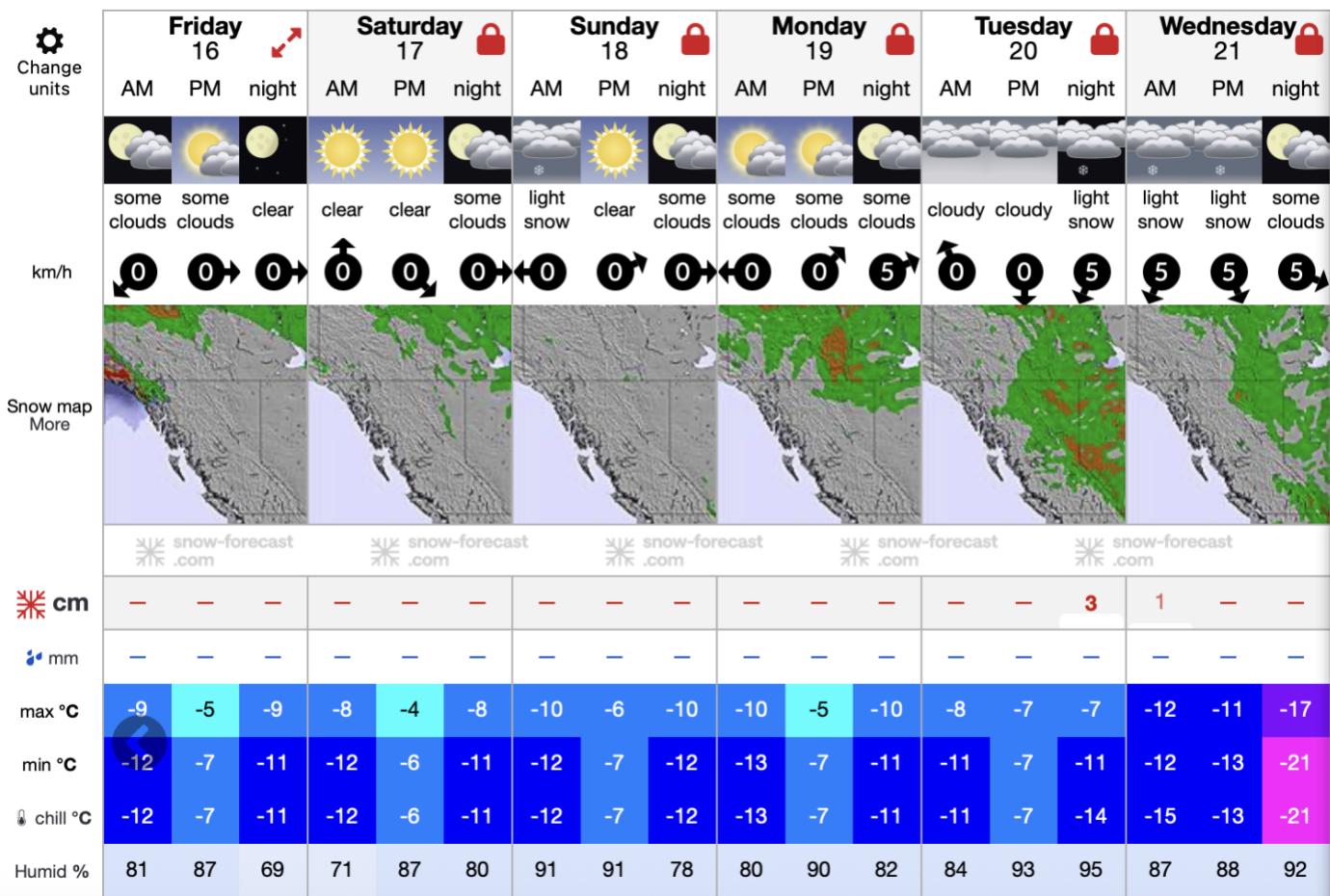
Snow & Weather

SNOW AND WEATHER

The glorious run of deep pow that we've had over the past 7 weeks is finally at an end. Weather patterns have shifted to clear skies and cooler temps. The final blast of precipitation came through pretty warm and while we didn't get rain or freezing levels to our roof, there is a widespread soft crust layer in the high alpine.

We've had 25-30 cms of snow in the past week but the real story is about the temperatures. Temps peaked on Wednesday Jan 14 afternoon and when the cool weather hit the soft snow it settled up.

There's some nice blue sky and sun in the forecast for the weekend and the snow is great to travel on.



Snow forecast for near Quartz on Jan 16

Staging Areas Latest Info

Quartz Creek

Conditions: Spring like

Grooms scheduled: As needed

Fees: \$30

Parking: Main lot

Additional notes:

Spring like conditions in Quartz.

East Quartz road has been pushed in.

Silent Pass

Conditions: spring like

Grooms scheduled: as needed

Fees: \$30

Parking: 46.5km The upper parking lot can get tight on a busy weekend. Please park in a way that allows others to do what they need to do.

Road: road is in good shape

Additional notes:

The Silent cat is down and is scheduled to be fixed in the next few days. This did delay the grooming of the trail.

The upper parking lot can get tight on a busy weekend. Please park in a way that allows others to do what they need to do. If you're towing a large trailer on a busy weekend and you're late to arrive, you may want to consider parking on the road at the McMurdo bridge.

Gorman Lake

Conditions: spring like

Grooms scheduled: As needed. Typically Friday.

Fees: \$30

Parking: lower parking. 3.5km

Road: road is melted to gravel

Additional notes: Gorman riding is spring like. The access road is melted to gravel.

Old Man

Conditions: unreported

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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Avalanche Conditions

<https://www.avalanche.ca>

Weather Conditions

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