21 January 2026

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It's been a week of high clear skies and endless travel here in Golden and the trend looks to continue. Traction is good and it's a green light to travel just about anywhere, as avalanche conditions remain low. Grooming in Quartz and Gorman continues as normal. We're hoping to have the Silent cat fixed in the next couple days and get to get a groom in by the weekend. There is a ladies ride this weekend and the Suhan race sold out! Keep reading for more info.

Riley Suhan Backcountry Race



MARCH 28, 2026 : SOLD OUT! – We're almost in shock but we opened the registration on Sunday the 18th evening and the event sold out in 20 hrs. We're stoked and humbled by the amazing reaction. If you want to be involved as a volunteer or to hop on the wait list please email Magi

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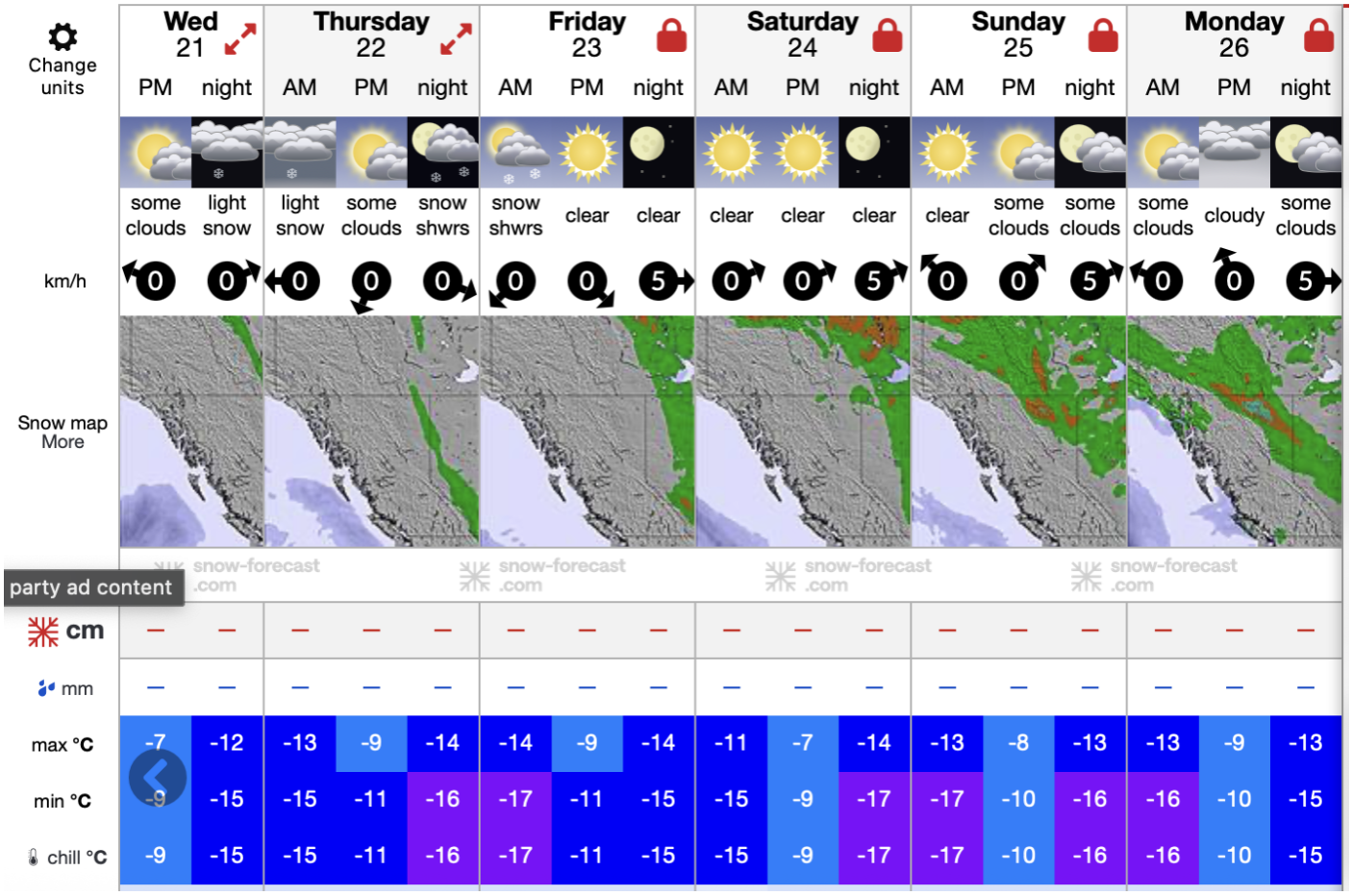
Read the Sleddermag.com Recap Here from 2025.

Snow & Weather

SNOW AND WEATHER

After a record breaking December of snow it's a bit sad to report that basically nothing fell this past week. The good news is that the

base is thick and the traction is great. Just don't expect deep pow. Alpine temps look cool.



forecast for this week

Staging Areas Latest Info

Quartz Creek

Conditions: compacted
Grooms scheduled: As needed
Fees: $30
Parking: Main lot
Additional notes:

Quartz is compacted with good base and good traction.

East Quartz road has been pushed in.

Silent Pass

Conditions: compacted with good base and good traction.
Grooms scheduled: as needed
Fees: no charge until the groomer is fixed. $30 once we get the groom in.
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: compacted with good base and good traction.
Grooms scheduled: As needed. Typically Friday.
Fees: $30
Parking: lower parking. 3.5km
Road: road is melted to gravel
Additional notes: Gorman is compacted with good base and good traction. 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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https://www.avalanche.ca

Weather Conditions
https://www.snow-forecast.com/resorts/GC-HeliSki/6day/mid