



Hatcher Pass East Management Area & Summit Lake Winter Conditions Report

Current Date

October 21, 2016



Area	Snowmobile Status	New Snow	Avg. Snow Depth	Comments
Gold Mint Lot	CLOSED	11"	11"	Closed to snowmobiling.
Gold Mint Trail	NON-MOTORIZED	11-14"	11-14"	Snow wet and heavy.
Archangel Trailhead	NON-MOTORIZED	11"	11"	Limited parking
Archangel Valley-Reed Lakes	CLOSED	11"-14"	0-20"	Closed to snowmobiling. Archangel Road closed to highway vehicles. Roadway will be groomed sometime in the near future.
Fishhook Lot	CLOSED	13"	13"	Closed to snowmobiling.
Independence Mine Bowl	NON-MOTORIZED	14"	14"	Ski trails will be groomed sometime in the near future.
Summit Lake	CLOSED	14"+	14"+	Closed to snowmobiling. Road over Pass closed to highway vehicles.
Mile 16 and Paradise Ski Runs	NON-MOTORIZED	8"-13"	8-13"	Be cautious of rocks and other hazard hidden under the snow. No parking on road from mile 12-16.

. **Average snow depth recorded is uncompressed. Snowmobile openings are based on the snowpack's ability to protect underlying vegetation and include: depth measurements, snow density, wind loading, temperatures, forecast, terrain, topography, elevation, and snow base and ice conditions. River and lake ice crossing safety is not implied and at the risk of the individual.

Conditions Update:

The first substantial snowfall has finally arrived. The snow is deeper and drier in the upper elevations, and not so deep and wet in the lower elevations. Potential for avalanche does exist. More detailed information can be found on the Hatcher Pass Avalanche Center website. Skiers and snowboarders, be cautious of rocks and hidden hazards hidden under the snow.

The Hatcher Pass Road was not plowed at the time this report was posted. It is unknown whether the roadway will be plowed for the weekend. Four-wheel drive, good winter tires and/or chains are recommended, and please drive safely.

The East Hatcher Pass Area and Summit Lake SRS is closed to snowmobiling due to insufficient snow to protect the underlying vegetation.

A \$5 day-use fee or 2015/2016 annual parking pass is required at most trailheads throughout the park. Please respect private properties adjacent to park land. **All snowmobiles must have their current registration tags displayed when used on public lands.**

Please check the Alaska State Parks website or call 745-8950 for current conditions. Additional snow and weather information can be found at the Independence Mine Snow-Tel website at: <http://ambcs.org/SiteViewer.shtml> or Marmot Mountain weather station website at: http://www.cnjaic.org/wx/wx_marmot.php

For avalanche information: <http://hatcherpassavalanchecenter.org/>. The Hatcher Pass Area is an **AVALANCHE HAZARD AREA**. Be sure and take your beacons, shovels and probes with you and be knowledgeable of their use.

The Department of Natural Resources has created a web-based report for recreational user conflicts in the East Hatcher Pass Management Area. To access the report go to: http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning/mgtplans/hatcher/incident_rpt/