

Hatcher Pass East Management Area & Summit Lake SRS

SPRING Conditions Report

April 23, 2012

AREA	SNOWMOBILE STATUS	NEW SNOW	AVG. SNOW DEPTH	COMMENTS
Goldmint Lot	CLOSED	0"	38"	
Goldmint Trail	<i>Non-Motorized</i>	0"	38-40"	
Archangel Trailhead	CLOSED	0"	38"	
Archangel Road/Trail	CLOSED	0"	40+"	Multiple natural avalanches
Fishhook Lot	CLOSED	0"	42"	Snow pack rapidly deteriorating
Independence Mine	<i>Non-Motorized</i>	0"	53+"	Grooming ceased on ski trails, trail markers have been pulled
Summit Lake SRS	CLOSED	0"	0-50+"	Multiple natural avalanches
Mile 16/Paradise Runs	<i>Non-Motorized</i>	0"	20-35"	Snow packed on main runs, snow-pack rapidly melting
<i>Average snow depth is recorded uncompressed.</i>				

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For avalanche information: <http://hatcherpassavalanchecenter.org/>

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

Please note: A \$5 day-use parking fee or 2012 annual parking pass is required at most trailheads throughout the Hatcher Pass Area. 2012 passes are now available and can be purchased online at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/passes.cfm> or purchased from park offices, park staff, REI, and AMH.

ATTENTION BACKCOUNTRY USERS: 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. **BE PREPARED!!!** The weather can change quickly and threaten your life. Remember hypothermia is a life-threatening problem. Safe traveling can prevent backcountry emergencies and costly search and rescues. Always let someone know where you're going. Know the hazards of the country you're traveling. Travel with a pack containing safety gear and emergency provisions.