

# Hatcher Pass East Management Area & Summit Lake SRS

## Winter Recreation Conditions Report

February 11, 2011

AREA	SNOWMOBILE STATUS	NEW SNOW	AVG. SNOW DEPTH	COMMENTS
Goldmint Trailhead	<i>OPEN</i>	4"	26-30"	Parking lot plowed.
Goldmint Trail	<i>Non-Motorized</i>	4"	26-30"	Excellent backcountry skiing. Trail expected to be groomed on 2/12/11.
Archangel Trailhead	<i>OPEN</i>	4"	25-30"	Thins snow cover in areas. Please stay on snowmobile corridor. Parking lot plowed.
Archangel Road/Trail	<i>OPEN</i>	4"	24-35"	Trail expected to be groomed by 2/11/11.
Fishhook Trailhead	<i>OPEN</i>	4"	22-31"	Be cautious of areas with thin snow cover and rocks. Please stay on snowmobile corridor. Parking lot plowed.
Independence Mine Bowl	<i>Non-Motorized</i>	4"	22-40+"	Roadway, Independence Mine camp and East meadow trails and sledding hill expected to be groomed and track set by 2/11/11. Parking lot plowed.
Summit Lake SRS	<i>OPEN</i>	4"	22-40+"	Very windblown with thin snow cover on Willow side. Be cautious of areas with thin snow cover and rocks. <i>Roadway plowed up to Lucky Shot Mine (Mile 23).</i>
Mile 16/Paradise Runs	<i>Non-Motorized</i>	2-4"	19-28"	Good skiing and snowboarding
<i>Average snow depth is recorded uncompressed.</i>				
<i>Snowmobile openings are based on many variables including packed snow base and vegetation coverage</i>				

**SNOWMOBILER'S:** All designated areas and trails in the East Hatcher Pass Management Area and Summit Lake State Recreation Site will be open to snowmobiling as of 6:00 AM Saturday 2/12/11. Maps and information are posted at all trailheads. Be cautious of marginal snow conditions in the upper elevations and wind exposed areas. Snowmobilers are asked to stay within the snowmobile corridor that runs from the Goldmint lot through Fishhook lot to Hatcher Pass/Summit Lake SRS to avoid riding in areas with thin snow cover. Park rangers will be monitoring for resource damage.

Snowmobiles must be currently registered with the Division of Motor Vehicles to legally operate on public lands. Snowmobiler's are also reminded that it is unlawful to operate a snowmobile on maintained roadways.

Additional snow and weather information can be found at the Marmot Mountain weather station website at [http://www.cnfaic.org/wx/wx\\_marmot.php](http://www.cnfaic.org/wx/wx_marmot.php), or the Independence Mine weather station website at <http://ambcs.org/SiteViewer.shtml>

Four-wheel drive and studded tires and/or chains are strongly recommended in the Hatcher Pass Area.

Please note: A \$5 day-use parking fee or 2011 annual parking pass is required at most trailheads throughout the Hatcher Pass Area. 2011 passes 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.

**Be safe and have an enjoyable Hatcher Pass experience.**