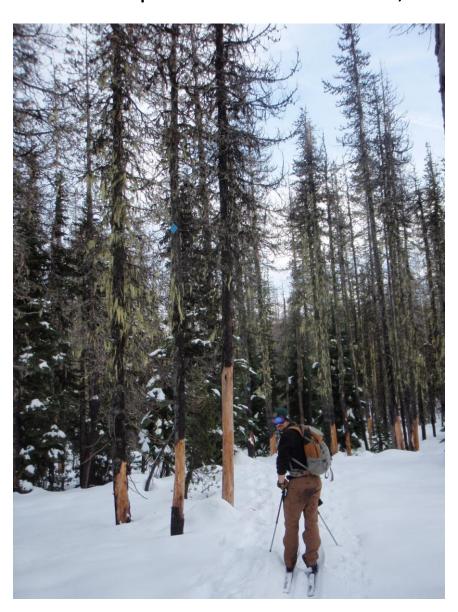


MCKErzie River Ranger District Sto-Park Confisions Report



Conditions Updated: December 22, 2011



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General Overview and Work Report

The Sno-park program has been slow to start this year, although we did have a big weekend at the end of November. Since the initial snow, snow packs have been consolidating. Although there has been some melting, most of the snow pack activity has been consolidation which is resulting in a good base at higher elevations. Trail condition reports from both the Mt. Jefferson Snow Mobile Club, and the Oregon Nordic Ski Club's have indicated that the trails at Ray Benson, although icy, have been passable and the sunny weather has lends great views of the volcano's surrounding Santiam Pass. Members of the Oregon Nordic Club were able to incorporate Potato Hill into their loop, and reported an enjoyable weekend. Little Nash and Ickenick are not currently marginal at best, and continuous over snow travel is not possible.

Ray Benson Sno-Park

Amount of Snow: 21.7"

General Park Conditions

The snow pack at Ray Benson Snow Park is currently characterized by compact snow which is icy in the morning melting as the day goes on. Although there is not a huge base of snow, most of the snowmobile and ski trails are open. The Mt. Jefferson Snowmobile club has started grooming the snowmobile trails in the high country, although many of the trails that connect to lower elevations are not passable now.

Ray Benson Sno-Park Events

Dans Motorsports Outlet had a snowmobile clinic on the weekend of December 17th. Over 30 riders participated in the event both days of the weekend.

Current Hazards

Watch out for subsurface snow hazards. There are still many areas with rocks exposed. Be very careful when traveling off trail. Off trail travel is not recommended right now. Also, be cautious in areas that have had a past fire, particularly the area that was burnt during the recent Shadow Lake fire. Dead trees are likely to fall over the winter. Maintain situational awareness, particularly when the wind starts to blow. Also, many trees were cut down while fighting the shadow fire. Be on the lookout for occasional stumps that are buried just below the snow



Santiam Pass Sno-Play Area

Amount of Snow: 0 - 20"

General Park Conditions

The tubing hill only has several areas with contiguous snow from top to bottom, lending to conditions that are marginal at best

Current Hazards

Watch out for rocks and areas with exposed soils. Most sleds and all tubes are non directional devices, so be very careful in choosing a lane to sled down. DO NOT BUILD JUMPS AT THE SANTAIM SNO-PLAY AREA!!!!



Potato Hill Sno-Park

Amount of Snow:10 - 20"

General Park Conditions

Potato Hill may be skiable, but is characterized by compact, icy snow.

Current Hazards

Watch out for subsurface snow hazards. There are still many areas with rocks exposed. Be very careful when traveling off trail.



Little Nash Sno-Park

Amount of Snow: 5-10"

General Park Conditions

Little Nash Sno-Park currently does not have enough snow for continuous over snow travel

Current Hazards

Watch out for subsurface snow hazards. There are still many areas with rocks exposed. Be very careful when traveling off trail.



Ikenick Sno-Park

Amount of Snow: 0-5"

General Park Conditions

Ikenick Sno-Park does not have enough snow for continuous over snow travel

Current Hazards

Watch out for subsurface snow hazards. There are still many areas with rocks exposed. Be very careful when traveling off trail.

