

Gifford Pinchot National Forest

# WINTER RECREATION REPORT

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Photo by Trevor Ness

### EXPECT WINTER DRIVING



Many forest roads are inaccessible due to snowy winter conditions. Check out these links before you go:

- [Washington Weather Alerts](#)
- [Washington Road Conditions](#)
- [Avalanche Forecasts](#)
- [Gifford Pinchot Winter Recreation Information](#)
- [Back Country Plowing & Grooming](#)



**Be prepared for snow and ice on Forest Roads! Use traction tires or chains.**

### WINTER GEAR CHECKLIST



Always carry the following items in your vehicle when visiting the forest in winter:

- flashlight
- extra food
- shovel
- extra water
- map
- extra layers
- traction devices

### SAFETY REMINDER!

**Winter Safety!** DO NOT use your GPS to navigate through the forest. If possible obtain paper maps. Watch for signs that say, "road closed" or "not maintained for winter travel." There is a high potential to be stranded on snow covered roads with very little likelihood of someone finding you.

### 1/12-1/15 ALERT FOR ALL DISTRICTS:

Expect high amounts of snowfall, whiteout conditions, & downed trees through Sunday causing hazardous road conditions. If travel is necessary use a high clearance vehicle with four-wheel drive and be prepared to self-rescue.

## Mt. Adams Ranger District

**Atkisson Sno-Park:** 2+ft light snow, road plowed regularly, parking area plowed 1/11 at 1300, grooming in process (some trails may be completed 1/12). **Old Man Pass Sno-Park:** 2ft snow, road/snow parks plowed regularly, groomed 1/9, icy road conditions on 30rd (Wind River Hwy) to the pass & beyond.

**Koshko & McClellan Meadows:** Plowed & groomed 1/9. **Lone Butte Sno-Park:** No information available. **Pineside Sno-Park:** 2ft snow, road plowed to FR 82/8225, parking lot not plowed, not groomed. **Flattop Sno-Park:** No information available. **Snow King Sno-Park:** Not plowed/groomed. **Smith Butte Sno-Park:** Closed.

## Cowlitz Valley Ranger District

**Wakeupish Sno-Park:** Groomed 1/9, continual snowfall & downed trees have slowed plowing. **Orr Creek Sno-Park:** Groomed 1/9. **Johnson Creek Sno Park:** No information available. **Skate Creek Sno-Park:** No information available.

## Mount St. Helens District & Monument

**Marble Mtn. Sno-Park:** Snow & high winds into Sun. Traveling on Forest Road 83 between now & Sun is not recommended.

**Climbing:** Thurs-Sat: heavy snow, high winds, whiteouts, sub-zero wind chills, significant avi risk; Sun: high winds & low wind chills remain, significant avi risk, rds may not be passable; Mon-Fri: temps above freezing, avalanche risk at beginning of the week  
**Science & Learning Center Schedule:** Sat & Sun, 10am-4pm\*, **SR 504 currently closed due to inclement weather.** (\*Weather dependent, Call ahead: 360-274-2131)