

Gifford Pinchot National Forest

WINTER RECREATION REPORT

JANUARY 19, 2024



Photo: Back Country Plowing & Grooming

Many forest roads are inaccessible due to recent storms. 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.

RECREATION REMINDER

With freezing rain and heavy snow, be aware and watch for falling & downed trees. Be prepared to cut and clear debris.

Expect slush, thick ice & packed snow on Forest Roads leading to Sno-Parks. Traction tires and/or chains highly recommended. Forest roads are not maintained for winter travel except those leading to Sno-Park access.



WINTER GEAR CHECKLIST

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

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



SAFETY ALERT:

Recent storms have created hazardous driving conditions. Some roads will remain impassible this weekend. There have been many reports of tree fall. This activity will likely continue into the weekend. In addition to falling and downed trees, expect icy road conditions. As always be prepared to self-rescue.

Mt. Adams Ranger District

Atkisson Sno-Park: Not plowed; access not advised; ski trails groomed 1/19; heavy, wet snow. **Old Man Pass Sno-Park:** No information available. **Koshko & McClellan Meadows:** No information available. **Lone Butte Sno-Park:** No information available. **Pineside Sno-Park:** Not plowed; some trails groomed 1/17; lots of snow drifts; access not advised. **Flattop Sno-Park:** Groomed 1/17; heavy, wet snow. **Snow King Sno-Park:** Not plowed; Groomed 1/17. **Smith Butte Sno-Park:** Closed.

Cowlitz Valley Ranger District

Wakeupish Sno-Park: Not accessible due to snow & down trees as of 1/19; FR 25 compact snow & ice. **Orr Creek Sno-Park:** Plowed last week; current conditions unknown. **Johnson Creek Sno Park:** No information available. **Skate Creek Sno-Park:** No information available.

Mount St. Helens District & Monument

Marble Mtn. Sno-Park: Plowing in progress 1/19; please respect temporary road closures while plowing & tree removal are underway; wet, crusty snow; snowy & icy road conditions persist. **Climbing:** Weekend outlook: stormy with potential weather window on Sat for climbing (the area will be icy with potential clouds & precip.). Rain on snow may lead to elevated avalanche risks; roads may be inaccessible due to high volume of snow. **Science & Learning Center Schedule:** Closed for the weekend