

Gifford Pinchot National Forest

# WINTER RECREATION REPORT

## JANUARY 26, 2024



Photo: Back Country Plowing & Grooming (BCPG)

About the Photo: 1/25 BCPG removing a boulder that was temporarily blocking FR83 & thereby blocking access to Marble Mountain Sno-Park.

### DO YOU HAVE YOUR SNO-PARK PASS?



In order to park at a sno-park, you need to purchase a pass through **Washington State Parks**. Visit [www.epermits.parks.wa.gov](http://www.epermits.parks.wa.gov) to grab a pass for your trip.

### 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



### CHECK WINTER DRIVING CONDITIONS!



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.**

### PINESIDE, SNOW KING, & ATKISSON SNO-PARKS:

There have been reports of an individual who has shown aggressive behavior & threatened winter recreationists near Pineside, Snow King, & Atkisson Sno-Parks. The US Forest Service, Klickitat County, and Skamania County law enforcement officers have been notified. Until the situation is resolved, we recommend avoiding Pineside, Snow King, & Atkisson Sno-Parks.

### Mt. Adams Ranger District

**Atkisson Sno-Park:** Reports of a dangerous individual (see above alert); it is recommended to avoid this area; plowed 1/24; 3" heavy snow on top of most recent grooming (1/20). **Old Man Pass Sno-Park:** Some trails groomed 1/23; upper loop will be groomed this week; snow = wet & heavy. **Koshko & McClellan Meadows:** No information available. **Lone Butte Sno-Park:** No information available. **Pineside Sno-Park:** Reports of a dangerous individual (see above alert); it is recommended to avoid this area. **Flattop Sno-Park:** No current information available. **Snow King Sno-Park:** Reports of a dangerous individual (see above alert); it is recommended to avoid this area. **Smith Butte Sno-Park:** Closed.

### Cowlitz Valley Ranger District

**Wakepish Sno-Park:** Closed due to downed trees preventing plowing. **Orr Creek Sno-Park:** Groomed 1/23; snow depth=66". **Johnson Creek Sno-Park:** Groomed 1/20; upper section of road is narrow and slushy; chains recommended as of 1/19. **Skate Creek Sno-Park:** Plowed 1/19; current snow conditions unknown.

### Mount St. Helens District & Monument

**Marble Mtn. Sno-Park:** Plowed 1/21; groomed 1/25; snow, but may be icy; some water across the trail in one section **Climbing:** Road plowed 1/21; heavy snow & rain end late Fri; weekend outlook: warm with summit temperatures well above freezing with a chance of rain & snow showers. **Science & Learning Center Schedule:** Sat & Sun, 10am-4pm\* (\*Weather dependent; call ahead: 360-274-2131)