



# Mckenzie River Ranger District Sno-Park Conditions Report



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## General Overview and Work Report

Snow conditions have been changing dramatically in the past week with a recent snow storm that dumped 46" of new snow at the pass last weekend. Since then, the snow pack has been rained on and formed a crust with a big layer of soft snow under it. We are expecting the snow pack to consolidate as warmer temperatures come over the next few days. Next week is calling for new snow. Bottom line is that the recent storm has helped immensely with the winter recreation and snow conditions on the pass. Avalanche conditions were considerable this past weekend in Oregon, so be very mindful as the snowpack changes in the near future.

# Ray Benson Sno-Park

**Amount of Snow: 90"**

## General Park Conditions

This last week Joe Welke and myself went out and improved the ski trails to both Brandenburg and Blowout shelters. The trails are now in much better shape with new diamonds. Both south loop and north loop have junction signs and the trees have been cleared out. The Mount Jefferson Snowmobile Club continues to groom the trails and have groomed over 2000 miles this year. The new snow has extended the season greatly.

## Ray Benson Sno-Park Events

The Mount Jefferson Club will be having their play day at Ray Benson this Saturday (3/19/16)

## Current Hazards

High use occurring, watch for pedestrians in Sno-parks. As always, be aware of avalanche potential.



# Santiam Pass Sno-Play Area

**Amount of Snow: 50"**

## **General Park Conditions**

Recent snow has replenished the Santiam Pass Sno-Play area. The sledding hill should be in great shape this coming weekend.

## **Current Hazards**

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 SANTIAM SNO-PLAY AREA!!!!** High use occurring, watch for pedestrians in the Sno-park.



# Potato Hill Sno-Park

**Amount of Snow: 50”**

## General Park Conditions

Potato Hill Sno-Park has been replenished with the last storm. Monday saw difficult traveling conditions through blower powder, but the conditions have changed as the snow pack has settled 9 inches since Monday. This Saturday should be good fun at potato hill. Be aware that junction signs have still not been put up since they were stolen last year. Bring a map and GPS if you can.

## Current Hazards

PULLING INTO AND OUT OF THE LOT CAN BE DANGEROUS, ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE CROSSING TRAFFIC TO DO SO! Try to avoid crossing traffic at this area if possible. Watch out for rocks and areas with exposed soils. High use occurring, watch for pedestrians in the Sno-park. As always, be aware of avalanche potential



# Little Nash Sno-Park

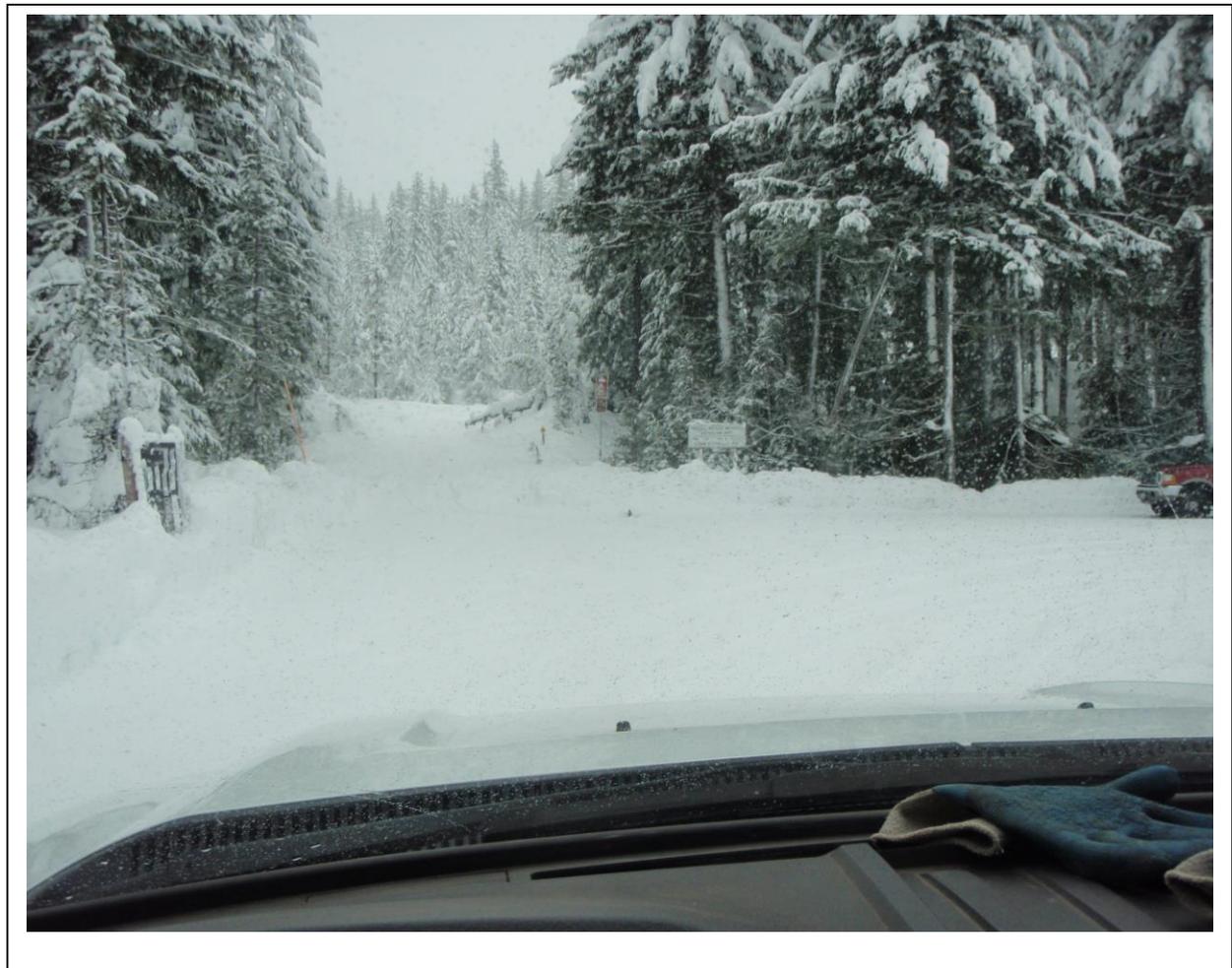
**Amount of Snow: 30"**

## **General Park Conditions**

Little Nash is back in action with the new snow storm. Be aware that recent snows did not improve low elevation conditions as much as high elevation conditions so take care if traveling off of a groomed trail.

## **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: 20"**

## **General Park Conditions**

Ikenick Snow Park did not recover as much as the higher elevation sno-parks. Though the snow park may still be deep enough to travel on winter trails, the conditions are still beginning to taper off.

## **Current Hazards**

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

