



# This week's SNOW REPORT

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## Quick numbers

### Wyoming Downhill Areas

**Snowy Range Ski Area:** 55-inch base; 29 trails and 5 lifts open; 100 percent of terrain open.

**Jackson Hole Mountain Resort:** 100-inch base; 117 trails and 12 lifts open; 88 percent of terrain open.

**Grand Targhee:** 89-inch base; 91 trails and 5 lifts open; 95 percent of terrain open.

**Hogadone:** 24-inch base; 25 trails and 2 lifts open; 93 percent of terrain open.

### Colorado Downhill Areas

**Arapahoe Basin:** 70-inch base; 97 trails and 7 lifts open; 89 percent of terrain open.

**Breckenridge:** 59-inch base; 186 trails and 35 lifts open; 99 percent of terrain open.

**Copper Mountain:** 71-inch base; 141 trails and 23 lifts open; 100 percent of terrain open.

**Eldora:** 42-inch base; 57 trails and 11 lifts open; 100 percent of terrain open.

**Keystone:** 54-inch base; 124 trails and 19 lifts open; 98 percent of terrain open.

**Loveland:** 63-inch base; 75 trails and 9 lifts open; 80 percent of terrain open.

**Steamboat:** 73-inch base; 165 trails and 16 lifts open; 100 percent of terrain open.

**Winter Park/Mary Jane:** 61-inch base; 132 trails and 19 lifts open; 92 percent of terrain open.

The weather today and on into the week-end looks excellent for getting out for some fun in the snow. Temperatures will likely be a bit nippy overnight, but are forecast to get into the low 30s on through the weekend. When temperatures are quite cold at the lower elevations, there's the chance for a temperature inversion, making it a bit warmer at the higher elevations. As an example, the temperature Tuesday morning in the **Laramie Basin** was minus 2 degrees. At the same time it was 20 degrees above zero in Centennial.

Conditions are very good to excellent at the **Snowy Range Ski and Recreation Area**. While the slopes there have not received much new snow the last couple days, they saw a good bit late last week. During a 72-hour period, the slopes were blanketed with 34 inches of powder. The next fresh snow in the forecast won't arrive until Saturday.

Similar conditions, with lots of fresh powder last week but not too much this week, is reported at both **Steamboat** and **Winter Park/Mary Jane**. Fresh snow should return to both resorts by Thursday night.

Expect plenty of powder in the backcountry of the **Medicine Bow Mountains**. There's been about a foot of new snow since last week but a whopping 40 inches the previous week. **Keystone**, near **Rob Roy Reservoir**, has recorded a total of 118 inches of snow so far this season, according to Don Day Jr. at [www.dayweather.com](http://www.dayweather.com). This is a 13-inch increase from last week.

There's plenty of snow at **Chimney Park**, located about 9 miles west of **Woods Landing**, but no reports of recent grooming by the U.S. Forest Service. The main trails were packed last week but no classic tracks were set. Other trails, such as the **Lodgepole Loop**, are user-packed.

There has also been no grooming reported for the ski trails at **Green Rock**, located at the road closure gate on Highway 130. There is likely plenty of snow that is user-packed.

"Up top" in the **Snowy Range**, snow conditions are outstanding and the snowpack is gradually stabilizing. Personnel at the **Colorado Avalanche Information Center** report the avalanche danger for the southern Wyoming and northern Colorado mountains is rated "moderate" at all levels. Weak layers exist in the snowpack 1 to 3 feet deep. These layers are strengthening and, as that occurs, the potential for avalanches decreases. However, if an avalanche is triggered it is likely to be quite large and very dangerous. Be extremely cautious in avalanche-prone terrain.

The snow base across the high country of the **Snowy Range** is about 1 to 3 feet deep with higher snow depths on the north and west side of the mountain. There's about 2 to 3 feet of powder for those venturing off the main routes.

Conditions are excellent on the ski trails at the **Happy Jack Recreation Area**. There is now sufficient base to set classic tracks and also provide excellent grooming on the skate path. The multi-use trails

are also in excellent shape for those opting to ride snowbikes, hike via snowshoe, or get in some skiing off the main groomed routes.

The **U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service** snow measuring station reports a snow depth of 52 inches at **Cinnabar Park**, near **Rob Roy Reservoir**, an increase of 2 inches since last week. There's 72 inches at **Sand Lake** on the northern end of the **Medicine Bow Mountains**, an increase of 3 inches from last week, and there's 60 inches reported at **Brooklyn Lake**, an increase of 2 inches from last week. The measuring site on **Crow Creek** on **Pole Mountain** shows 18 inches, a decrease of 1 inch from last week.

## Cross-country skiing

**Pole Mountain/Happy Jack Recreation Area Nordic ski trails:** Conditions were outstanding for both skate and classic ski techniques; the multi-use trails are also packed and in excellent shape.

**Chimney Park Nordic ski trails:** There are no reports of recent grooming but the main routes are packed but lack classic tracks.

**Snowy Range backcountry conditions:** Excellent ski conditions with 1 to 3 feet of powder and a base ranging from 5 to 7 feet deep.

## Snowmobile conditions

**Snowy Range:** The base ranges from 5 to 7 feet; expect 1 to 2 feet of powder, but traffic was heavy over the holiday weekend, making the powder a bit more difficult to find.