



This week's SNOW REPORT

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Quick numbers

Wyoming downhill areas

Grand Targhee: 107-inch base; 91 trails and 5 lifts open; 96 percent of terrain open

Hogback Ski Area: 25-inch base; 25 trails and 2 lifts open; 93 percent of terrain open

Jackson Hole Mountain Resort: 135-inch base; 117 trails and 12 lifts open; 88 percent of terrain open

Snowy Range Ski Area: 63-inch base; 29 trails and 5 lifts open; 100 percent of terrain open

Colorado downhill areas

Argonish Basin: 107-inch base; 304 trails and 7 lifts open; 95 percent of terrain open

Breckenridge: 60-inch base; 136 trails and 35 lifts open; 99 percent of terrain open

Copper Mountain: 68-inch base; 140 trails and 23 lifts open; 98 percent of terrain open

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

Keystone: 52-inch base; 127 trails and 29 lifts open; 100 percent of terrain open

Loveland: 59-inch base; 94 trails and 10 lifts open; 100 percent of terrain open

Steamboat: 76-inch base; 165 trails and 16 lifts open; 100 percent of terrain open

Winter Park/Snowmass: 61-inch base; 134 trails and 20 lifts open; 94 percent of terrain open

Mild temperatures with minimal chance for new snow is on tap today and into the weekend, although there's a bit of snow possible Friday night. While powder will be scarce, there should be plenty of sunshine with a bit of a breeze. With temperatures a bit above normal for this time of year, it looks like a great weekend to get out and enjoy snow-related activities.

Conditions continue to be very good at the **Snowy Range Ski and Recreation Area**. A touch of snow might blanket trails Friday night but other than that, between now and then skies should be sunny and warm for this time of year.

Last week was a tough one at **Jackson Hole Mountain Resort** due to a power outage that closed the resort for five days. Heavy snow and winds knocked down 17 transmission towers, resulting in the closure. The resort is now up and running, though with an amazing base snow depth of 135 inches.

Conditions are very good to excellent in the backcountry of the **Medicine Bow Mountains**. Winds whipped up last week but by comparison, breezes are expected to be less of a problem through this weekend. **Keystone**, near Rob Roy Reservoir, has recorded a total of 1.31 inches of snow so far this season, according to Don Day Jr. at www.dayweather.com. This is a 3-inch increase from last week.

There's about 2 feet of snow at **Chimney Park**, located 9 miles west of Woods Landing. U.S. Forest Service personnel groomed the trails a week ago, but there are no reports of more recent grooming.

There has 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**, expect to have to hunt a bit for the powder, but temperatures will be relatively mild with a bit of wind but nothing like the previous week.

Personnel at the **Colorado Avalanche Information Center** report the avalanche danger for the southern Wyoming and northern Colorado mountains is rated "moderate" at all elevations. The new snow last week created dangerous storm slabs. Avoid exposed slopes just below ridgelines, crevices and cross-loaded terrain features.

Conditions are very good on the ski trails at the **Happy Jack Recreation Area**, in spite of the recent bout of warm temperatures. The grooming staff with the Medicine Bow Nordic Association reported an extreme melting event last Friday, making for challenging conditions during the high school races. Trails will be busy again this weekend with the Cowboy Chase on Saturday and the marathon ski race, the Laramie Lepet, on Sunday. The Wee Ski and Kid Ski

programs are also taking place Sunday. Those lessons run from 1:15-3:15 p.m., based out of the warming hut at the Tie City trailhead.

The U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service snow measuring station reports a snow depth of 50 inches at **Cinnabar Park**, near Rob Roy Reservoir, a decrease of 1 inch since last week. There's 75 inches at **Sand Lake** on the northern end of the Medicine Bow Mountains, an increase of 4 inches from last week. There's 61 inches reported at **Brooklyn Lake**, an increase of 3 inches from last week. The measuring site on **Crow Creek** on Pole Mountain shows 10 inches, a decrease of 6 inches from last week.

Cross-country skiing

Pole Mountain/Happy Jack Recreation Area Nordic ski trails: Conditions are very good, although recent warm weather has taken a bit of a toll; grooming continues for both skate and classic ski techniques.

Chimney Park Nordic ski trails: Trails were groomed about 10 days ago but there are no reports of more recent grooming.

Snowy Range backcountry conditions: Excellent ski conditions with only a chance of new snow heading into the weekend.

Snowmobile conditions

Snowy Range: The base ranges from 5 to 7 feet; fresh powder could be a bit harder to find with only a chance for new snow through the weekend.