



This week's SNOW REPORT

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Quick numbers

Wyoming downhill areas

Grand Targhee: 122-inch base; 5 lifts, 95 trails and 100 percent of terrain open

Hogadon Sld Area: 28-inch base; 2 lifts, 19 runs and 70 percent of terrain open

Jackson Hole Mountain Resort: 129-inch base; 12 lifts, 112 trails and 84 percent of terrain open

Snowy Range Sld Area: 53-inch base; 5 lifts, 33 trails and 100 percent of terrain open

Colorado downhill areas

Arapahoe Basin: 57-inch base; 9 lifts, 127 trails and 96 percent of terrain open

Breckenridge: 57-inch base; 33 lifts, 183 trails and 98 percent of terrain open

Copper Mountain: 54-inch base; 23 lifts, 154 trails and 97 percent of terrain open

Eldora: 40-inch base; 8 lifts, 64 trails and 98 percent of terrain open

Keystone: 53-inch base; 20 lifts, 127 trails and 99 percent of terrain open

Loveland: 59-inch base; 10 lifts, 93 trails and 99 percent of terrain open

Steamboat: 75-inch base; 15 lifts, 165 trails and 100 percent of terrain open

Winter Park/Mary Jane: 74-inch base; 20 lifts, 167 trails and 100 percent of terrain open

The weather roller-coaster continues. Temperatures fluctuate as precipitation varies from snow to rain or the dreaded mix of both that makes driving particularly hazardous. These pulses of weather events are typical this time of year, which can make spring in Wyoming a bit trying. It seems like spring is ready to emerge and then we're back into winter. Such is the situation heading into the weekend. Snow and wind are expected today, easing up Friday and Saturday. The snow and chilly temperatures return late Saturday and into Sunday.

Expect spring conditions at **Snowy Range Ski and Recreation Area**. Coverage is good with continued pulses of new snow. With colder temperatures forecast this weekend, the snow might even be somewhat fluffy. Easter festivities this weekend include an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday; check the ski area website for details.

Other ski areas in the region are enjoying those blasts of new snow followed by warmer temperatures and even some blue skies. **Grand Targhee Resort** and **Jackson Hole Mountain Resort** continue to lead the way in snow depth with 122 and 129 inches, respectively.

Backcountry users in the **Medicine Bow Mountains** have plenty of snow, but overall snow depths continue to fluctuate slightly as spring arrives. At **Keystone**, near **Rob Roy Reservoir**, there has been a total of 172 inches of snow so far this year, according to Don Day Jr. at www.dayweather.com. This is a 6-inch increase from last week and is right in step with the 165 inches that fell by this time last year.

There are no new reports for **Chimney Park**, located 9 miles west of Woods Landing. There's no evidence of any grooming, making for good conditions for those who like a backcountry experience.

Conditions "up top" in the **Snowy Range** are very good with snow in the forecast today and then again Sunday. Winds will kick up Friday but ease somewhat into Saturday. White-out conditions are possible in the open areas, though, when the new snow combines with the high winds.

Personnel at the **Colorado Avalanche Information Center** report the avalanche danger for the southern Wyoming and northern Colorado mountains is rated "low" at all elevations. While most slopes are safe from avalanches, that doesn't mean triggering an avalanche is impossible. The main threats are isolated slopes with extreme terrain. Watch for shooting cracks in drifted snow and avoid areas where the snow feels harder or hollow.

The ski season continues at **Happy Jack Recreation Area** on Pole Mountain. Two inches of new snow arrived Monday, giving a soft surface to the somewhat hard-packed conditions. Those opting to hike are urged to stick to the multi-use trails. The trail groomers spend considerable effort trying to smooth out "post-hole" prints from hikers.

Conditions are good on the multi-use trails that are best accessed from the **Happy Jack trailhead**. Get on the trails early, though, since conditions are more challenging as temperatures rise and the snow softens.

The U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service snow measuring station reports a snow depth of 79 inches at **Sand Lake** on the northern end of the Medicine Bow Mountains, a 1-inch increase from last week. There is 60 inches reported at the station for **Cinnabar Park**, a 2-inch increase from last week, and there's 69 inches reported at **Brooklyn Lake**, a 6-inch increase from last week. The station at **North French Creek**, on the west side of the mountain, reports a depth of 77 inches, an increase of 8 inches from last week. The measuring site on **Crow Creek** on Pole Mountain shows 11 inches of snow, a decrease of 5 inches from last week.

Cross-country skiing

Pole Mountain/Happy Jack Recreation Area

Nordic ski trails: Good coverage, spring conditions with daily grooming on most trails with some classic tracks included.

Pole Mountain/Happy Jack Recreation Area multi-use ski trails: Good, but soft conditions make it tougher as the day warms up.

Chimney Park Nordic ski trails: Trails have good coverage, but thin spots are appearing; expect spring-like conditions with the trails user-packed.

Snowy Range backcountry conditions: Very good ski conditions with plenty of snow that gets pretty soft as temperatures rise.

Snowmobile conditions

Snowy Range: Conditions are very good with the new snow expected today and again by Sunday.