



This week's SNOW REPORT

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Quick numbers

Wyoming downhill areas

Grand Targhee: 90-inch base; 95 trails and 5 lifts open.

Hogadon Sid Area: 30-inch base; 27 trails and 2 lifts open.

Jackson Hole Mountain Resorts: 85-inch base; 122 trails and 13 lifts open.

Snow King Sid Area: 33-inch base; 32 trails and 4 lifts open.

Snowy Range Sid Area: 55-inch base; 29 trails and 5 lifts open.

White Pine Sid Area: 20-inch base; 21 runs and 2 lifts open.

Colorado downhill areas

Arapahoe Basin: 54-inch base; 102 trails and 7 lifts open.

Breckenridge: 57-inch base; 187 trails and 34 lifts open.

Copper Mountain: 63-inch base; 136 trails and 23 lifts open.

Eldora: 45-inch base; 54 trails and 10 lifts open.

Keystone: 47-inch base; 131 trails and 19 lifts open.

Loveland: 54-inch base; 92 trails and 10 lifts open.

Steamboat: 72-inch base; 165 trails and 16 lifts open.

Winter Park/Mary Jane: 62-inch base; 131 trails and 24 lifts open.

Hang onto your hat for at least another day. High winds are in the forecast today but should ease heading into the week-end.

There's a chance for new snow Friday, but it likely won't amount to much. Still, any new snow is welcome for those still hoping to get in some ski and riding time as we head into March.

Conditions are very good at the **Snowy Range Ski and Recreation Area** with 2 inches of new snow Tuesday morning and a bit of new snow expected Friday to add to the mostly packed-powder conditions. The ski area is hosting a telemark ski clinic this Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, contact the ski area's ski school desk at 307-745-5750 and extension 38.

Keystone, near **Rob Roy Reservoir**, has recorded a total of 157 inches of snow so far this season, according to Don Day Jr. at www.dayweather.com, an increase of 7 inches from last week. This is quite close to the 153 inches reported by this time a year ago.

Elsewhere across the **Medicine Bow Mountains**, conditions are very good, but recent strong winds have created scoured slopes and large wind slabs. Fresh powder may be hard to come by this weekend.

Conditions "up top" in the **Snowy Range** are expected to be very good, but there's always a good chance for breezy conditions at high elevations. Visibility is

often minimal once the wind kicks up, and there's very little timber to block the wind.

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. There has been a bit of new snow, but not enough to create any significant increase in avalanche risk. Steep slopes above treeline continue to have the potential to slide and wind-created slabs that could break off and slide are the primary concerns.

The trails at **Chimney Park**, above Woods Landing on U.S. Highway 230, are in good shape, but there have been no reports of recent grooming. They are likely user-packed but offer a nice option for skiers looking for a bit of solitude. Moose have been reported on the trails, so keep an eye out, especially if you ski or snowshoe with a dog.

Conditions remain good at the **Happy Jack Recreation Area**, thanks to the daily grooming that helps soften the hard-packed surfaces. Snowbikers and snowshoers report the multi-use trails, which are user-packed, are also in excellent shape. There are no scheduled races this weekend and the Wee Ski and Kid Ski programs are over for the season, so the trails likely will be less congested in the middle of the day.

The U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service snow measuring

station reports a snow depth of 59 inches at **Cinnabar Park**, near **Rob Roy Reservoir**, an increase of 7 inches from last week. There are 67 inches at **Sand Lake** on the northern end of the **Medicine Bow Mountains**, an increase of 7 inches from last week and there are 58 inches reported at **Brooklyn Lake**, a decrease of 2 inches from last week. The measuring stake along **Crow Creek** on **Pole Mountain** shows 22 inches, an increase of 1 inch from last week.

Cross-country skiing

Pole Mountain/Happy Jack Recreation Area Nordic ski trails: Conditions are very good although expect some hard-packed sections in the sunny areas; trails are groomed daily for skate and classic ski techniques.

Chimney Park Nordic ski trails: Expect a few inches of new snow atop "user packed" trails; while there is the possibility of grooming before the weekend, there's been no grooming for several weeks.

Snowy Range backcountry conditions: Conditions are excellent with new snow early in the week; the trails west out of Green Rock trailhead are user-packed.

Snowmobile conditions

Snowy Range: Snow depths are excellent, but expect blustery conditions up high, and fresh powder may be scarce by the end of the weekend.