



Winter Trail Grooming Report



Lassen National Forest

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Routes	Round Trip Mileage	Date Last Groomed
Bogard Routes		
Bogard to Antelope Mountain (B1, B2, B4, B5)* Access affected by Logan Timber Sale	26	
Bogard to Crater Lake (B2,B3)*	14	
Bogard to Eagle Lake (B1, B2, B4, B6, B7)* Access affected by Logan Timber Sale	60	
Cone Lake (B9, B10)*	3.8	
Fredonyer Routes		
Fredonyer Long Loop (F1, F2, F6, F5, F4, F3)*	31.4	
Diamond Mountain (F5-F7)*	3.4	
Fredonyer Short Loop (F1- F3)	15.2	
Fredonyer to Swain Mountain (F1, F8, F9, F11, S1)	20.5	1/8/2009
Mason Station (F11-F12)	8.5	1/8/2009
Swain Mountain Routes		
Swain Mt. Staging to 10 Road (S1, S2, S3, S9)	10.5	1/15/2009
Jennie Springs/Rock Creek (S1, S4, S5)	9.8	1/15/2009
Bond Valley (S3, S4)	3.1	1/15/2009
Mud Creek Loop (S6-S8)	12.8	1/15/2009
10 Road (S7, S6, S5, S8, S9, S10, B9, B1)	31.5	1/15/2009
Morgan Summit Routes		
Mineral Summit to Pear Lake Loop	8	1/7/2009
Tamarack Springs 48 Road North	40	
Morgan Summit to Mineral Summit	8	1/7/2009
Summit Creek Trail	6	1/7/2009
Highway 172 Mineral to Mill Creek	10	
Ashpan Snowmobile Park		
Ashpan Trail System	35	1/12/2009
Latour Trail System	25	
Jonesville		Please refer to www.hillsliders.com

Lassen National Forest website: www.fs.fed.us/r5/lassen

Hat Creek Ranger District: On 1/11/09, the skidder ruts were bladed out of the Battle Creek/Grey Back Ridge road, notice this was not groomed as the tiller was inoperable. On 1/12/09 eight miles from the 16 road to the Cutter road was groomed. Grooming resumed Friday-Sunday nights as night time temps are only in the low 30's, and after intense sun warming the snow pack is staying wetter till early a.m.

Riders: Please be cautious as the ungroomed areas are very rough and have had heavy usage. Trails signs are being placed as well as the Heli-Medi Vac signage this week, obstacles are not marked so please be careful riding along trail edges and be aware that ditch lines/culvert crossings are obstacles in these areas. Ashpan system A-1 to L-1 (main 16 road) approx 8 miles groomed.

Almanor Ranger District: Due to lack of new snow, grooming activities were not conducted this last week. On road #172 between Mineral Summit and Mineral, there are a few patches of pavement showing, riders are advised to use caution in these areas. *Beware of hazards while riding as the warm temperatures are quickly melting existing snow.*

Eagle Lake Ranger District: *The Swain Mountain Trails are up and running. The trails are in good shape for this Martin Luther King Holiday weekend. The weekends have had light use due to these unseasonably warm temperatures. While there is still snow, take the opportunity to dust off those machines and enjoy the trails.*

This week we received two new groomers from the State for the Lassen National Forest grooming program. These are Pisten Bully 400's, made in Germany.

On the Fredonyer System, no grooming occurred the week of January 12. The Willard road 29N20Y, past Roxie Peconom Campground is muddy. A minimum of 18 inches of snow cover is needed to operate the groomers. Road 28N08 around Moonlight Peak takes in the Moonlight Salvage area. Riders are asked not to ride in this area, due to the safety of riding amongst dead burned trees that may fall at any moment. Grooming will not take place along this stretch until the timber hazard is safely removed.

On the Bogard System, no grooming has taken place this season. The Caldera Timber Sale operators have plowed the main access road for their operation. This road is plowed up to the Crater Lake turn-off. In previous years we have had enough snow in the Pine Creek Valley to groom around any timber sale activity, this year we are barren and only sage brush dots the landscape.

Enjoy the spring conditions on the Chester, Swain and Mud Creek Trails.

Cross Country Skiing Opportunities: Our Forest Service crews have been dedicated to grooming cross-country ski trails weekly. This week, the Butte Lake Road is groomed to Butte Lake in the Lassen Volcanic National Park. This scenic trail is a short six miles to the lake, be prepared, wear layers, bring water, food and a friend.

Lassen National Forest snowmobile routes are closed to all wheeled vehicles including All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) until March 31, 2009 ([Forest Order No. 06-08-09](#)). Wheeled vehicles create ruts on groomed trails which result in hazardous conditions for snowmobile traffic. Violation of the closure areas and trails is not only dangerous, but can be costly as well. The punishment for violating this order can be up to \$5,000 for an individual. Our concern is public safety and protection of the resource.

Lassen National Forest has many types of outdoor recreation. Call forest offices for more information on where you can operate your wheeled vehicle. Visitors are reminded that snowmobile traffic is not permitted in the Caribou Wilderness, Thousand Lakes Wilderness and in Lassen Volcanic National Park.

For more information about current conditions and restrictions call the Almanor Ranger District (530) 258-2141, Eagle Lake Ranger District (530) 257-4188 or the Hat Creek Ranger District (530) 336-5521.

Additional information about the Lassen National Forest can be found at www.fs.fed.us/r5/lassen
For information about other snowmobile trails in California and Nevada go to: www.cnsa.net

Make safety your number one priority. Travel with a friend. Make sure you tell someone where you are going. Carry emergency equipment. Use your best judgment. Have fun!

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