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VARDA Conditions Issued December 1, 2016

Valemount received a good dose of winter late last week which drastically improved conditions and helped out any major access issues. Alpine snow depths are averaging 155cms and riding is still quite good in all three of the major areas. Riders are urged to use caution as many hazards such as rocks, stumps and open water still exist. For being Dec 1st, the riding is quite good but one needs to take it easy and just enjoy being on a sled.

All three main areas are accessible from the staging areas at this time although it is still super warm in the valley bottom and this may affect the snow levels.

Keep your wits about you and check <u>www.avalanche.ca</u> before your ride. If you do venture out, please report any of your findings to the Mountain Information Network through Avalanche Canada.

NEW Seasons Passes! If you have not yet purchased a Seasons Pass, they will be for sale in the staging areas again this season. The seasons pass is **\$230.00 CASH ONLY**. Picture ID is required

Grooming / Access

Clemina – Full snow coverage from the main staging area although there is a bit of a short, but deep, water hole just out side of the main staging. One could avoid this by turning left at the collection shack and connect with the hydro line which joins the trail after 2km. Or just drive slowly through the water....

Allan Creek – Full but thin coverage from the main staging. Access is via the "old" trail until grooming begins. We have not heard of it icing up yet, although one should expect this if we continue with the warmer temps and low snow levels in the valley bottom.

Chappell - Full but thin coverage from the main staging. A few water crossings but nothing too bad.

General Info

Membership – WE NEED MEMBERS! It has never been so easy to become a VARDA member. We have now moved to an online membership system and you can sign on at any time by visiting the membership section on the VARDA web page. You can also purchase memberships and seasons passes directly at the trailheads.

Please report any Caribou and other Wildlife sightings to the VARDA office. We need location, number of animals, animals actions (at rest, at travel etc). This information is important to our riding areas.

Support the people that support your sport. VARDA could not be as active as we are without the support of many great businesses and individuals. Please check out the Sponsor section on our website and try to support the people that support your sport.

We send out these updates with the best intentions. Due to unforeseen circumstances, things can change from what is discussed above. Please address any concerns you may have to the VARDA office,