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VARDA Conditions Issued December 6, 2016

Grooming has begun in all three areas. Trails have been broke and a second pass has been made with the drags in all three managed areas. Conditions are still thin down low and we are playing things day by day at this time although these cold temps should allow for some good trail conditions. Alpine snow depths are averaging 165cms 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. Hopefully this week's cold weather will help out with the freeze up.

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 – **is GROOMED** - trail passes are required **Please NOTE** - 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 connecting with the hydro line which joins the trail after 2km. There is a bit of a route around the water hole in the willows on the left side going up the trail, the hydro line is the recommended route at this time until full freeze up..your choice!

Allan Creek – is GROOMED – trail passes are required – **Please note! THERE IS NO FIREWOOD** until we get a team up to do a firewood run. This cannot be done in the summer so we needed to await the groomers.

Chappell – **Is GROOMED** – trail passes are required – reports of great snow in this area.

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, **NOT the trailhead staff.**