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We have been in a bit of a deep freeze lately, but the bonus has been beautiful bluebird skies and bearable afternoon temperatures in the alpine. Everyone loves bluebird days on the mountain, and you should use this time to explore areas you may not be as familiar with or just venture off in a different direction than you usually head in your favourite riding zone. Conditions wise, we have not had fresh snow for quite some time now and the more common areas have been hit, but as always, there is still some great riding out there and these bluebird skies make every day on the mountain a good day. We always like stories and photos and your info helps us create these reports. Please help us out and report your snow info or maintenance needs to our facebook page or via email.

Allan and Chappell Creek are surrounded by wildlife closures. Be aware of your location at all times and be sure to remain within the legal area. Please help others with education and self policing while out in the field. Visit our website or click here to download the closure lines to your gps or cell phone. This is an amazing tool.

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/snowmobile-closures/gpx-download.html>

Trail Grooming

Allan Creek, Chappell Creek, Clemina Creek – Grooming is ongoing and trail passes are required daily.

Crystal Ridge – GROOMED Thursday January 31st. If you like a smooth access trail. Please use the donation box on the main sign board in the staging area to support this grooming program.

Westridge – **IMPORTANT INFO** - The FSR is now plowed to 7km so this takes away the use of the upper family loop. Access to the family loop is still available via the Valley bottom access although a loop is no longer possible with the logging at 7km.

Horse Creek – Logging will be ongoing in the area and there is little to no parking available.

Oasis – Logging operations are finished and parking to access the Oasis riding area is as normal.

Keep your wits about you and check www.avalanche.ca before your ride. There is a lot of new load out there. If you do venture out, please report any of your findings to the Mountain Information Network through Avalanche Canada. This can be as simple as uploading a few pictures to the app.

Please report any maintenance needs to the VARDA office via email to info@ridevalemount.com

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.

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