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## VARDA Conditions Update Issued March 12, 2019

Winter returned to the alpine! On Monday the high country received around 20cms of new snow and if the current forecast holds, there may be a bit more coming before the weekend arrives. The upcoming weekend looks to be full of sunshine and warm temperatures. All access trails are in amazing shape and the groomer fleet is hitting trails as needed. It's a great time to get away to RideValemount. We always like stories and photos and your info helps us to create more accurate reports. Please help us out and report your snow info or maintenance needs to our facebook page or via email.

Please make certain that YOU ARE WITHIN THE RIDING AREA BOUNDARIES AT ALL TIMES! Allan and Chappell Creek are surrounded by wildlife closures. You must 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, Keyhole –** Grooming is ongoing and trail passes are required.

**Crystal Ridge** – GROOMED recently. 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. Upper Westridge access is via the powerline to CMH road.

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. 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 <u>info@ridevalemount.com</u> 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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