

# SVNSC Update

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Hello skiers! There's snow on the ground and we're all busting to go skiing, at least I am. But there's a **reality check** involved. (Ain't there always?)

We need a **minimum 2 feet of snow** in order to put the big grooming machine (known as the Snow Kitty – for all you newcomers) on it and start laying out tracks. Grooming is a 2-step process.

1. **Track packing** – in which the operator drives a machine on the snow to pack it down. This makes extremely difficult ski conditions. Don't try it.
2. **Track setting** – in which the operator drives over the track packed snow with the tiller down, creating that beautiful corduroy effect with the twin ski tracks disappearing over the horizon – heaven on earth!

Dean and Blaise are going out to track pack using snowmobiles on Friday. They plan to go til they fall off the sleds. Someone take those guys cookies! But it will still be rough, nasty skiing. Wait til they have some tracks set; we have a smaller machine called a Ginzu that doesn't need 2 feet.

Also the **parking lot** is full of snow and it will be at least Saturday before the plow guy can come, if not Sunday. When that happens, and it's safe to drive and park, we will post on the Facebook page and the website and we'll be open for business.

**Rentals** will not be open until we post a separate notice. Please note. We don't normally open rentals until Christmas holidays. **Jackrabbits** will be notified separately.

Another reality check. Due to logging, torrential rain and early snow, **the Dog Trail is closed until further notice**. Also **be prepared for large puddles** on the other trails.

We may not be skiing this weekend, but the team is working hard to get us opened up for next weekend.

**Last but not least. COVID is still with us. There are new policies and procedures. Please take a minute to read the signs and figure out how it will work. Keep yourself and everyone else safe and healthy.**

**Think snow!**

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