



Recreation Report

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Wind Makes it Even Colder!



Anyone who has had the opportunity to recreate in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest lately can attest to the cold conditions outside! Forest visitors need to keep wind chill in mind when recreating in the national forest or doing any type of outside activity.

Wind, temperature and moisture are factors which can greatly affect the safety of a winter traveler or recreationist. Each contributes to the loss of body heat. Wind chill is the temperature it "feels like" outside and is based on the rate of heat loss from exposed skin caused by the effects of wind and cold. As the wind increases, the body is cooled at a faster rate causing the skin temperature to drop.

The wind chill chart illustrates the effect of wind and temperatures on a dry, properly clothed person. If clothing is wet from perspiration or precipitation, the net effect of wind and temperature is much greater.

When clothes get wet, they lose about 90 percent of their insulating value. Wool loses less; cotton, down and synthetics lose more. Choose rain clothes that are proof against wind-driven rain and snow, and cover head, neck, body and legs. Polyurethane coated nylon is best. Ponchos are poor protection from the wind.

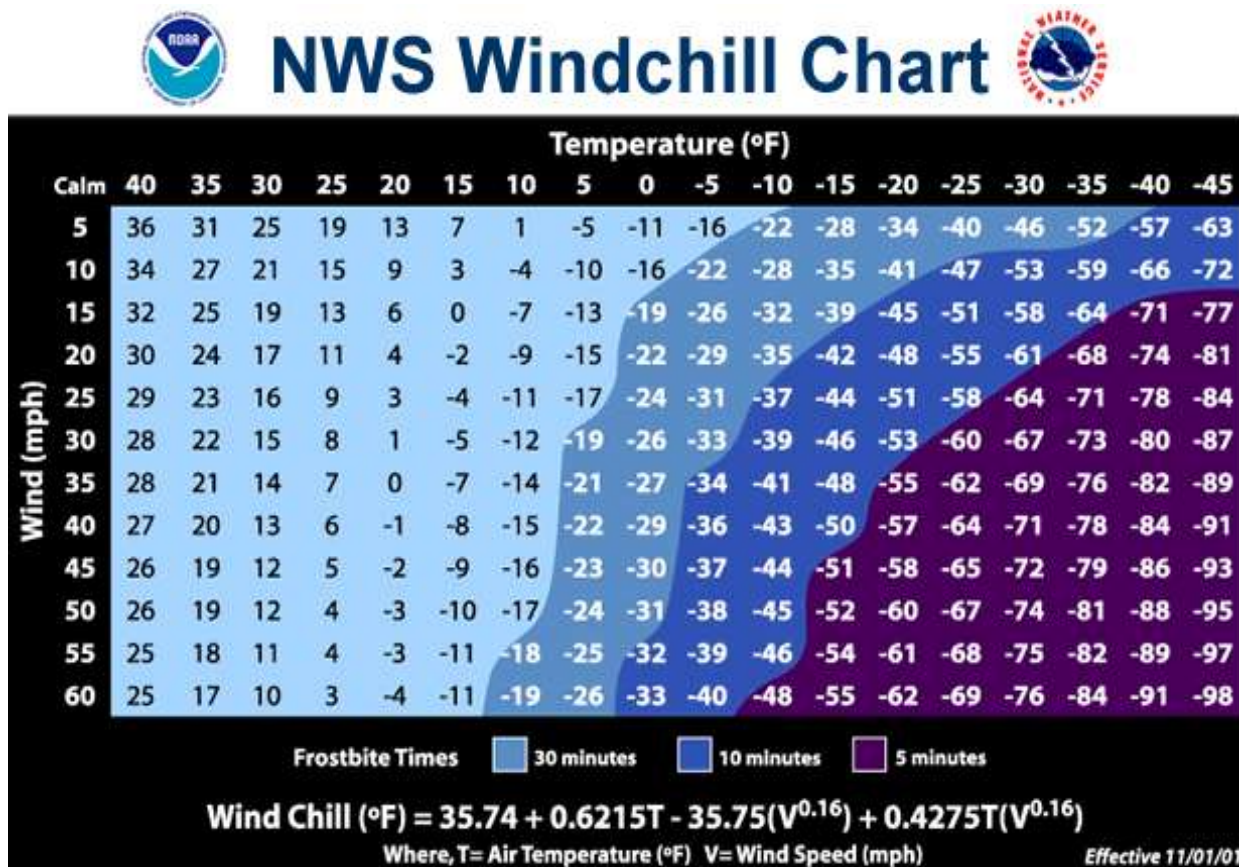
When recreating in the woods during cold weather conditions, it is best to wear layers of clothing which can be adjusted to prevailing conditions. A good-quality windbreaker jacket and wind pants are excellent. Avoid tight-fitting clothes and boots which may restrict circulation.

It is always a good idea to carry extra equipment with you when recreating in the National Forest. Right now, when the weather is so cold, it would be prudent to take extra socks and gloves or mittens, a warm cap, matches in a waterproof container, candle, fire-starter, nylon cord, general-purpose knife, high-energy food,

plastic tarp, space blanket, signal mirror, first aid kit, wide tape for repairs and a metal container for melting snow.

Whatever your recreation plans may involve, remember to dress appropriately, be prepared for the unexpected and be aware of the wind chill factor. For more information regarding winter recreation safety, please contact any national forest office.

Following is a National Weather Service wind chill chart that will tell you how cold it feels when the wind chill factor is taken into account.



For more Information on cold-related health problems and outdoor safety visit the following web sites:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/>
- National Weather Service Wind Chill: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/windchill/>

Other Forest Related Information

OFFICE ADDRESSES and PHONE NUMBERS:

- Chelan Ranger District**, 428 W. Woodin Ave., Chelan WA 98816; 509-682-4900
- Cle Elum Ranger District**, 803 W. 2nd Street, Cle Elum, WA 98922; 509-852-1100
- Entiat Ranger District**, physical address 2108 Entiat Way, mailing address P.O. Box 476 Entiat, WA 98822; 509-784-4700
- Methow Valley Ranger District**, 24 West Chewuch Road, Winthrop, WA 98862; 509-996-4000
- Naches Ranger District**, 10237 Hwy. 12, Naches, WA 98937; 509-653-1401
- Okanogan Valley Office**, 1240 South Second Ave., Okanogan, WA 98840; 509-826-3275
- Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Headquarters office**, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, WA 98801; 509-664-9200
- Tonasket Ranger District**, 1 W. Winesap, Tonasket, WA 98855; 509-486-2186

Wenatchee River Ranger District, 600 Sherbourne, Leavenworth, WA 98826; 509-548-2550

SAFETY:

If heading to the woods, it's a good idea to be sure to let someone know where you are going, when you plan to return and what to do if you don't return on time. Remember to let them know when you do return. Make sure your vehicle is in good working order. Dress appropriately for all weather conditions. Avoid cotton clothing and dress in layers. Stay dry, shed layers if you are sweating, add layers if you are cold. Wear sturdy waterproof boots. Stay warm, stay dry, stay safe and have fun.

D.O.T. HIGHWAY INFO. & MOUNTAIN PASS REPORT LINE:

Washington State Department of Transportation (WASDOT) provides critical mountain pass reports free of charge via telephone and Internet. The report is available toll-free statewide at **1-800-695-ROAD (1-800-695-7623) or 5-1-1**. Hearing impaired callers using TTD's (text tele-typewriter devices) can access it at 1-800-833-6388 and then type for extension 206-440-4040. On the Internet the reports are available on the WSDOT Home Page at: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov> in the traveler information website. The Internet pass reports include video snapshots of most of the mountain passes. The report is updated many times each day, October 15 through April 15.

NORTHWEST WEATHER & AVALANCHE CENTER:

For current snow avalanche information please check the Northwest Weather and Avalanche Center forecast online at www.nwac.us.

WOODCUTTING INFORMATION:

Woodcutting permits expired on December 31, 2012. Permits for 2013 are only being issued for the Tonasket and Methow Valley Ranger Districts; all other areas of the forest are closed to woodcutting until spring.

INTERAGENCY PASS PROGRAM (America the Beautiful National Parks & Federal Recreation Lands Pass):

This pass combines the benefits of existing recreation passes from five federal agencies into one comprehensive Interagency Pass called "**America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass.**"

- The pass covers recreation opportunities on public lands managed by National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, and U.S. Forest Service.
- The pass applies to those locations that currently have entrance or standard amenity fees.
- The annual pass sells for **\$80**, the lifetime senior pass is **\$10**, and the lifetime access pass and the volunteer passes are **free**.
- Passes are valid for **one full year** from the month of purchase.
- Passes provide entrance or access to the pass holder and accompanying passengers in a single, private, non-commercial vehicle at federally operated recreation sites across the country.
- Passes cover the pass holder and three (3) accompanying adults age 16 and older at sites where per person entrance fees are charged. No entry fee for children 15 and under.
- Passes are **NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE**, and **cannot** be replaced if lost or stolen.
- The **new program replaces the Golden Eagle, Golden Age, and the Golden Access Passports as well as the National Parks Pass. Existing passes will remain valid until expired, lost or stolen.**
- These passes can be used in lieu of the Northwest Forest Pass.

RECREATION PASS PURCHASE INFORMATION:

Passes are required at most national forest trailheads. Passes are available at **all ranger district offices** and the **forest headquarters** office in Wenatchee. The cost is \$30 for an annual pass and \$5 for a day use pass. For information about the Northwest Forest Pass call 1-800-270-7504 or to order it online go to www.naturenw.org. America the Beautiful—National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes will be honored at all Northwest Forest Pass sites.

- **Wenatchee area:** Northwest Forest passes are available at Arlberg Sports Inc., Hooked on Toys, Bi-Mart and Mountain Air Gear.
- **Chelan area:** Passes are available at the Chelan Ranger District office.

- **Lake Wenatchee area:** Passes are available at Midway Village Grocery, Parkside Grocery and Plain Hardware.
- **Leavenworth area:** In Leavenworth passes are available at Der Sportsman, Icicle Quik Stop 76 gas station, Sleeping Lady Mountain Retreat Gift Shop, and Pioneer Market in Cashmere.
- **Entiat area:** Passes are available at Cooper's General Store in the Entiat Valley and at the Entiat Ranger District office.
- **Cle Elum area:** Northwest Forest Pass vendors include Cle Elum Ranger Station and
 - Sportland Mini Mart Shell Station, 4402 Bullfrog Road, Cle Elum, WA. Located 1 mile north of the Ranger Station on Hwy 903. Their phone number is 509-649-2260.
 - Sahaptin Outfitters, 119 East 1st Street, Cle Elum, 509-674-3938.
 - Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce, 609 N Main, Ellensburg, WA, phone 509-925-3137.
 - Mountain High Sports, 105 E 4th Street, Ellensburg, WA, phone 509-925-4626.
 - Bi-Mart, 608 East Mountain View, Ellensburg, WA, 509-925-6973
 - Mac A Bee Gifts of the Southwest, 1401 Airport Road, Cle Elum 509-674-7055
- **Methow Valley area: Passes are available at the Methow Valley Ranger Station office, 24 W. Chewuch Road in Winthrop, and**
 - Winthrop Mountain Sports, 257 Riverside Avenue, Winthrop, WA, phone 509 996-2886.
 - Methow Cycle and Sports, 19210 Hwy 20, Winthrop, WA, phone 509 996-3645.
 - Valley Hardware/Do-It Center Hardware, 429 E. Methow Valley Hwy., Twisp, WA, 509 997-3355.
 - Mazama Country Inn, 15 Country Road, Mazama, WA, phone 509 996-2681 (Day passes only).
- **Naches area:** Northwest Forest passes can be purchased at the following locations.
 - Naches Ranger District office, 10237 U. S. Hwy 12, Naches, WA
 - Slim's Market, 9951 US Hwy 12, Naches, WA
 - Rimrock Grocery Store, 34090 U.S. Hwy 12, Naches, WA, phone 509-672-2251
 - Bi-Mart stores in Yakima, Sunnyside and in Ellensburg

SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS:

Permits are required for gathering forest products including firewood, mushrooms, transplants, rocks and minerals, posts and poles, floral cuttings, cones and boughs. Please contact Forest Service district offices for specific information. There is a minimum charge of \$20.00 per permit. Free use permits are available for small quantities of certain items for personal use. Special forest products permits for personal use firewood, personal use river rock and commercial use beargrass are available from the Cle Elum Ranger Station.

THE 10 ESSENTIALS:

Carry the 10 plus essentials when traveling in the backcountry—a map, compass, fire starter, water proof matches, extra food, extra water, extra clothing, knife, flashlight with spare batteries and bulb, first aid kit, sunglasses, cell phone, and a space blanket.

DISCOVER YOUR NORTHWEST (formerly known as Northwest Interpretive Association):

Check out the great selection of books, puzzles, cards, stuffed animals, kids stuff and much more at each of the DYNW sales outlets located in the reception areas at each ranger district office and at the forest headquarters office!

CHELAN RANGER DISTRICT

The office phone number is (509) 682-4900.

OFFICE HOURS: The Chelan Ranger District office is located at 428 West Woodin Avenue in Chelan with office hours of 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Chelan Ranger District office also serves as an information center for the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

ECHO RIDGE NORDIC SKI AREA: IS OPEN FOR THE WINTER SEASON!



Beginning Friday, December 14, there will be limited closures on the following roads to wheeled vehicles to provide for Nordic grooming activities and limited snowmobile access.

- **Washington Creek Road** (FS Road No. 8021) – limited closure for grooming of Nordic trails
- **Purtteman Gulch Road** (FS Road No. 8010) – limited closure for grooming of Nordic trails
- **Cooper Mountain Road** (FS Road No. 8020) will be closed from the intersection with Black Canyon Road to the intersection of Safety Harbor Creek Road (FS Road No. 8200-155) for higher elevation snowmobile access to Cooper Ridge. Cooper Ridge Road can only be accessed via snowmobile from the Black Canyon and South Fork of Gold Creek Sno-Parks.

All Nordic Trailheads will be plowed and open for parking beginning December 15th.

PASSES: Ski passes are required for both ski and snowshoe trail use at Echo Ridge. Day passes are available on-site for \$10 per adult, with no charge for skiers or snowshoers age 17 and under. Season passes are available for \$70 at the Chelan Ranger District office.

For the most current grooming information check www.lakecheleannordic.org or contact the Chelan Ranger District at (509) 682-4900.

SNOWMOBILING: For grooming information visit Washington State Parks webpage at <http://www.parks.wa.gov/winter/trails/?TrailType=motorized&Region=2>

The following roads are now closed to four-wheel vehicles and open to snowmobiles.

- **Grade Creek Road** (FS Road No. 8200) and **Upper Joe Creek Road** (FS Road No. 8210) are closed beyond Antilon Lake Sno-Park.
- **Washington Creek Road** (FS Road No. 8021), **Cooper Mountain Road** (FS Road No. 8020) and **Bergman Gulch** are closed above Echo Valley Sno-Park.
- **Slide Ridge Road** (FS Road No. No. 8410) and **Shady Pass Road** (FS Road No. 5900) are closed above Twenty-five Mile Creek Sno-Park.
- **Shady Pass Road** (FS No. 5900) and **Entiat River Road** (County Road No. 51) are closed above the Entiat River Sno-Park on the Entiat Ranger District.
- The upper portion of the **Purtteman Gulch Road** (FS Road No. 8010) used for the Echo Ridge trail system is also closed to four-wheel vehicles.

LAKE LEVEL: The Lake level is 1,093 feet. For more information on the lake level, please visit the Chelan County Public Utility District website at <http://www.chelanpud.org/lake-chelan-lake-levels.cfm>.

CAMPING: All up Lake boat-in campgrounds are open with no services available. Remember, as the lake level lowers some of the docks become inaccessible. Dock permits are not required during the winter months. **Be aware there is SNOW at higher elevation campgrounds.**

ROADS AND TRAILS: Due to recent snowfall, most roads and trails have limited access or are inaccessible. Be prepared for all weather conditions when traveling in the woods. Please call the Chelan Ranger District office for the most up to date road and trail information.

CLE ELUM RANGER DISTRICT

The office phone number is **(509) 852-1100**.

OFFICE HOURS: The ranger station is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. *with a 45-minute closure for lunch from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.*

ELLENSBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE office is located at 609 North Main Street in Ellensburg. Chamber of Commerce office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The office is closed on Sundays. The Chamber provides Forest Service information and Northwest Forest Passes. Their phone number is 509-925-2002.

SNOQUALMIE PASS VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER is now open for the winter season. Hours of operation are Thursday through Sunday from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

In addition to local recreation information, the visitor information center bookstore offers maps, books, passes and permits, and other interpretive materials.

Once again, the ever popular snowshoe interpretive program is being offered by visitor center naturalists. For reservations please call the visitor center at 425-434-6111 during their business hours. This program is principally funded through suggested donations of \$10-\$25 per person. Following are the snowshoe walks that are offered.

- ❄️ **A 90-minute** moderately paced **walk** which travels through a mile of snow covered old growth forest and is designed to introduce folks to the marvels of winter and snowshoeing. Saturdays and Sundays at 10 a.m., 11:30 p.m. and 1 p.m.
- ❄️ **An extended walk** travels 5 miles through the Commonwealth Basin and examines winter ecology, life in the snow and winter weather. Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m.
- ❄️ **The Photography walk** offers the opportunity to capture winter scenes on your camera. You will wander through the snow covered forest, past streams and icefalls while the group leader discusses light and exposure. Beginning January 19, every other Saturday at 9:30 a.m.
- ❄️ **Kids in the Snow** introduces youngsters to the wonders of winter. Participants will learn to identify tracks, discover which animals turn white in the winter and those that sleep the winter away. Beginning January 12, Saturdays at 1 p.m.
- ❄️ In cooperation with The Summit at Snoqualmie, a guided **Nordic Ski Interpretive Program** has been added. Participants will need to purchase a ticket for the Nordic ski area and meet at Grand Junction on the Mt. Catherine loop. Winter ecology and the history of Snoqualmie Pass will be explored on this outing. Saturdays, January 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 9, 16 at 10 a.m.

❄ The US Forest Service and Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust are teaming up to co-sponsor a day on the snow. Put on your snowshoes and get out in the Greenway on Saturday, January 19, 2013, with US Forest Service and Greenway staff for three different 1-mile loop snowshoe outings where they will share history and stories about this region and give you and your family ideas for your next Greenway adventure!

FAMILY CROSS COUNTRY SKI OR SNOWSHOE: If you are new to snowshoeing or cross-country skiing, looking for a relaxing route, or wanting to get the family out for a day in the woods on gentle terrain, check out Salmon la Sac located 19 miles north of Cle Elum on Highway 903.

Begin your day at the Salmon la Sac Sno-Park where you will need a one-day or season Sno-Park permit for your vehicle. If the Sno Park is full, parking is also permitted along Salmon la Sac Road; be sure to comply with all parking signs.

To find the trail, exit the Sno-Park and turn right, go a short distance watching on your left for a groomed trail with set track for skis (if you park along the road you may want to walk the road to near the historic guard station, use caution and watch for traffic).

The trail meanders for about a mile through the forest, through Cayuse Horse Camp and connects with the groomed snowmobile route at the historic Salmon la Sac Guard Station. Continue on the shared route for a short distance to a point where the trail splits. Stay to the left and cross the bridge into Salmon la Sac Campground. At this point the trail splits again. To your right is a 1.5 mile loop to the Waputis River Trailhead; to the right is the Salmon la Sac Campground. The campground offers a choice of a one-mile or two-mile loop on flat ground. The trailhead route is a bit more challenging with one short hill to navigate. Skiers and snowshoers are welcome on this route.

Snowshoers, please walk to the side of the set track route and enjoy your day in the winter woods.

GROOMING: Grooming is underway on the Cle Elum Ranger District and operators report good conditions with moderate snow depths in most areas. Please visit www.parks.wa.gov/winter for grooming updates and other winter recreation information.

GROOMING WITHIN THE TABLE MOUNTAIN FIRE AREA: Grooming in this area will take place on a limited basis. Some routes will not be groomed due to hazards created by the Table Mountain wildfire and also due to reduced funding for grooming operations.

Routes that will be groomed include:

- **Blewett Pass to Haney Meadows**--FS Roads No. 9716 and No. 9712. The route will not be groomed beyond Haney Meadows; groomers will not go out to Devils Gulch as in past years.
- **Blewett Pass to Reecer Creek**--only the main line will be groomed on FS Roads No. 9716, No. 9712 and No. 3500. **Naneum Meadows Road No. 3530** will be groomed only to Naneum Meadows and not beyond.
- **Reecer Creek to Liberty**--FS Road No. 3507 will be groomed.

Routes that will **not** be groomed:

- **Wilson Creek Road** (FS Road No. 3517)
- **Wilson Ridge Road** (FS Road No. 3521)

- **Lion Rock Road Road No. 3500-124.**

ROADS: Most Forest Service roads on the Cle Elum Ranger District are now closed to wheeled vehicles. These routes are now open for winter recreation. Some of the more popular routes open for winter recreation include French Cabin Creek Road No. 4308, Cooper Pass Road No. 4600, Fish Lake Road No. 4330, Blue/Jack Creek Road No. 9738, Haney Meadows Roads 9716 and 9712, Reecer Creek Road No. 3500, Manastash Road No. 3100 (there will be no sno-park on this road during winter 2012-2013), Taneum Road No. 3300, Peoh Point Road No. 3350, Wood and Steele Road No. 4510, Cabin Creek Road No. 4100, Stampede Pass Road No. 5400, Lake Kachess Road No. 49, Gold Creek Road No. 4832, and North Fork Teanaway Road No. 9737.

CABIN RENTALS: The Cle Elum Ranger District offers one cabin for public rental. For more information or to make reservations, contact Reserve USA at 1-877-444-6777 on line at www.reserveusa.com.

- ***Teanaway Guard Station*** is located along North Fork Teanaway Road No. 9737 north of Cle Elum. This small cabin offers a cozy spot for two people to enjoy the Teanaway Valley. The cabin has one bunk bed set that offers two twin beds. Winter access is via ski, snowshoe or snowmobile. The route is nearly level, gaining only about 200 feet and is 2.2 miles in length. Parking is at the Teanaway staging area and does not require a sno-park permit.
- The popular Table Mountain A-Frame was destroyed by the Table Mountain Fire.

ENTIAT RANGER DISTRICT

The office phone number is **(509) 784-4700**.

OFFICE HOURS: 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

SNOW: Snow covers the entire district. Watch weather forecasts and be prepared for winter conditions. As of Jan. 14, 2013, there was 47 inches of snow at Pope Ridge.

CAMPGROUNDS: All Campgrounds are closed for the season. Campgrounds may be accessed by foot and used, but there are no services available so please pack out all garbage. Campgrounds will reopen in spring 2013.

ROADS: Please tread lightly on Forest Service roads. As roads become wet they are susceptible to resource damage and also become hazardous to drive on. Currently, snow covers most forest roads so be prepared for winter driving conditions. Remember, many forest roads close when snow accumulates and the road becomes impassable, so watch the weather forecasts and plan your trip accordingly.

- **Shady Pass Road No. 5900** is impassable due to snow

- **Entiat River Road No. 51** is closed at the Sno-Park near the Okanogan-Wenatchee N. F. boarder.

ROAD CLOSURES: There are several road closures now in effect on the Entiat Ranger District. These roads are closed to **all motorized wheeled vehicles** to protect forest resources affected by last summer's fires.

The following roads are closed.

- Potato Creek Road 5380
- Mud Creek Road 5300
- Palmich Canyon Road 220
- Crum Canyon Road 5303
- Byers Canyon Road 5304
- Osburn Canyon Road 5305
- Steliko Ridge Road 5310
- Wilkinson Canyon Road 5330
- South Fork Mud Creek Road 5340

All road closures are clearly signed and roads are barricaded. Roads will reopen in spring 2013 when roads melt out and become dry and not susceptible to resource damage.

SNOWMOBILING: The Mad River and Entiat River Sno-Parks are now open. Trails are being groomed on a regular basis. For the latest grooming information for the Mad River Sno-Park call the Lake Wenatchee Grooming Hotline at (509) 763-3103 ext. 5, and for the Entiat River Sno-Park call (509) 687-SNOW. Be aware that due to unusual early winter weather there are lots of trees down along the groomed snowmobile trails. Trees are being removed as they fall but many remain near the trail corridor and new ones continue to fall. Please travel with caution (slow down around corners), and be mindful where you stop and take a break, there may be leaning trees/broken branches/broken tree tops resting in the trees above you.

WILDFIRE CLOSURES: Two area closures remain in effect for resource protection and public safety-- Pyramid Fire area closure and Klone Fire area closure. Call the Entiat Ranger Station for the latest information regarding area closures or go to <http://go.usa.gov/gwk3> for a map of the fire closure areas.

TRAILS: All trails are under winter snowpack and trailheads are inaccessible by four-wheeled vehicles until spring 2013.

METHOW VALLEY RANGER DISTRICT

The office phone number is (509) 996-4003.

OFFICE HOURS: Open Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WEATHER: A local weather forecast is available at <http://go.usa.gov/f4y> .

SNOW: The district has good snow cover. There is 84 inches of snow at Hart's Pass at 6,200 feet elevation, 73 inches at Washington Pass at 5,500 feet elevation, and 27 inches at Mazama at 2,170 feet elevation.

SNO-PARK PERMITS: Sno-Park permits are required at all Sno-Parks. These permits are available at the Methow Valley Ranger District office, the Mazama Store in Mazama, Hank's Market in Twisp, and at Winthrop Mountain Sports in Winthrop. Washington State Discover Passes, Northwest Forest Passes, Interagency Passes, Senior Passes, Access Passes, and Military Passes are not valid at sno-parks.

LOGGING ACTIVITIES: Watch for logging equipment traffic in the Finley Canyon area.

SNOWMOBILE GROOMING: Area snowmobile trails have good snow cover at higher elevations. For the most current grooming information go online to www.methow.com/groomer . For online travel plan maps showing locations of district Sno-Parks and groomed snowmobile trails, go to <http://go.usa.gov/gw3H>.

Before leaving home, check the current backcountry avalanche forecast online at <http://www.nwac.us/forecast/avalanche/current/zone/5/> .

DOWNHILL SKIING: Loup Loup Ski Bowl is open. For days of operation and current downhill ski conditions go online to www.skitheloup.com/the_mountain/conditions/ .

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING: Many trails have been groomed by Methow Valley Sport Trails Association (MVSTA). For the most current grooming update go online to www.mvsta.com/grooming2.html .

WOODCUTTING: 2013 firewood permits are not available yet and 2012 woodcutting permits and tags are no longer valid. On December 1, most Forest Service roads close to 4-wheeled vehicle use and open for use as groomed snowmobile routes or groomed cross-country ski routes.

ROADS: North Cascades Highway 20 is closed for the season due to heavy snowfall and avalanche danger. The closure is between milepost 171 near the Silver Star gate and milepost 134 near the Diablo Gate.

Most forest roads annually close to wheeled vehicle use on December 1. Once closed they become groomed snowmobile routes or groomed cross-country ski trails. Okanogan National Forest Travel Plan maps show the locations of the roads closed to wheeled vehicle use; these maps are available at the district office and online at <http://go.usa.gov/f4d> .

To find out which roads are open and closed for different uses, see our free travel plan map available at our district office or go online to <http://go.usa.gov/f4d> .

CAMPGROUNDS: Snow accumulation and annual road closures block access to all Forest Service campgrounds.

TRAILS: Many forest roads are groomed as cross-country ski trails or groomed snowmobile trails. To see locations of groomed trails, free travel plan maps are available at the district office. For online travel plan maps showing locations of district sno-parks, groomed snowmobile trails and groomed cross-country ski trails, go to <http://go.usa.gov/gw3H>. Snow accumulation and annual road closures block access to most forest trails until snow melts out in the spring.

NACHES RANGER DISTRICT

The office phone number is **(509) 653-1401**.

OFFICE HOURS: The Naches Ranger Station foyer is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week to make handouts and forest information available to the public during non-office hours. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office is closed daily for lunch from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. No permit sales after 4 p.m.

SNOW: As of Dec. 18, there was 49 inches of snow at White Pass, 109 inches at Cayuse Pass, 58 inches at Green Lake, and 84 inches at Pigtail Peak.

SNOW GROOMING: For the most current grooming information please go to the Washington State Parks web site at www.parks.wa.gov/winter/ (look under winter recreation on the left menu bar).

TRAILS: Expect to encounter snowy conditions on all district trails. Be prepared for sudden weather changes when recreating in the national forest. Before recreating in the national forest, always leave a detailed written trip itinerary with a responsible family member or friend.

To check out current conditions at White Pass or any of the other state mountain passes go to <http://www.Wsdot.com/traffic/passes>. Northwest Trails Association web site is also an excellent site for obtaining updates on current trail conditions.

MOTORIZED TRAILS and ROADS: Many roads and trails are now closed for the winter season.

ROADS: Expect to encounter snow on all forest roads. Please comply with road use signs.

FLOOD DAMAGED ROADS THAT REMAIN CLOSED:

Road Name and Number	Flood Damaged Roads that are CLOSED
Little Rattlesnake Road No. 1501	Closed to all motorized traffic for 5.1 miles from the junction of forest road No. 1500/1501 (T15, R15, Sec 10) to the junction of forest road No. 1501 and forest road No. 1503 (T15, R14, Sec 24). Estimated construction date 2013-2014.
Clover Way Road No. 1605	Closed to all motorized traffic for 3 miles from the junction of forest road No. 1600/1605 (T16, R14, Sec 16) to the junction of forest road No. 1605-244 (T15, R14, Sec 17).
Rock Creek Road No. 1702	The first 0.3 miles are open to local residents only. Closed to the public from the junction with State Rt. 410 (T16, R15, Sec 17) to the junction with forest road No. 1720 (T16, R15, Sec 4). Estimated construction date 2013-2014.
Gold Creek Road No. 1703	Closed to all motorized traffic for 5.9 miles from State Route 410 (T17, R14, Sec 36) to the end of forest road No. 1703 (T17, R14, Sec 24) junction with Road No. 1705). Estimated construction date 2013-2014.

Milk Creek Road No. 1708	Closed to all motorized traffic for 6.7 miles from the junction of Road No. 1708 and State Route 410 (T17, R14, Sec 9) to the junction with forest road 1708-590 (T17, R15, Sec 6) Estimated construction date 2013-2014.
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CAMPGROUNDS: All district campgrounds are closed for the winter. Please contact the Naches Ranger District office for winter camping information.

REMEMBER—Washington State Discover passes are not accepted on the national forest.

GROUP RESERVATION SITES: During the winter, only American Ridge Lodge and American River Guard Station are open. Reservations for these two sites need to be made through the www.recreation.gov website.

Area	Group Reservation Sites	Daily Fee	Registration Fee
State Route 410 Chinook Pass	American Ridge Lodge is open for the winter	\$100	\$10
	American River Guard Station is open for the winter	\$50	\$10

TONASKET RANGER DISTRICT

The office phone number is **(509) 486-2186**.

OFFICE HOURS: Office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. During non-business hours, free forest information is available in the cabinets outside the main entrance to the district office.

SNOW: There is 36 inches of snow at Salmon Meadows.

SNO-PARK PERMITS: Parking in a designated Sno-Park requires a Sno-Park permit. Permits are available at the Tonasket Ranger District. This permit is typically sold to cross-country skiers and snowshoers. Seasonal and day permits are available.

ROADS: For current road conditions please call the Tonasket Ranger District at 509-486-2186. Forest users should expect logging truck traffic on Forest Service roads No. 3000, No. 3000-500 and the Lyman Lake road in the Aeneas Valley area. Seasonal road and area closures went into effect on October 1 and other roads are scheduled to close throughout the winter. Be sure to look at your free Okanogan National Forest Travel Plan Map for more information (available at Forest offices or online at http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5306489.pdf).

Road Name and Number	Condition
Aeneas 30	Road No. 3000 has a seasonal closure from December 1 – April 1 Road No. 3000-290 and No. 285 have seasonal closures October 1 - March 31 Road No. 3000-530 has a seasonal closure from December 1 – March 31
Barnell Meadows 3000-100	Seasonal closure October 1 – June 15
Peony Creek 3010-300	Seasonal closure October 1 – April 1
Sweat Creek 3100	Seasonal closure December 1 – April 1

Frosty Creek 3100-050/200	Seasonal closure December 1 – April 1
Mount Annie 3100-300	Open. Be aware the roadway is rutted due to a washout.
Tratnick Grade 3120	Seasonal closure December 1 – April 1
Gardner Creek 3125	Seasonal closure December 1 – April 1
North Cape LaBelle	Seasonal closure December 1 – April 1
Cape LaBelle	Seasonal closure December 1 – April 1

Road Name and Number	Condition
Bonaparte Lake to Beaver Lake 32	Road No. 3200 is under a seasonal closure from December 1 – April 1 Road No. 3200-030 is under a seasonal closure from October 1 - March 31 Road No. 3200-050 is under a seasonal closure from December 1 – April 1
Henderson Creek/Mill Creek 3230	Road No. 3230 is under a seasonal closure December 1 – April 1 Road No. 3230-090 is under a seasonal closure from October 1 - April 1
Phoebe Mountain (Burge Mtn.) 3235	Road No. 3235 is under a seasonal closure from December 1 – April 1 Road No. 3235-020 is under a seasonal closure from October 1 – Dec. 31
Cumberland Mtn. 3240	Road No. 3240 is under a seasonal closure from December 1 – April 1 Road No. 3240-020 is under a seasonal closure from December 1 – April 1
Myers Creek 3300	Road No. 3300 is under a seasonal closure from December 1 – April 1 Road No. 3300-040 is under a seasonal closure from December 1 – March 31
Chesaw 3400	Seasonal closure December 1 – April 1
Summit Lake Road 3525	Open. Roads No. 3525-250 and 255 are under seasonal closures from October 1 – Dec. 31
Nicholson Creek 3575	Open. Only four wheel drive or high clearance vehicles are advised on road No. 3575-120.
Middle Salmon - Boulder Creek 37	Road 3700 is under a seasonal closure from December 1 – April 1
North Fork Salmon Creek 38	Road No. 3800 is under a seasonal closure from December 1 – April 1. The road is narrow where debris flow was over the roadway (above Kerr Campground), there is water on the road.
Ray Road/Muckamuck 3800-025	Passable only to high clearance vehicles.
Cazadero 3800-365	Open
FS Road 3810	Seasonal closure December 1 – April 1
Lone Frank 3820	Not advised for two-wheel drive vehicles.
Iron Gate 3900-500	Open. Not recommended for two-wheel drive vehicles. High clearance vehicles advised.
Buck Pass 4200	Seasonal closure December 1 – April 1

TRAILS: All trails on the Tonasket Ranger District are snow covered. Trailhead registration and Northwest Forest Passes are required at Long Swamp, Fourteen Mile, Irongate, and Chewuch trailheads. Day and annual passes are available at ranger district offices or online at <http://www.discovernw.org/>. Senior Passes and Interagency Passes are also honored at trailheads and are available for purchase at the ranger station.

CAMPGROUNDS: All campgrounds are closed for the winter season. If you choose to stay at any of the campgrounds, please be sure to bring your own drinking water and pack out all trash.

The group site at Lost Lake Campground is available by reservation only. This site is generally booked far in advance, so make reservations early. Please go online to www.recreation.gov or call the National Recreation Reservation Service at 1-877-444-6777 to make reservations.

WENATCHEE RIVER RANGER DISTRICT

The new office phone number is **(509) 548-2550**.

WINTER OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The newly remodeled front office at the Leavenworth Ranger Station is now open. However, public restrooms are no longer available. The Lake Wenatchee Ranger Station is not open for visitor services.

SNOW: There is 1-2 feet of snow in Leavenworth, 2-4 feet at Lake Wenatchee, 32 inches at Blewett Pass, and 80 inches at Stevens Pass.

ROADS: Please check the district website for information on current road conditions. Winter conditions now exist across all areas of the district.

- **Chiwawa Road No. 6200** is closed for the winter.
- **White River Road No. 6400** is open to Tall Timbers Ranch and closed beyond the ranch.
- **Little Wenatchee Road No. 6500** is closed for the winter.
- **Smithbrook/Rainy Creek Road No. 6700** is closed for the winter.
- **Mission Creek Road No. 7100** is **CLOSED** due to flood damage from the junction of Number Two Canyon Road No. 7101 to the junction with Beehive Road No. 9712. The road is unsafe for travel.
 - A new gate has been installed above the junction of **Mission Creek Road No. 7104** and **Sand Creek Road No. 7104** which closes the Mission Creek Road to motorized 4-wheeled traffic. This closure only affects the portion of the road located on the national forest. The road remains open to motorcycles, snowmobiles, mountain bikes, stock animals, and hikers. The closure is necessary to maintain the newly constructed drainage dips while they are still soft from construction and rain, and to prevent additional road damage. The road will be reopened in the spring.
- **No. 2 Canyon Road** is **CLOSED** for the season.
- **Tip Top Road No. 7202** is impassable one mile from the junction of Camas Creek Road No. 7200 due to road damage.
- **Scotty Creek Road No. 7324** is **CLOSED** to wheeled motor vehicles 3.5 miles north of Blewett Pass due to road damage. Bridge construction has begun just off Hwy 97 on the north side, so the areas above the bridge may only be accessed from the other side of Old Blewett Hwy.
- **Walker Canyon Road No. 7510** is **CLOSED** to wheeled motor vehicles due to a mudslide in Clark Canyon.
- **Eightmile Road No. 7601** is closed.
- **Van Creek Road No. 7520** is closed for the winter.
- **Beehive Road No. 9712** is closed for the winter.
- **Icicle Creek Road** is closed for the winter at the Bridge Creek Campground/Eightmile Road junction.

CAMPGROUNDS: All district campgrounds are closed for the season. No camping fees are being charged, and no campground facilities will be maintained throughout the winter.

GROUP CAMPSITES: To reserve one of the large group sites at Eightmile, Bridge Creek, Tumwater, and Grouse Creek Campgrounds please call the National Recreation Reservation Service at 1-877-444-6777 or online at www.recreation.gov. Reservations may be made up to one year in advance.

TRAILS: All trails are now snow covered. Be prepared for winter conditions on trails from now through spring. Some trailheads may be inaccessible due to snow.

RECREATION PASSES: Passes are required at the following trailheads on the Wenatchee River Ranger District. This list includes only the trailhead names and does not show each individual trail.

Basalt Ridge	Hidden Lake *	Red Hill *
Buck Creek (Trinity)	Ingalls Creek *	Rock Creek
Blackpine	Icicle Creek	Round Mountain
Chiwaukum Creek	Icicle Gorge*	Snow Lakes*
Devil's Gulch (Lower) *	Jack/Trout	Stuart Lake*
Dirtyface	Little Wenatchee*	Twin Lakes
Eightmile*	Lower Chiwawa	White River
Estes Butte	Nason Ridge	

Day passes can also be purchased during the summer months from fee tubes at the trailheads noted with * above.

Recreation passes cost \$5 per vehicle per day or \$30 for an annual **Northwest Forest Pass**. Passes are available locally at the ranger district office, Leavenworth 76 gas stations (both Highway 2 and Icicle Junction), Der Sportsman, Sleeping Lady Gift Shop, Pioneer Market in Cashmere, and Midway Village, Parkside Grocery and Plain Hardware in the Lake Wenatchee area. **Interagency Passes** are also honored at trailheads and are available for purchase at the ranger district office.

SNO-PARK PERMITS: The Chiwawa Sno-Park is closed indefinitely due to storm damage. Sno-park permits are required when parking at the following sno-parks.

- Nason Ridge/Kahler Glen Sno-Park
- Fish Lake Sno-Park
- Lake Wenatchee State Park (non-Forest Service, but some trails in this system connect with Forest Service trails)

Sno-Park Permit Fees:

- Day Pass \$22
- Seasonal Pass \$42
- Seasonal Groomed Pass \$42

Sno-Park Permits are available in Leavenworth at Der Sportsman, Mountain Sports and the Leavenworth Ranger Station. They are also available in the Lake Wenatchee area at Plain Hardware, Midway Market and Lake Wenatchee State Park (when Rangers are available).

Please note: A severe localized snow/ice storm occurred in the Lake Wenatchee/Plain area just before Christmas. Numerous trees are still down across some trails and forest roads that are often utilized in winter for recreation. Many hazards still exist, so please use caution.

For groomed trail updates, please call the Lake Wenatchee Ranger Station at 509-763-3103, ext. 5 or visit www.Lakewenatcheeinfo.com and click on Snow Report.

ENCHANTMENT PERMITS: Overnight Wilderness permits are required from June 15 to October 15 for the Enchantment Area of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. Applications for 2013 Enchantments permits will be accepted at www.recreation.gov from February 15 through March 2, 2013. The drawing for permits will occur around March 6, 2013.

