

Hi this is Debra with the North America Outdoor Institute welcoming you to a new season of the Q99.7 Snow Trail and Activity Report. We look forward to bringing you lots of great information this winter on trail conditions and activities for skiers, boarders, mushers, riders and snow lovers of all types.

If you know of any trail or activity information the public should be aware of, please let us know so we can share it right here.

Hatcher Pass and Hatcher Pass East are reporting 15-20" of snow. There are still early season conditions and the entire area remains closed to snowmobiling due to insufficient snow depths. But this is a great time to snowshoe, board or ski the area to help with trail packing.

Northeast on the Glenn Highway to Sheep Mountain, Eureka and Lake Louise you'll find about 4 inches of snow with a minimal base.

North on the Parks to Willow, Nancy Lake, Talkeetna and Trapper Creek there's about 8-10 inches of snow and trail packing ongoing. Everyone reports it's a great time to think snow!

If you're looking to ice skate, all the lakes are iced over but check individual lakes for depth. It takes 3" of ice to support a person and about 5" for a snowmachine so be careful and watch for inlets, outlets and springs where the ice may be thin or weak. We've been getting reports of 4" to 6" of ice in the Meadow and Big Lake areas.

**As conditions improve and more activities become available, we'll be sure to let you know right here on the Q Snow Trail and Activity report.**

Before you head out for your winter adventures, your first step should be your own safety education. Take an avalanche or winter safety course to learn practical ways to have fun and stay safe. We invite you to join NAOI **on Sat. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at the Mat-Su College for a backcountry skills clinic with Dean Cummings and Dan Dryden. Register online at [besnowsmart.org](http://besnowsmart.org).**

Did you know there are more than 2,000 miles of trails to explore in the Mat-Su Valley? Come on out, Be Snow Smart and enjoy safe riding, mushing or hiking adventures as you **Get Outdoors and explore Alaska.**