



Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Recreation Report

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Winter Fun

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest is a fun winter sports and recreation destination. There are world-class alpine ski and snowboards resorts nearby, miles of groomed snowmobile and cross-country ski trails, Nordic skiing opportunities, snowshoeing, and other winter activities.

For folks looking for places to enjoy a winter recreation outing with their dogs, Echo Ridge Nordic Ski Area also offers snowshoeing and dog walking opportunities, however, snowshoeing and dogs are prohibited on the groomed cross-country ski trails at the main parking area. Snowshoers and individuals with dogs are welcome on Zoom, Outback, and any of the designated snowmobile routes. Please help maintain the excellent cross-country skiing opportunities found at Echo Ridge. Walking on groomed trails causes damage to the trail platform and is time consuming to repair. During very cold temperatures it is best to leave your four-footed companions at home. For current grooming conditions at Echo Ridge please check the Lake Chelan Nordic Club website at <http://www.lakechelannordic.org/>.

Snowmobilers will find hundreds of miles of groomed snowmobile trails in the Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Be aware though, it is unreasonable to expect that all trails will be groomed at all times. A freshly groomed trail needs 6–8 hours to set-up, with little or no use and below freezing temperatures. The lower the temperature, the better the trail will set-up. Some snowmobile routes are not groomed when avalanche danger is hazardous. For example, the 2B route to Trinity on the Wenatchee River Ranger District has some hazardous avalanche areas; grooming does not occur there when avalanche danger is moderate to high. This is for the safety of the groomers and snowmobilers. Grooming resumes once avalanche danger diminishes. Snowmobiles are prohibited in Wilderness areas. Please respect the significance of Wilderness by knowing where the boundaries are. If you don't know or aren't sure of boundaries, stop by the nearest Forest Service office to obtain a map.

If sledding or tubing, always think safety when picking a snow play area. Make sure your trail is wide enough to protect you from colliding with trees or rocks. A reasonable safe location for snow play allows for adequate room at the bottom of the slide to slow to a stop. There should be no obstacles or jumps posing a hazard. Please do not use freeway interchanges as tubing play areas—as tubers and sledders have the potential to travel into the path of oncoming traffic. Please be safe, not sorry.

With all of these fun winter-time activities also comes the responsibility to check current weather and avalanche conditions before heading to the forest. Go to the Northwest Avalanche Center website at <https://www.nwac.us/> for current avalanche conditions and contact local national forest offices for current forest conditions.

Other Forest Related Information

OFFICE ADDRESSES, OFFICE HOURS and PHONE NUMBERS:

Chelan Ranger District, 428 W. Woodin Ave., Chelan, WA 98816; 509-682-4900; hours M-F 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., closed for lunch 11:30 to 12:30
Cle Elum Ranger District, 803 W. 2nd Street, Cle Elum, WA 98922; 509-852-1100; **winter hours** 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat; closed for lunch 12:30-1:15 p.m.
Entiat Ranger District, physical address 2108 Entiat Way, (P.O. Box 476), Entiat, WA 98822; 509-784-4700; hours M-F 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Methow Valley Ranger District, 24 West Chewuch Road, Winthrop, WA 98862; 509-996-4000; hours M-F 8 a.m. a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Naches Ranger District, 10237 Hwy. 12, Naches, WA 98937; 509-653-1401; hours 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; closed for lunch noon to 12:30 p.m.
Omak Visitor Center, 401 Omak Ave., Omak, WA 98841; 509-486-5145; **winter hours** hours Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; closed for lunch 11 a.m. to 11:45
Okanogan-Wenatchee NF Headquarters, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, WA 98801; 509-664-9200; hours M-F 8 a.m.-4:30; closed for lunch 12-1 p.m.
Tonasket Ranger District, 1 W. Winesap, Tonasket, WA 98855; 509-486-2186; hours M-F 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; closed for lunch 12:30 to 1 p.m.
Wenatchee River Ranger District, 600 Sherbourne, Leavenworth, WA 98826; 509-548-2550; starting Nov. 1, **winter hours** Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

WOODCUTTING PERMITS:

Woodcutting permits expired on December 31, 2016. Permits for 2017 will be sold some time in the 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.
- This 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:

A \$5 day use fee is required at many trailheads and day use sites across the national forest. The Northwest Forest Day Pass, Northwest Forest Annual Pass, and America the Beautiful Interagency Annual Pass are honored at all Forest Service-operated recreation sites where a day use fee is required. For a complete list of recreation sites where a day use fee is required, please visit <http://go.usa.gov/2YXA> or call your local ranger station.

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.discovernw.org.

- **Wenatchee area:** Northwest Forest passes are available at Arlberg Sports Inc., Hooked on Toys, Bi-Mart, and Big 5.
- **Chelan area:** Passes are available at the Chelan Ranger District office.
- **Entiat area:** Passes are available at Cooper's General Store and at the Entiat 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.
- **Cle Elum area:** Northwest Forest Pass vendors include Cle Elum Ranger Station and
 - Sportland Mini Mart Shell Station, 4402 Bullfrog Road, Cle Elum. Located 1 mile north of the Ranger Station on Hwy 903. Their phone number is 509-649-2260.
 - Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce Cle Elum Visitor Center, 312 W 1st, Cle Elum, 509-674-6880
 - Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce, 609 N Main, Ellensburg, phone 509-925-2002.
 - Mountain High Sports, 105 E 4th Street, Ellensburg, phone 509-925-4626.
 - Bi-Mart, 608 East Mountain View, Ellensburg, phone 509-925-6973.
 - Mac A Bee Gifts of the Southwest, 1401 Airport Road, Cle Elum, phone 509-674-7055.
 - Stewart Lodge LLC, 805 W 1st St Cle Elum, phone 509-674-4548
- **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, phone 509 996-2886.
 - Methow Cycle and Sports, 19210 Hwy 20, Winthrop, phone 509 996-3645.
 - Valley Hardware/Do-It Center Hardware, 429 E. Methow Valley Hwy., Twisp, 509-997-3355.
 - Mazama Country Inn, 15 Country Road, Mazama, phone 509-996-2681 (Day passes only).
 - Goat Beard Mountain Supply, 50 Lost River Road in Mazama, 509-996-2515.
 - Do It Center Valley Hardware, 309 Highway 20 South in Twisp, 509-997-8541.
- **Naches area:** Northwest Forest passes can be purchased at the following locations.
 - Naches Ranger District office, 10237 U. S. Hwy 12, Naches, phone 509-653-1401.
 - Slim's Market, 9951 US Hwy 12, Naches.
 - Rimrock Grocery Store, 34090 U.S. Hwy 12, Naches, phone 509-672-2251.
 - Bi-Mart stores in Yakima, Sunnyside and in Ellensburg.
 - Naches Chinook Center, 10450 Hwy 12, Naches, WA 98937, 509-653-2797



CHELAN RANGER DISTRICT

Office phone number: (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 **with a one hour closure for lunch from 11:30 to 12:30**. The Chelan Ranger District also serves as an information center for the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

SNOW LEVEL: Snow covers the ground starting around 1,100 to 2,000 foot elevation level; everything above this level will have 8 to 12 inches of snow. Expect more snow at higher elevations.

ECHO RIDGE is open and is being groomed daily. Passes are required for both ski and snowshoe trail use at Echo Ridge. Day passes are available on-site at the Upper and Lower Trailheads for \$10 per adult; there is no charge for skiers or snowshoers age 17 and under. Season passes cost \$70 and can be purchased at the Chelan Ranger District office. Use caution when using the Forest Service road to Echo Ridge as traffic continues to increase during the winter season. Additionally, with the recent temperature increase the road to Echo Ridge has become slippery--extra caution is advised. For updated information about grooming and road conditions please visit www.lakechelannordic.org/echoridgegrooming/.

LAKE LEVEL: For information on lake level, please visit the Chelan County Public Utility District website at <http://www.chelanpud.org/parks-and-recreation/lake-chelan-lake-levels>.

ROADS and SNOWMOBILING: Most forest roads are now closed to conventional 4-wheeled vehicles. Closed roads include **Grade Creek Road** (FS Road #8200), **Cooper Mt. Road** (FS Road #8020), **Shady Pass Road** (FS Road #5900) and the **Slide Ridge Road** (FS Road #8410). These roads are now being groomed and are open to snowmobile traffic only, and can be accessed from the Antilon, Echo Valley, Black Canyon and Gold Creek Sno-Parks for access to the north shore, and 25 Mile Sno-Park for access to the south shore. Don't forget your Sno-Park pass. Please contact the ranger district or visit this link for updates <http://parks.state.wa.us/441/Leavenworth-Chelan>.

CAMPING: All campgrounds are snow covered. Boat-in campgrounds may be inaccessible due to lower lake level and access to some docks may be impossible. If accessing docks, remember dock surfaces may be very icy and slippery.

CLE ELUM RANGER DISTRICT

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

WINTER OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a 45-minute closure for lunch from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.

SNOW: On January 24, there was 53 inches of snow at Sasse Ridge at 4,340 feet elevation. Winter recreation is in full swing in all areas of the district. Snowshoers, skiers, mushers, snowmobilers, and those just wanting to play in the snow are having an amazing year. There is a breakable crust on the snow with some hoarfrost on top.

Grooming is ongoing in all areas, with groomer operators reporting excellent conditions. As always, go prepared. Carry the 10 essentials, have a plan, let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return, and what action to take should you not return. Make sure your vehicle is in good working order with appropriate winter tires, a full tank of gas, shovel, and extra clothing and blankets to keep you warm.

SNOQUALMIE PASS VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER is open for the winter season. Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The popular Ranger-led snowshoe program began on January 6 and will continue through March. For information or to make a reservation for one of the snowshoe walks, please visit www.discovernw.org/store_snowshoe-walks_SNOWSHOEMBS/.

SNO-PARKS: All Sno-Parks on the Cle Elum Ranger District are open. A valid Washington State Sno-Park Permit must be displayed in the lower left (driver's side) corner of the windshield of each vehicle parked in a Sno-Park. Please visit <http://parks.state.wa.us/130/Winter-Recreation> for permit requirements and to purchase your permit on-line.

Hyak, Gold Creek and Cabin Creek Sno-Parks typically are full by 9:30 each Saturday and Sunday morning. Plan on arriving early and if you find the lot full continue on to another location. **Do not park in freeway interchanges.** Alternative locations are Crystal Springs, Lake Easton State Park and Easton Reload.

WINTER FUN: Salmon la Sac Campground and trailhead aren't just for summer fun. The campground is a voluntary non-motorized winter recreation area with the campground loops and road to the trailhead groomed for skiing on most Mondays and Fridays, weather and snow conditions permitting. Tracks are set and a skate lane is available most days for skiers. Those on snowshoes are asked to travel to the side of the groomed areas to preserve the tracks and skate lane. Parking is at the Salmon la Sac Sno-Park located a half mile south of Salmon la Sac or along the Salmon la Sac Highway as posted.

ROADS: All Forest Service roads are now snow covered and nearly all are closed to wheeled vehicles. Most roads are open to winter recreation activities including snowmobiling, skiing, snowshoeing, and mushing. When snowshoeing on routes with set track and skate lanes for skiing, please walk to the side, not on the set track or skate lanes.

CAMPGROUNDS: Developed campground are closed for the season.

Reservations can now be made for individual **campsites** at Kachess and Salmon La Sac Campgrounds and Cayuse Horse Camp. Go to www.recreation.gov or call 877-444-6777 to make reservations.

Reservations for **group sites** need to be made through the National Recreation Reservation Service by calling their toll free number 877-444-6777 or by going online to their web site at www.recreation.gov .

ENTIAT RANGER DISTRICT

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

OFFICE HOURS: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SNOW: On January 24, there was 39 inches of snow at Pope Ridge at 3,590 feet elevation.

Temperatures at Pope Ridge are ranging from 22 to 38 degrees (F). The snow level is down to the town of Entiat.

SNOWMOBILING: All designated snowmobile trails originating from the Mad River Sno-Park destined to the Wenatchee River Ranger District have been groomed. The Shady Pass designated snowmobile trail has been groomed from the Entiat River Sno-Park to the 25 Mile Sno-Park in the Lake Chelan Ranger District.

WOODCUTTING: Sales of woodcutting permits will resume in May 2017.

CAMPGROUNDS: All district campgrounds are closed for the winter but available without amenities for winter camping. Please pack out all garbage.

ROADS: **Snow is accumulating making most Forest Service roads impassable. Turn around to avoid becoming stranded.** On roads that are still open to four-wheel vehicle use, four-wheel-drive and high vehicle clearance are recommended.

Conditions can change quickly so check for current weather, road, and trail conditions and closures before you go. The best way to be prepared is to think ahead about what you would do in a potential emergency and have proper equipment and supplies with you.

Road Name	Road No.	Status
Entiat River Road	5100	County road crews plow the road up to the sno-park at the 25 mile marker. Four wheeled vehicles are not permitted past the sno-park. At approximately mile post 31 the Entiat River Road is gated but open beyond to the Cottonwood/Entiat River trailhead. The gate is marked for navigation around.
Mills Canyon/ Entiat Ridge	5200	Open; anticipate encountering snow.
Dinkelman	5210	Open; anticipate encountering snow.
Preston Creek	5501	Open; anticipate encountering snow.
Tommy Creek	5605	Open; anticipate encountering snow.
North Fork Entiat Road	5606	County road crews plow the road up to the sno-park at the 25 mile marker. Four wheeled vehicles are not permitted beyond the sno-park. The North Fork Road is gated but open beyond at approximately mile post 32.
Tyee	5700	Open; anticipate encountering snow.
Tillicum Creek	5800	Open; anticipate encountering snow.
Moe Ridge	5801	Open; anticipate encountering snow.
Shady Pass	5900	Shady Pass Road is now closed to four wheeled vehicles and open only to over the snow vehicles. The gate is open. The road is groomed for snowmobile use. Shady Pass Road is at mile marker 28.5 and Entiat River Road Sno-Park is at mile post 25 (at the school bus turn around).
Oklahoma Gulch Road	County Road No. 63	Gated closed from Hwy 97A north to Johnson Creek. This seasonal closure is at the request of WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife.

ATVs, WATVs & SIDE BY SIDES: All Entiat Ranger District Forest Service roads and trails are closed to these vehicles.

UPPER MAD RIVER SEASONAL TRAILS CLOSURE: All Upper Mad River trails are now closed. Blue Creek Trail No. 1426, Upper Mad River Trail No. 1409.1, Alder Ridge Trail No. 1523 and Upper Chikamin Trail No. 1561 are closed.

The annual seasonal closure is to protect natural resources, minimize damage to trails, and maintain quality trail systems. The seasonal closure protects trails from damage caused by wheeled and stock travel on muddy trails. **When closed, the trails are open to hikers only.** The trail will be posted open when the snow melts and the trails dry out. Trails historically open in July once snow has melted off.

TRAILS: Winter conditions exist on the trails. **The snow level is down to the town to Entiat, making all Forest Service trails difficult to navigate.** Be prepared with snowshoes, crampons, ice axe and wear layered winter clothing. Good resources to check for recent postings and conditions from fellow hikers are www.NWHikers.net , <http://www.wta.org/> and www.Cascadeclimbers.com .

METHOW VALLEY RANGER DISTRICT

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

OFFICE HOURS: Open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

SNOW: Snow is accumulating with 19 inches at Winthrop at 1,800 feet elevation, 25 inches at Mazama at 2,170 feet elevation, 57 inches at Rainy Pass at 4,800 feet elevation, and 80 inches reported at Washington Pass at 5,500 feet elevation.

LOUP LOUP SKI BOWL: The ski area is open for operation on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Alpine ski area has packed powder and the rope tow has groomed runs. Nordic ski trails are groomed on Bear Mountain, Flat Loop, and Inner Loop. Nordic skiing is occurring on Bear Mountain. The base area is open for skiing and snowshoeing.

The South Summit area has groomed Nordic ski trails 1, 2, F, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, K9, and Clear Cut. Be sure to have your Washington State sno-park permit. For ticket and pass information, trail maps, current ski conditions, and grooming information online go to <https://skitheloup.com/>.

GROOMED CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS: The Methow Valley's skiing, scenery, and trails are world class and the extensive trail system provides 120 miles/200+ kilometers of skiing in peaceful, freshly groomed and uncrowded conditions. The Nordic ski trail system is divided into four areas all connected by the Methow Community Trail, which includes a suspension bridge crossing the Methow River, trailheads, and lodges along the way.

For ticket and pass information, trail maps, current ski conditions and grooming information go online to <http://www.methowtrails.org/winter-trails/grooming/>.

GROOMED SNOWMOBILE TRAILS: Each year from December 1 to April 1 most Methow Valley Ranger District access roads become groomed snowmobile routes and are closed to wheeled vehicles. When roads close to wheeled vehicles, barriers are placed at the beginning of roads. Only snowmobiles can be driven on groomed snowmobile routes. A snowmobile is a track driven, **ski steered** vehicle less than 50 inches over-all width. Horses, ATVs and bicycles are not allowed on groomed snowmobile routes. Use of a snow cat requires a permit to operate on groomed snowmobile routes. Fat bikes are not allowed on groomed snowmobile routes.

Hart's Pass Road No. 5400 is closed to wheeled vehicles and open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1. The gate is open so snowmobiles can make it up the road. Road No. 5400 is barricaded closed at the snow plow turn-around at the junction with Hart's Pass Road No. 5400 and Lost River Road/County Road No. 9140.

WINTER LOGGING:

- **CAUTION**--logging trucks will be coming down **Benson Creek** on county road 1703 and forest road 4150 from the Benzer stewardship timber sale from South Summit. Forest road 4150 is only open to logging traffic.
- Winter logging operations have started in the Siegel's Slough area near Buck Lake. Logging trucks will be coming down Buck Lake Road No. 5130-100 from Buck Lake to Eightmile Road No. 5130, out West Chewuch Road No. 5100 and travel down West Chewuch Road (county road number 1213). The first two miles of **Eightmile Creek Road No. 5130** are closed to all non-logging traffic. There is a groomed signed

snowmobile re-route one quarter mile north of Eightmile Sno-Park just across Eightmile Creek bridge. This is where the snowmobile route rejoins Eightmile Creek Road 5130 above Flat Campground.

- In late-January log hauling will occur on First Creek Road No. 220-025 down to Cub Creek/County Road No. 1251 and then out West Chewuch Road to Winthrop. Weekend log hauling is also permitted on Saturdays until 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. on Sundays. Unloaded logging trucks will likely be using the East Chewuch/County Road No. 9137 road loop.
- For the current snowmobile grooming schedule go online to <http://mountaintrailsgrooming.blogspot.com/p/schedule.html>.

NORTH CASCADES HIGHWAY 20 is closed for the winter from milepost 134 to 171.

SNO-PARK PERMITS: Sno-park permits are available for purchase at the Methow Valley Ranger District Office. They are also sold at Goat’s Beard in Mazama, Hank’s Harvest Foods and Loup Loup Ski Education Foundation in Twisp, and at Pardner’s Mini Market and Winthrop Mountain Sports in Winthrop.

ROADS: Expect to encounter snow on all district roads and trails. Each year from December 1 to April 1 most Methow Valley Ranger District access roads become groomed snowmobile routes and are closed to wheeled vehicles.

In the Thompson Ridge and upper Rendezvous areas some district roads became groomed cross-country ski routes and are closed to wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles. Barriers have been placed at the beginning of these roads.

Check for current conditions and closures before you go. The best way to be prepared is to think ahead about what you would do in a potential emergency situation and have proper equipment and supplies with you. It is a good idea to let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back.

For the most current road information go online to <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/okawen/alerts-notice/?cid=stelprd3820244>.

Road Name and Number	Conditions as of Jan. 24, 2016
Squaw Creek Road 1004-200	Open, with winter snow accumulating.
McFarland Creek Road 1020-200	Open but unplowed to the Road 4330-600 junction. Road 4330-600 is CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
McFarland Creek Road 1020-400	The road is closed, there is a road washout just past the cattle guard.
Alder Creek 1065-200	Open, with winter snow accumulating.
Alder Creek 1065-225	The road is closed Oct. 1 through March 31 becoming a non-motorized hunting area.
Alder Creek / Look-out Mountain 1065-250	The road is closed Oct. 1 through March 31 becoming a non-motorized hunting area.
Finley Mountain 1590-4100--300	The road is closed to all motorized vehicles due to road damage.
Finley Canyon 1590-4100-370	The road is closed to all motorized vehicles due to road damage.
Bear Creek 1631-100	The road is closed Oct. 1 through March 31 becoming a non-motorized hunting area.
Bear Creek 1631-200	The south end of the road is closed Oct. 1 becoming a non-motorized hunting area.
Cougar Creek 1631-225	The road is closed Oct. 1 through March 31 becoming a non-motorized hunting area.
Ramsey / Tripod 1631-100	The road is closed Oct. 1 through March 31 becoming a non-motorized hunting area.
Ramsey / Boulder 1631-200	The north end of the road is closed Oct. 1 becoming a non-motorized hunting area.
Ramsey 1631-300	The road is closed Oct. 1 through March 31 becoming a non-motorized hunting area.
State Route Highway 153	Open
North Cascade Highway State Route 20 (West to Washington/Rainy Passes)	Closed for the winter from milepost 134 to milepost 171.

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State Route 20 (east of Twisp to Loup Loup Pass)	Open
Jack Creek Hwy 20-103	The road is closed Oct. 1 through March 31 becoming a non-motorized hunting area.
Boulder 37	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Boulder Creek to Rogers Lake 39	The road is closed Oct. 1 through March 31 becoming a non-motorized hunting area.
Black Canyon 4010	The road is closed to wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles from Black Canyon Sno-Park due to a large washout after a 2015 fire.
Black Canyon 4010-050	The access road is closed due to a large washout after a 2015 fire.
Black Canyon 4010-100	The access road is closed due to a large washout after a 2015 fire.
South Summit 4100	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Finley Mountain 4100-300	The road is closed to all motorized vehicles due to a road washout.
Finley Canyon 4100-370	The road is closed to all motorized vehicles due to mud and water on the roadway.
Forest Road 4108-670	The road is closed to all motorized vehicles from the intersection with FS Road No. 4108-665 to the terminus at the state land.
Benson Creek 4150	CAUTION --logging trucks will be coming down Benson Creek on county road 1703 and forest road 4150 from the Benzer stewardship timber sale from South Summit. The road is open only to logging traffic.
Leecher Look-out 4150-100	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Yockey Creek 4150-200	The road is damaged and closed to all motorized vehicles.
Benson Creek 4150-300	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles as this area becomes a deer winter range and lynx habitat December 1 to April 1.
Pole Pick 4150-500	The road is closed Oct. 1 through March 31 becoming a non-motorized hunting area.
Pole Pick 4150-535	The road is closed Oct. 1 through March 31 becoming a non-motorized hunting area.
Pole Pick 4150-600	Open with snow accumulating.
Pole Pick 4150-630	The road is closed October 1 through March 31.
North Summit 42	From December 1 to April 1 the road becomes a groomed snowmobile route and is closed to wheeled vehicles. The road from the Road No. 4235 junction was in the 2015 wildfire area and is blocked and closed at Buck Pass until logging is completed.
Bear Mountain 4200-200	Open with snow accumulating.
South Beaver 4225	Open with winter snow accumulating.
Volstead/Blue Buck 4225-200	CLOSED due to road washout damage.
Cougar 4225-230	CLOSED due to road washout damage.
Volstead 4225-400	CLOSED due to road washout damage.
Beaver Summit/Lightening Creek 4230	The road giving access over Lightening Creek Ridge and to Beaver Ridge is closed October 1 through March 1 becoming a non-motorized hunting area.
Starvation Mountain 4235	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Beaver Mountain 4235-100	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Lightning Creek Ridge 4235-195	The road is closed October 1 through March 31 for use as a non-motorized hunting area.
Buttermilk Libby (Buttermilk portion) 43	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
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Smith Canyon 1051-100	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Ben Canyon 4300-100	The area is closed to motorized wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles December 1 to March 31 for deer winter range and lynx habitat.
Elderberry Canyon 4300-200	Open with snow accumulating.
Chicamun Canyon 4300-300	Open with snow accumulating.
Poorman Creek 4300-300	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route Dec. 1 to April 1.
Buttermilk Butte 4300-400	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route Dec. 1 to April 1.
West Fork Buttermilk Trailhead 4300-500	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The access Road No. 4300 is a groomed snowmobile route Dec. 1 to April 1.
West Fork Buttermilk 4300-550	CLOSED – the bridge is condemned as unsafe. The road is damaged near the bridge from a 2011 washout.
West Fork Buttermilk 4300-560	CLOSED – the bridge is condemned as unsafe. The access road is damaged near the bridge from a 2011 washout.
Buttermilk Creek 4300-600	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The access Road No. 4300 is a groomed snowmobile route road is open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.

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Buttermilk Creek 4300-610	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The access Road No. 4300 is a groomed snowmobile route road is open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Newbutter 4300-800	The road is open with snow accumulating.
Newbutter 4300-820	The road is open with snow accumulating.
South Fork Gold Creek 4330	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
South Fork Gold Creek 4330-600	The road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles but closed to wheeled vehicles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Rainy Creek Road 4330-100 (up the South Fork Gold Creek)	Access Road No. 4330 is CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. Road No. 4330 is a groomed snowmobile route closed to wheeled vehicles and open to snowmobiles Dec. 1-April 1.
North Fork Gold Creek 4340	The access road becomes a groomed snowmobile route, closed to wheeled vehicles, December 1 to April 1.
Middle Fork Gold Creek 4340-100	The area is closed to motorized wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles December 1 to March 31 for deer winter range and lynx habitat.
Crater Creek 4340-300	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The access Road No. 4340 is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
North Fork Gold Creek 4340-700	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The access Road No. 4340 is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1
Twisp River 44	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. This road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1
Lime Creek 4400-100	Open with snow accumulating.
Coal Rader/Thompson 4410	The road becomes a groomed cross-county ski route, closed to wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles from November 14 to April 1.
Thompson Ridge 4410-100	The road is closed October 1 through March 31, becoming a non-motorized hunting area. Access Road No. 4410 becomes groomed cross-county ski route, closed to wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles from November 14 to April 1.
Thompson Ridge 4410-200	The road is closed October 1 through March 31, becoming a non-motorized hunting area. Access Road No. 4410 becomes groomed cross-county ski route, closed to wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles from November 14 to April 1.
Little Wolf Creek 4410-500	The road becomes a groomed cross-county ski route, closed to wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles, from November 14 to April 1.
Little Wolf Creek 4410-520	The road becomes a groomed cross-county ski route, closed to wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles, from November 14 to April 1.
Little Wolf Creek 4410-535	The road becomes a groomed cross-county ski route, closed to wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles, from November 14 to April 1.
Little Bridge Creek 4415	Open and snow covered.
Cow Creek 4415-040	Open and snow covered.
Dry Creek 4415-050	Open and snow covered.
Deer Creek 4415-060	Open and snow covered.
Little Bridge Creek Saddle 4415-100	Open and snow covered.
South Twisp River 4420	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
West Twisp River 4430	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
War Creek Trailhead 4430-100	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The access road 4430 is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Twisp River Road 4435	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Reynolds Creek TH 4435 100	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The access road 4435 is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Twisp River Road 4440	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
East Chewuch 5010	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Forest Road 5010-115	CLOSED yearlong to wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles.
Twentymile Creek 5010-700	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The access road 5010 is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
West Chewuch 51	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.

Road Name and Number	Conditions as of Jan. 24, 2016
Eightmile 5130	The beginning portion of this road is plowed for winter logging activities, it is closed to all non-logging traffic. The remaining unplowed road is closed to wheeled vehicles as this is a groomed snowmobile route above Flat Campground open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1. Snowmobilers may access Eightmile Creek Road 5130 above Flat Campground by following the signed, groomed snowmobile route a quarter mile north of Eightmile Sno-Park, just across the Eightmile bridge.
Buck Lake 5130-100	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles not involved in logging operations. Winter logging operations have started in the Siegel's Slough area near Buck Lake. Logging trucks will be coming down Road 5130-100 from Buck Lake to the Eightmile Road 5130 and out the West Chewuch Road 5100. This year the road is closed to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1 due to winter logging activity. Snowmobilers may access Eightmile Creek Road 5130 above Road 5130-100 by following the signed, groomed snowmobile route a quarter mile north of Eightmile Sno-Park, just across the Eightmile bridge.
Buck Lake 5130-105	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles until winter logging activities are completed.
Buck Lake 5130-115	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles until winter logging activities are completed.
Buck Lake 5130-140	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles until winter logging activities are completed.
Buck Mountain 5130-155	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles until winter logging activities are completed.
Buck Mountain 5130-160	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles until winter logging activities are completed.
Falls Creek 5140	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The beginning portion of access road 5140 is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Doe Mountain 5140-100	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The beginning portion of access road 5140 is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Chewuch 5160	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The access road 5100 is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Lake Creek 5160-100	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The access road 5100 is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Chewuch/30-Mile 5160-250	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The access road 5100 is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Cub Creek/Goat Creek 5200	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The access road 5100 is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
First Creek 5200-025	CLOSED to all non-logging traffic until winter logging activities are completed. Logging trucks will haul out of First Creek Road 5220-025 down Cub Creek beginning later in January. Weekend hauling is also permitted on Saturdays until 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. on Sundays.
Second Creek 5200-115	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1. Caution-- watch for logging traffic on Cub Creek Road.
Second Creek 5200-126	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1. Caution-- watch for logging traffic on Cub Creek Road.
Fifth Creek 5200-150	The road is closed to snowmobiles October 1 to December 15 so it can be used as a non-motorized hunting area. The access road becomes a groomed snowmobile route, closed to wheeled vehicles December 1 to April 1. Caution-- watch for logging traffic on Cub Creek Road.
Forest Road 5200-155	The road closed October 1 to wheeled vehicles becoming a non-motorized hunting area. The road is also closed to snowmobiles October 1 to December 15 for use as a non-motorized hunting area. The access road becomes a groomed snowmobile route, and is closed to wheeled vehicles December 1 to April 1. Caution-- watch for logging traffic on Cub Creek Road.
Short Creek 5200-400	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Long Creek 5200-500	CLOSED--the road is washed out.
Ortell Creek 5220-200	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Goat Peak 5225-200	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Rendezvous Pass 5215	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles November 15 to March 21. The road is a groomed cross-country ski trail.
Rendezvous/Fawn 5215-100	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles and snowmobiles November 15 to March 21. The road is a groomed cross-country ski trail.
Blackpine Basin 5225-600	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Sweetgrass Butte 5220-100	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is a groomed snowmobile route open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.

Road Name and Number	Conditions as of Jan. 24, 2016
Cutthroat 5310-400	Highway 20 access road is closed to wheeled vehicles for the winter season. The right side of road is groomed for snowmobiles and the left side of road is groomed for cross-country skiing about 3 miles from Silver Star Creek parking area to Cutthroat Creek Road.
Hart's Pass 5400	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles and open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1. The gate is open so snowmobiles can make it up the road. Road No. 5400 is barricaded closed at the snow plow turn-around at the junction with Hart's Pass Road 5400 and Lost River Road/County Road 9140.
Slate Peak 5400-600	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.
Chancellor 5400-700	CLOSED to wheeled vehicles. The road is open to snowmobiles Dec. 1 to April 1.

WOODCUTTING: All firewood permits expired on December 31. Methow Valley Ranger District 2017 firewood season will reopen on May 1.

CAMPGROUNDS: Access to campgrounds is blocked by snow accumulation.

TRAILS: During the winter, access to most district trailheads and campgrounds is blocked by snow. Chickadee Trailhead provides access to some snowshoe trails and many groomed cross-country ski trails near Patterson Lake. Many sno-parks provide parking and access to snowmobile trails, fat bike trails, and ungroomed roads with snowshoeing opportunities. From December 1 through April 1 most Forest Service access roads become groomed snowmobile routes and are closed to wheeled vehicles limiting access to all district trailheads. Check weather forecast and be prepared for potential snow storms.

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 with 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: The snow level is at approximately 1,000 feet elevation.

SKI AREA: White Pass Ski area is open. For more information please contact White Pass Ski Area at 509-672-3101.

CAMPGROUNDS: All district campgrounds are closed for the winter but available without amenities for winter camping. Please bring water, toilet paper and pack out all garbage.

SNO-PARK PERMITS are now available at the Naches Ranger Station and from the following vendors:

- ❖ Slim's Market, 9951 U.S. Highway 12, Naches, phone 509-653-2268
- ❖ The Little Red School House, 12691 U.S. Highway 12, Naches, phone 509-653-2041
- ❖ Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission, 1111 Israel Road SW, Olympia, phone 360-902-8844

SNOW GROOMING NON-MOTORIZED SCHEDULE: For cross-country skiers and snowshoers, grooming and setting tracks are being done on the following dates, dependent on weather and mechanical difficulties.

- **White Pass/U.S. Highway 12** -- North Fork Trail System on January 24, January 27 and February 01.
- **Chinook Pass/State Route 410** -- Pleasant Valley Trail System on January 25, January 31 and February 3 and Bumping Lake Trail System on January 26 and February 2.

For more non-motorized grooming information go to <http://parks.state.wa.us/132/Non-Motorized-Recreation> .

SNOW GROOMING MOTORIZED SCHEDULE: For snowmobile grooming updates, go to Washington State Parks and Recreation website at parks.state.wa.us/439/greenwater-yakima .

WILDERNESS TRAILS: Be prepared to encounter trees blown down across trails and snow above 1,000 feet elevation. Crow Lake Way Trail is closed until further notice due to extensive flood damage.

MOTORIZED TRAILS: All motorized use trails are closed and open only to snowmobiles. These routes are being groomed for snowmobile use only.

ROADS: District roads are now snow covered. Please contact Naches Ranger District Office for more information. State Route 410 over Chinook Pass is closed for the winter season. Washington State Department of Transportation closed the gate across State Route 410 at Morse Creek, 8 miles east of Chinook Pass, due to avalanche danger.

Please check with the Washington State Department of Transportation for up to date information on mountain pass road conditions. The most current updates on mountain pass conditions are available at <http://www.Wsdot.com/traffic/passes> .

GROUP RESERVATION SITES: American River Guard Station and American Ridge Lodge group reservation sites are open year-round; there is **no** access by motorized vehicles to American Ridge Lodge during the winter season due to unsafe road conditions. Other group sites are officially closed. Reservations for group camp sites need to be made through the National Recreation Reservation Service by calling their toll free number 877-444-6777 or by going online to their web site at www.recreation.gov .

Area	Group Reservation Sites	Daily Fee	Registration Fee
Chinook Pass State Route 410	American Ridge Lodge - Open	\$100	\$10
	American River Guard Station - Open	\$ 50	\$10
	Indian Flat - Closed		
	Kaner Flat - Closed		
	Pine Needle - Closed		
	Salmon Cove - Closed		
White Pass U.S. Highway 12	Clear Lake/North Group Site - Closed		
	South Fork - Closed		

BOULDER CAVE, BOULDER CAVE DAY USE SITE and TRAIL are closed to all users. Please stay out of the closed area, violators will be fined.

DAY USE and BOAT LAUNCH SITES are closed.

WOODCUTTING: Woodcutting season is currently closed, it will re-open on May 1, 2017. Naches Ranger District wood season always starts on the first working day in May and ends on September 30. If the first day of May falls on a Saturday or a Sunday it'll be the following Monday. If September 30 falls on a weekday then the last day will be the first Sunday in October depending on the fire season. The reason for this is due to a court decision in the early 1990s. A lawsuit was brought against the Naches Ranger District stating that the district office was selling wood permits to people who were not curing or drying out their wood and when green wood is burned it pollutes the air and is hazardous to people's health. The judge ruled in favor of the plaintiff. Under the court order there were stipulations that the Naches Ranger District office had to adhere to before being able to sell wood permits to the public again. Woodcutting season dates were one of these stipulations.

BE AWARE -- DAMAGED ROADS THAT REMAIN CLOSED:

Road Name and Number	Damaged Roads that are CLOSED
FS Road No. 1040 (Bear Creek area)	Closed due to road damage from a washout.
Wildcat Road No. 1306	Closed to all motorized traffic because of a 30-foot slump in the road and a large culvert that is eroded and damaged.
Indian Creek Road No. 1308	Closed due to flood waters and large debris that washed out and blocked the last portion of the road to the trailhead.
McDaniel Road No. 1502	Closed to all traffic due to bridge damage and road washout.
Gold Creek Road No. 1703	The road has been decommissioned from Milepost 2.0 to 2.1. Areas below the decommissioned area can be accessed via Forest Road 1703. Areas above the decommissioned area can be accessed via Forest Road No. 1705. The road is open to trail users and snowmobiles.

TRAVEL ESSENTIALS: Always be prepared for any kind of weather and/or road conditions. Bring extra clothes, food and water, map, compass and/or GPS, matches, fire starter, pocketknife, first aid kit, sunglasses, flashlight, and extra batteries. Please have extra blankets, a shovel, flares, tire chains, basic tools, and toilet paper in your vehicle.

TONASKET RANGER DISTRICT

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

OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a 30-minute closure for lunch from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

SNOW: On January 24, there was 37 inches of snow at Salmon Meadows at 4,460 feet elevation, and 32 inches at Muckamuck at 4,470 feet elevation.

ROADS: Most forest roads are closed to four-wheeled vehicles and some are now open to snowmobile use only. Although some forest roads are open, due to recent adverse weather conditions it may not be safe to drive on them. Please use extreme caution when using forest roads.

Timber hauling and logging operations are occurring in the Crawfish Lake Area. Roads No. 3000, 3000-20, 3015, and 3010 are still open to snowmobiles but closed to four-wheeled vehicles not involved in logging operations.

Please exercise caution when traveling on narrow forest roads. Call the Tonasket Ranger District office for road condition information or visit Washington State Department of Transportation's website www.wsdot.wa.gov. Be sure to look at the free Okanogan National Forest Travel Plan Map for more information (available at national forest offices or online at <http://go.usa.gov/64Kk>). Some road closures are year round and the Travel Plan Map can help you know where you can go.

Road Number and Name	Condition
3200 Bonaparte Lake to Beaver Lake	Closed
3200-050 Strawberry Mountain	Closed
3230 Henderson Creek/Mill Creek	Closed
3235 Phoebe Mountain (Burge Mtn.)	Closed
3300 Meyers Creek and 3300-100 Spur Mountain Road to Lost Lake	Closed
3400 Four Corners to Chesaw	Closed
30 Aeneas/Crawfish	Closed
3000	Closed
3000-200 Aeneas Valley to Tunk Mtn.	Closed
3000-285	Closed
3000-290	Closed
3000-100 Dugout Mountain Road	Closed
3000-100 Barnell Meadow	Closed
3115-100 West Fork Sanpoil Road	Open
3120 Coco Mt Road	Open to snowmobiles only
3125 Gardner Creek Road	Open to snowmobiles only
3575-120 Cow Camp Road	Closed
37 Middle Salmon-Boulder Creek to 3700 West Fork	Open to snowmobiles only
3800 North Fork Salmon Creek	Open to snowmobiles only
3800-025 Ray Road/Muckamuck	Open
3810	Open
3820 Lone Frank Pass	Open to snowmobiles only
39 Toats Coulee to Long Swamp	Open to snowmobiles only
3900-100 14 Mile	Open to snowmobiles only
3900-500 Iron Gate	Open to snowmobiles only
4200 southwest of Conconully	Open to snowmobiles only

ROAD CLOSURES: Please refer to the Okanogan National Travel Plan Map for current road closures. This map is available at the Tonasket Ranger Station during business hours and also can be found after hours on the information board in front of the office. Please call 509-486-2186 for more information or visit our website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/okawen/home> .

WASHINGTON STATE SNO-PARK PERMITS are available online at <https://fortress.wa.gov/parks/ecommerce/prod/Store/SNO/SnoChoice.aspx> . They are also available for purchase by check or cash at the Tonasket District office. Sno-park permits cost \$42 for an Annual permit and \$22 for a Day Use. Passes are non-refundable.

TRAILS: Expect to encounter varying amounts of snow on all district trails. Be aware, there may be trees across trails at any time of the year, but especially after storms. Go to the forest website at <http://go.usa.gov/8fKA> for a complete list of trails and directions. Please be safe and prepare for down trees and snow.

CAMPGROUNDS: Beth, Beaver, Lost Lake, and Bonaparte campgrounds are closed for the winter; all other district campgrounds are open. When using these campgrounds remember no amenities are available during the winter, so bring drinking water, toilet paper and please pack out all garbage.

The group sites at Lost Lake Campground and Bonaparte Lake South Loup are available for reservation for the 2017 camping season. Go online at www.recreation.gov or call 877-444-6777 for reservations. All other campsites on the Tonasket District are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

WOODCUTTING PERMITS will be available in the spring.

WENATCHEE RIVER RANGER DISTRICT

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

WINTER OFFICE HOURS: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WEATHER: Go to www.NOAA.gov for current weather conditions; use zip code **98826** for conditions in the Leavenworth and Lake Wenatchee areas. Remember, weather conditions can change quickly.

SNOW: As of Jan. 24, there was 25 inches of snow at Blewett Pass, 65 inches at Snoqualmie Pass, and 62 inches at Stevens Pass. Go to <http://www.lakewenatcheeinfo.com/tag/snow-reports/> for the latest snow report.

SNO-PARK PASSES: These passes may be purchased at the Leavenworth Ranger Station and at Der Sportsman located at 837 Front Street in Leavenworth. They cost \$22 for a day pass, \$42 for a season pass, and an additional \$42 if you require a groomed trail permit sticker which is required in Lake Wenatchee.

NO THROUGH ACCESS ALLOWED AT THE RANGER STATION IN LEAVENWORTH: There is no public access through the ranger station compound, all gates are locked because of safety issues and vandalism.

BUCK CREEK/SAUL WILDFIRE CLOSURES: Closures remain in effect for the Buck Creek Trail No. 1513 and Chiwawa River Trail No. 1550. These trails will remain closed to public access until trail crews can clear them of hazards this spring.

CAMPGROUNDS: Campgrounds in the Icicle River drainage, except for Chatter Creek Campground, are closed but accessible on a non-fee basis with no amenities such as water, toilet paper or garbage service. **Due to a road barricade located 9.6 miles down Icicle Road, motorized cars and trucks cannot go beyond Bridge Creek Campground.**

The campgrounds in the Lake Wenatchee area are now closed but accessible on a non-fee basis with the exception of Soda Springs, Nason Creek and Phelps Creek campgrounds which are **closed to all access** for the season. Individuals using closed campgrounds must bring water, toilet paper and pack out all garbage.

Please do not park vehicles in front of locked gates at campground entrances. Check road conditions before traveling, some roads leading to these sites suffered storm damage.

Campground Name	Status
Tumwater	CLOSED due to flood hazard potential. No camping permitted.
Eightmile	CLOSED. No fee, no amenities, bring water, toilet paper and pack out all garbage.
Bridge Creek	
Upper Johnny	CLOSED—NO ACCESS
Lower Johnny	CLOSED—NO ACCESS. No fee, no amenities, bring water, toilet paper and pack out all garbage.
Ida Creek	
Chatter Creek	CLOSED—NO ACCESS. No overnight camping is allowed until hazard trees can be assessed and treated.
Rock Island	CLOSED—NO ACCESS. No fee, no amenities, bring water, toilet paper and pack out all garbage.
Blackpine Horse Camp	
Nason Creek	CLOSED—NO ACCESS
Glacier View	CLOSED. No fee, no amenities, bring water, toilet paper and pack out all garbage.
Goose Creek	
Grouse Creek Group Camp	
Finner Creek	
Riverbend	
Rock Creek	
Chiwawa Horse Camp	
Schaefer Creek	
Atkinson Flat	
19 mile	
Alpine Meadows	
Phelps Creek	CLOSED—NO ACCESS
Phelps Creek Equestrian	CLOSED—NO ACCESS
Soda Springs	CLOSED—NO ACCESS. No overnight camping is allowed until hazard trees can be assessed and treated in the spring and summer.
Lake Creek	CLOSED. No fee, no amenities, bring water, toilet paper and pack out all garbage.
Rainy Creek	
White River	CLOSED. No access due to road damage.

CAMPGROUND RESERVATION SITES: To reserve one of the large group sites at Eightmile, Bridge Creek and Grouse Creek Campgrounds, or campsites at Eightmile Campground, please call the National Reservation line at 1-877-444-6777 or via the Internet at www.recreation.gov . Reservations for campsites may be made up to six months in advance, and group sites one year in advance; reservations **cannot be made less than seven days from the stay date.**

ROADS: During winter months most forest roads become inaccessible or are gated closed. The gate on the road at Bridge Creek, which leads to the Eightmile and Colchuck/Stuart Lake trailheads, is now closed. Beehive Road No. 9712 is closed. The gates on Chiwawa River Road No. 6200 and Little Wenatchee River Road No. 6500 are closed. Be aware weather can change quickly this time of year and roads can become snow covered causing dangerous conditions. Please use caution and be prepared for changing conditions.

Road Name	Road No.	Status
Beehive	9712	Closed
Upper Devil's Gulch	9712	Closed
No. 2 Canyon	7101	The gate is closed for the winter.
Mission Creek	7100	Closed
Shaser Creek	7322	The Middle Shaser Road No. 7322-200 has been repaired; it has no gate. The gate on Road No. 7322-000 should be closed.
Icicle	7600	Icicle Road is open to vehicles to the junction with the Rd #7601 (8 mile/Stuart Rd.)
Derby Canyon	7400-7401	The gate is closed at Derby Canyon Road No. 7400. Road No. 7401 will remain open approximately 1.5 miles.
Chiwawa Road System	6200	Closed
	6211	The gate is closed, there is no motor vehicle access.
	6300	The gate is closed, there is no motor vehicle access.
Little Wenatchee	6500	Closed
White River	6400	Closed past Tall Timbers.

Note: Please do not park vehicles in front of any gates whether they are open or closed!

TRAILS: Most district trails are snow covered. The gate is closed on the road accessing Eightmile Trailhead and Stewart Trailhead. This road closure adds an additional three mile hike over the snow to access these trailheads during the winter. **Snow Lakes Trail No. 1553--**in early October a landslide occurred between Nada Lake and lower Snow Lake. Use extreme caution. Self-registration permits are available at the trailhead. Overnight permits are required May 15-October 31. No dogs are allowed.

Good resources to check for recent postings and conditions from fellow hikers are www.NWHikers.net , www.WTA.org and www.Cascadeclimbers.com .

NEW ENCHANTMENT LOTTERY UPDATES: The 2017 ENCHANTMENT LOTTERY will open online on February 15 at 12:01 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (3:01 a.m. Eastern Time) and go through March 2 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (2:59 a.m. Eastern Time).

Enchantment Permit area, overnight permits are required between May 15 through October 31, 2017. Applications received during the lottery will be randomly drawn on March 14, 2017.

The lottery process is a **two-step** process:

1. The applicant must select an **entry date** and **location** and pay the \$6 non-refundable application fee.
2. **After March 14, applicants must return to Recreation.gov and login to their account to determine the results of the lottery.** Successful applicants must provide an exit date and number of persons in the party (up to 8 maximum) and pay for their permit (\$5 per person/per day). **NO ALTERNATE GROUP LEADERS MAY BE SELECTED.**

ENCHANTMENT PERMIT REMINDERS:

- While permits may be reserved as early as May 15, early spring snow and weather conditions may not allow road access to the Stuart Lake or Eightmile Lake trailheads during this time. Even if road access is possible, traveling and camping on snow is highly likely during May and June. Please understand the change and cancellation policy if you choose to apply for permits during early spring or late fall.
- **Fees:** Up to one trip award is granted per person, per zone, per season. A non-refundable application fee of \$6 will be charged for each application. Individuals can submit ONE application to the lottery. The applicant may choose a preferred camping zone, date choice and up to two alternate choices. Successful applicants will be charged a permit fee of \$5 per person per day.
- Plan ahead, permits are non-transferable.

NEW THIS YEAR:

- Alternate group leaders will NO LONGER be accepted. Party leader MUST carry photo ID with permit and show it to a Ranger upon request. Permits are not valid without ID.
- Only one lottery application per person will be accepted.
- ALL group members must begin on the reserved trip start date only and camp with the Party Leader.
- Every group member must carry a copy of the permit.

For more information please go to the [Enchantments Permits webpage](#).

WILDERNESS SELF-REGISTRATION DAY HIKING PERMITS: These permits are required year-round at Alpine Lakes Wilderness trailheads. A Northwest Forest Pass for your vehicle is required at trailheads accessing the Enchantments.

RECREATION 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.

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

Recreation day use passes cost \$5 per vehicle per day or \$30 for an annual **Northwest Forest Pass**. Passes are available locally at the Wenatchee River Ranger District office, Dan's Market, Leavenworth 76 gas stations on Highway 2 and at Icicle Junction, Der Sportsman, Sleeping Lady Gift Shop, and Pioneer Market in Cashmere. In the Lake Wenatchee area, passes are available Midway Village, Parkside Grocery and Plain Hardware. Interagency Passes are also honored at trailheads and available for purchase at all Ranger Districts.

