



THE FORKS TRAIL REPORT 3/29/17

Still good snow coverage everywhere. We will be grooming this week on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Should be good spring riding through the weekend. Then that's it . . . we'll be done grooming for the season.

Please note the detour on ITS 86 just west of the Boise Road, where a bad waterhole has opened up it is described below.

TRAIL CLOSURE/DETOUR ITS 87 BETWEEN PLEASANT POND AND TROUTDALE ROAD. Due to last minute changes in winter harvesting plans by the landowner, there are several miles of plowed road due to logging on ITS 87 south of Pleasant Pond. For travel between The Forks and Bingham, use the Bald Mountain Trail and ITS 86. Using the Bald Mountain Trail and ITS 86 will connect you back to ITS 87, thereby bypassing the plowed roads.

ITS 86 FROM BERRY'S STORE HEADING EAST TOWARD GREENVILLE/ROCKWOOD TO THE ITS 88 JUNCTION. Intown can get chopped up quickly because of heavy traffic. Once just a mile out of town things improve. There is a detour around a bad waterhole just before the Boise

Road. The detour takes you along a 1 mile section of the Boise Road, which is no longer being plowed and is now groomed. One mile Power Line section near Moxie Pond is good. There is a 1 mile section of plowed/shared road around Moxie Dam . . . scratchy, but you can keep on snow a majority of the way by riding the side. Rest of the way up to our turnaround at the junction of ITS 88 is in fine shape.

BALD MOUNTAIN TRAIL. Good all the way through from ITS 86 to 87.

ITS 87 HEADING SOUTH TOWARD BINGHAM. Good shape all the way toward Northern Outdoors. Heading further south, ITS 87 is only open to Pleasant Pond. ITS 87 south of Pleasant Pond is closed due to logging. See trail closure/detour info above.

MOXIE MOUNTAIN TRAIL (club trail). This trail is groomed only to the Caratunk Spur. South of the spur is not open.

CARATUNK SPUR Open and groomed.

KENNEBEC RIVER TRAIL. Decent shape all the way through from Northern Outdoors to West Forks.

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