



SPRING 2008

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Winter gave us one fabulous last show this week bringing momentary new hope to extending the ski season just a bit longer. Unfortunately it just didn't last. With daily temperatures rising as far as the 50's this week, the new snow we gained plus much more has been lost. As much as we hate to admit it, all good things must come to an end and this includes the ski season at Valley Spur.

Due largely to safety reasons as well as snow manageability, it's the official decision of the grooming team that all grooming at Valley Spur will cease for this season. While loops A, C & D were dragged Thursday evening, no tracks are set and "Heaven" is considered extremely risky and unsafe. If you must ski, it's recommended that you please stay on the A loop only. The expert trails have not been groomed for some time and the B loop among others, has many downed tree limbs from this week's storm. Some skaters have reported great conditions yet on the trails but the daily window of opportunity is short. One must arrive late enough in the morning that the pack has started to soften a bit, but not too late or it's already gone to mush. So if your timing is good, you might just squeeze a few more skis out of the season yet.

We would like to thank everyone for coming out and spending the Winter with us. Your support of our trail system and our events has been tremendous! We've had a wonderfully long season with abundant snowfall. One of the best seasons in awhile, but Spring has arrived so it's time to dust off those bikes and get them tuned up. Soon the trails will be ready for shifting those gears.

Our next scheduled happening is the annual Friends of Valley Spur meeting and Spring trail bee slotted for Saturday, May 3rd starting at 9am at the lodge. Election of officers will take place at this meeting and there will be a pot luck following the trail bee. So put on your work duds and bring your elbow grease and we will all pitch in to help clean up the trails for summer use and gather up some firewood so we can all keep warm next winter in the lodge.

For Summer there's talk of starting up a weekly mountain bike ride. Also, let's not forget there's great hiking to be had at Valley Spur too so keep an eye on the website and your inbox for upcoming events and gatherings at Valley Spur.

See you on the trails soon!

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