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** M i n i S k i n n y **
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* SNOW UPDATE

The tough winter continues as most places are brown or with low-snow conditions. For natural snow, the best bets are the UP (ABR, etc) or the Gunflint. For snowmaking, most of the major operations are up and running with the exception of Lapham Peak. Check the trail reports for the latest updates:

<http://www.skinnyski.com/trails/reports.asp>

* WINTER?

- NOAA updated winter outlook (video):
<http://www.climatewatch.noaa.gov/video/2011/winter-outlook-for-2011-2012>
- Historical odds of a white Christmas in Minnesota:
http://climate.umn.edu/doc/journal/white_christmas.htm
- Flagstaff, AZ, ready to open the Nordic season with over two feet of snow:
<http://goo.gl/C17Kt>

* BIRKIE MOVING?

The Birkie is considering a new starting area, south of Cable:

<http://goo.gl/ezhki>

* BUTTER UP

Norwegians going nuts for butter:

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45616920/ns/health-diet_and_nutrition/

* WHITE ROLLERS

Winter mountain bike race series at Murphy-Hanrehan:

<http://www.threeriversparks.org/events/W/winter-mountain-bike-race-series.aspx>

* TOUR DE SKI

Nine races in 11 days, the Tour de Ski begins at the end of December:

<http://www.fiscrosscountry.com/fis-tour-ski/what-tour-ski.html>

* WORLD CUP

- Dusseldorf World Cup sprint finals:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hAJCRARuUk>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2XnBbcza9k>
- Davos World Cup sprint finals:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAubgv81TmQ>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWc-yjw40cY>
- Canadian Ivan Babikov finishes 7th in 30K freestyle:
<http://www.cccski.com/Media/Press-Releases/Ivan-Babikov-Hammers-into-Seventh-Spot-to-Lead-Can.aspx>

* NORTH POLE

Tyler Fish and John Huston have released a book covering their North Pole adventure:

<http://www.forwardexpeditions.com/>

* DROID WAX

Start has released a waxing app for Android phones:

<https://market.android.com/details?id=com.andromo.dev7049.app6776>

* EPIC RACE

A recounting of last year's Alaska Mountain Wilderness Classic race:

<http://www.adn.com/2011/04/17/1815094/3-of-14-racers-complete-ski-race.html>

* NEW AGE CLASSES NEEDED?

Scientists believe they are closing in on something akin to immortality:

http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/45654223/ns/today-today_health/

* GOING BIATHLON

St. Cloud's Nick Proell zooms in on biathlon, featured in Silent Sports:

<http://www.silentsports.net/leadstories/gone-to-biathlon-jcpg-243499-135025563.html>

* SCENIC ROUTE

Cross Quetico Lakes is a single day ski in March across some of the most scenic lakes in the Quetico:

<http://atikokancanoe.tripod.com/comeskithecanoeroutesofquetico/id8.html>

* BLUE VID

Blue Hills ski trail has released some promotional videos:

<http://goo.gl/aorjx>

* TRAIL SHARING?

Should Nordic ski trails be shared with snow bikes?

<http://www.wendmag.com/blog/2011/12/04/forward-thinking-grand-targhee-opens-nordic-trails-to-snowbikes/>

* DIGS

Jessie Diggins updates from Canada, where she continues her podium streak:

<http://jessiediggins.com/?p=1557>

* SOVEREIGN

Photos from the Sovereign Lakes NorAm races:

http://www.jessewinterphotography.com/Sports/Sovereign-Lakes-NorAm-2011/20508533_D4N2qp

http://www.jessewinterphotography.com/Sports/Sovereign-Lake-NorAm-Day-2/20542319_Ph3ccq

* SLIPPERY DADS

Male drivers over the age of 45 most likely to crash in winter:

<http://posttrib.suntimes.com/news/9425318-418/study-men-45-older-most-likely-to-crash-in-winter.html>

* STREET SKIING

A whole new meaning to skiing in the streets:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oPFZhiUH4Qs>

* RECENT UPDATES

- Weekend Racing
- Racing Outlook
- Lake Conference Coverage
- Birkie Auction
- Team Birkie Wax Clinic with Matt Liebsch
- Toko: World Cup Techs, Bozeman Recap
- Twin Cities Championships Early Prizes
- Chaska Assistant Coach Sought
- Skinnyski.com High School Rankings - Week 3
- Ski Hut Waxing Clinics
- Rossignol Nordic Division Reorganization Completed
- Grand Rapids Invite Results
- US Ski Team: Big Win for Randall
- Wolverine Challenge Classical JOQ Coverage
- Facebook Promo: Maplelag Resort

- Wolverine Challenge Freestyle JOQ Coverage
- Test the Lungs Race Coverage
- Greenbush Nordic Challenge Cancelled
- Peter Westra Sprints Results
- US Ski Team: Career Best for Brooks in Davos
- Hoigaards Relays Coverage
- Classifieds Ads
- and more...
<http://www.skinnyski.com>

* BEFORE WE GO ...
<http://news.discovery.com/animals/woolly-mammoth-cloned-111205.html>

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