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Greetings from Northwest Wisconsin

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ABR TRAILS

Ironwood, MI

1/11/2012

Most Recent Grooming: 1/11/2012
Conditions: Fair to Good
Base/Trails in inches: 4 "
Base/Woods in inches: 8 "
Open Trails: 0

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 40
Km groomed for Skating: 37
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Dog Trails: YES

Comments: WWe reset 25 k of classic track this morning and skiing was very good. The snow started this afternoon. We will groom tonight and again early in the AM.

Wednesday AM

We have been setting classic tracks along the skate lanes this morning and is turning out quite nice, we are able to pull in fresh cold dry powder. The skate lanes are not groomed today they were groomed yesterday. They may be a bit icy until they get groomed, maybe later today.

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AFTERHOURS CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAIL

Brule, WI

1/12/2012

New Snow in inches: 1 "

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %

Most Recent Grooming: 1/12/12
Conditions: Poor to Fair
Base/Trails in inches: 1 "
Base/Woods in inches: 2 "
Open Trails: 8

Km groomed for Skating: 0
Snowshoe Trails: YES

Comments: Skate- poor - fair conditions
 Classic- poor conditions

The groomers are out today trying to work with what is available. They are saying that the trails are rough with grass still sticking out of the trail base. Skiers are out on the trails, making do with what snow there is. Rock skis are still advised.

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BEAR CROSSING SKI TRAILS

Medford, WI

1/14/2012

New Snow in inches: 4 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/14/12
Conditions: Fair
Base/Trails in inches: 2 "
Base/Woods in inches: 2 "
Open Trails: 5
KM Open: 7

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 7
Km groomed for Skating: 0
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Backcountry: YES

Comments: 3rd time grooming, fair, some bare spots, however with a little more snow the trails will be in good shape.

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BLUE HILLS TRAIL

Bruce, WI

1/16/2012

New Snow in inches: 0 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/16/2012
Conditions: Fair to Good
Base/Trails in inches: 3 "
Base/Woods in inches: 5 "
KM Open: 35

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 7
Km groomed for Skating: 35
Snowshoe Trails: YES

Comments: Very enjoyable skiing - packed powder with good edge control. Enough snow cover to use your good skis. VERY HELPFUL to check daily updates at www.bluehillstrail.com & frequent posts at blog.bluehillstrail.com

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COON LAKE TRAIL

Frederic, WI

1/15/2012

New Snow in inches: 3 "
Most Recent Grooming: 01/02/12
Conditions: Poor
Base/Trails in inches: 2 "
Base/Woods in inches: 2 "

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 6
Km groomed for Skating: 6

Comments: First 3 inches have been rolled, no tracks set, rock skis. Deteriorating daily until new snow arrives

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DRUMMOND SKI TRAILS**Drummond, WI**

1/13/2012

New Snow in inches: 4 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/13/2012
Conditions: Poor
Base/Trails in inches: 2 "
Base/Woods in inches: 4 "
Open Trails: 6

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 0
Km groomed for Skating: 0

Comments: Four inches of new, low-moisture, fluffy snow were compacted and combed out this morning. The base measures about two inches, except in the pines where there is precious little. No tracks were set. The best snow appears to be on Jackrabbit and the far end of the Boulevard. Probably the best skiing is in the untracked woods right now.

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FLAMBEAU HILLS SKI TRAILS**Winter, WI**

1/13/2012

New Snow in inches: 4 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/14/12
Conditions: Good

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 27
Km groomed for Skating: 27

Comments: This trail varies in difficulty with plenty of easy skiing in the first loop and the west half of the upper loop. Portions of the upper loop and cutoffs on the east side of the lower loop provide more challenge for the advanced and expert skiers. There is a three-sided shelter with a fire ring provided as a warming shelter on the west side of the upper loop. Flambeau River State Forest, 715-332-5271.

Events: The trail will be groomed and tracked Saturday if there is enough snow. For more information on Price County trails, conditions, events and area activities, go to www.pricecountywi.net or call 800-269-4505.

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**HEARTWOOD CONFERENCE CENTER
AND RESORT TRAILS****Trego, WI**

1/15/2012

New Snow in inches: Dusting "
Most Recent Grooming: 1//2012
Conditions: Poor
Base/Trails in inches: 1 "
Base/Woods in inches: 1 "
Open Trails: 0

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 0
Km groomed for Skating: 0

Comments: Lake rolled all other trails poor and rock skis are highly recommended.

Events: Rental Equipment is available.

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HIGH POINT SKI TRAIL**Ogema, WI**

1/13/2012

New Snow in inches: 4 "
Conditions: Fair

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 14
Km groomed for Skating: 14
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Dog Trails: YES

Comments: Located near Timm's Hill, Wisconsin's highest geographical point, these 9 miles of trails traverse some of the most hilly terrain in the state. The winter landscape viewed from the top of the observation tower on Timm's Hill is very special. Forests of hardwood and hemlock border the full length of the trail. This is one of the finest trail systems around. Groomed for classic and skate skiing by the High Point Ski Club. Lighted night skiing is available for groups by appointment. To get to the northern trail access point take Highway 86 east of Ogema to County Road RR, then a + mile to Timm's Lake Road. The trail begins a short distance on the left. The southern trail access point is located on County Highway C 2.5 miles off the north end of Highway 86. Contact High Point Village Resort for the current trail conditions or more information, 715-767-5287.

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HOLY CROSS TRAIL

Phillips, WI

1/13/2012

New Snow in inches: 4 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/13/12
Conditions: Good to Very Good

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 9
Km groomed for Skating: 0
Snowshoe Trails: YES

Comments: This is a very scenic trail system with moderately hilly and rolling terrain through a variety of timber types. Excellent family trail tour. Directions: A north parking lot is located 5 miles south of Hwy. 70 near Fifield on Hick's Landing Road. To reach the south parking lot travel 7.5 miles on Hwy. 13 north of Phillips and then east 1.5 miles on Holy Cross Road; at the intersection, do not turn right, continue going straight .4 miles to the parking area.

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LADYSMITH HIGH SCHOOL LIGHTED XC TRAIL

Ladysmith, WI

1/13/2012

New Snow in inches: 3 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1-13-2012
Conditions: Fair
Base/Trails in inches: 2 "
Base/Woods in inches: 4 "
Open Trails: 1
KM Open: 2.2

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 0
Km groomed for Skating: 2
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Backcountry: YES

Comments: The base is thin in areas that melted out during the thaw and there are occasional leaves kicked up or places the drag hit dirt. Older skis are recommended. There is not enough base for a classical track.

Events: The lights are turned on from dusk to 10 p.m.

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MECCA TRAILS

Mercer, WI

1/15/2012

New Snow in inches: 10 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/14/2012
Conditions: Good to Very Good
Base/Trails in inches: 5 "
Base/Woods in inches: 6 "

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 18
Km groomed for Skating: 15
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Dog Trails: YES

Open Trails: 7**Backcountry:** YES

Comments: With the new snow on Thursday and Friday the trails are really starting to level out and are very good and smooth. Come out and enjoy the weather.

Events: Annual Candlelite Ski/Snowshoe Event on Saturday the 28th from 6 to 9 from the Little Flowage Trail head. Check it out on skimecca.org

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MT. ASHWABAY/ JERRY JAY JOLLY SKI TRAIL SYSTEM

Bayfield, WI

1/17/2012

New Snow in inches: 1 "**Most Recent Grooming:** 1/17/12**Conditions:** Poor to Fair**Base/Trails in inches:** 1 "**Base/Woods in inches:** 4 "**Open Trails:** 4**Percent of Trails Open:** 60 %**Km groomed for Classic:** 10**Km groomed for Skating:** 25

Comments: With about an inch of new snow (maybe a little more on top, a little less on the bottom) I packed (no tracks) with the ginzu on Anchor, Seagull, Roller Coaster, and Telford. From the reviews of 4H-CANSKI skiers, they thought it was in a bit better conditions than last weekend. I would rate Anchor, Seagull and Roller Coaster in fair condition for skating, but there are still a couple of thin spots.

Events: XC Skiers are encouraged to train on the alpine hill, especially in the evenings after the chair lift stops, and we leave the small floodlights on the chalet illuminated. We have an artificial base of 12+ inches. Several local teams(Northland, CANSKI) are already taking advantage of this. If you have a large group, we are willing to turn on the hill lights as well. Call the chalet 715-779-3227 and talk to Pete or Levi.

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MT. VALHALLA-TEUTON AND VALKYRIE SKI TRAILS

Washburn, WI

1/13/2012

New Snow in inches: 3 "**Most Recent Grooming:** 03/14/11**Conditions:** Poor**Base/Trails in inches:** 3 "**Base/Woods in inches:** 4 "**Open Trails:** 7**KM Open:** 32**Percent of Trails Open:** 100 %**Km groomed for Classic:** 0**Km groomed for Skating:** 0

Comments: We assessed the trails this morning...the additional 3 inches of fluff is still not enough and too dry to be groomed or packed as the trail was down to dirt in a lot of places from the warm temperatures.

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MUKWONAGO SKI TRAIL

Hayward, WI

1/19/2012

Most Recent Grooming: 01/18/2012**Conditions:** Good to Very Good**Base/Trails in inches:** 3 "**Open Trails:** 4**Percent of Trails Open:** 100 %**Km groomed for Classic:** 28**Km groomed for Skating:** 28

Comments: Tracks were set 01/18/2012. Skate lane turned out much better than expected! -

Very Good Condition! - The Classic Track is in Fair - Good Condition.

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NAMEKAGON SKI TRAIL

Cable, WI

1/19/2012

Most Recent Grooming: 01/13/2012
Conditions: Fair
Base/Trails in inches: 2 "
Base/Woods in inches: 9 "
Open Trails: 3

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 7
Km groomed for Skating: 0

Comments: The trail has been packed. Try to avoid the East Trail as there are down trees.

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NEWMAN SPRINGS SKI TRAIL

Park Falls, WI

1/13/2012

New Snow in inches: 5 "
Conditions: Good

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 11
Km groomed for Skating: 0
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Dog Trails: YES

Comments: This trail system is designed for both beginning and intermediate skiers. There are no exceptionally difficult sections of trail, and skiers can take in the beautiful scenery as they stride along. Groomed for classic skiing only. The daily fee can be paid at the trailhead. An annual parking pass can be purchased at the Forest Service Office located on Hwy. 13 at 1170 S. 4th Avenue in Park Falls. Directions: The trailhead is located 12 miles east of Park Falls on Hwy. 182. A National Forest parking fee is required. For more information, contact the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest at 715-762-2461 or go to <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recrea/cnnf/recreation/wintersports/recrea/?recid=27817&actid=91>.

Events: The trail will be groomed and tracked as time and conditions permit. For more information on Price County trails, conditions, events, and area activities, visit www.pricecountywi.net.

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NORTH END TRAILS

Cable, WI

1/17/2012

New Snow in inches: Dusting "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/17/12
Conditions: Very Good
Base/Trails in inches: 2 "
Base/Woods in inches: 10 "
Open Trails: 2
KM Open: 24

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 24
Km groomed for Skating: 12
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Backcountry: YES

Comments: Skate lanes combed 1/17. Tracks still holding up. A little more new snow and we should be able to reset tracks.

Events: Mark your calendar for the North End Classic on Feb. 12, 2012 - 2-12-12!

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PALMQUISTS FARM

Brantwood, WI

1/13/2012

New Snow in inches: 4 "

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 37
Km groomed for Skating: 37
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Dog Trails: YES

Comments: This is a privately-owned facility offering log cabin accommodations, family-style meals, and 23 miles of trails groomed with state of the art grooming equipment. The trails are groomed as needed. For current trail conditions or more information, call 1-800-519-2558 or visit www.PalmquistFarm.com

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PENOKEE MOUNTAIN SKI TRAILS

Mellen, WI

1/17/2012

New Snow in inches: 2 "**Most Recent Grooming:** 01/13/2012**Conditions:** Fair**Open Trails:** 3**Percent of Trails Open:** 100 %**Km groomed for Classic:** 17**Km groomed for Skating:** 0

Comments: Tracks were set 01/13/2012.

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PHILLIPS SCHOOL FOREST TRAIL

Phillips, WI

1/13/2012

New Snow in inches: 4 "**Most Recent Grooming:** 1/12/12**Conditions:** Good to Very Good**Percent of Trails Open:** 100 %**Km groomed for Classic:** 6**Km groomed for Skating:** 6**Snowshoe Trails:** YES

Comments: This very scenic trail is located in the Phillips School Forest and consists of five (5) cross-country ski loops ranging from gently rolling to steep climbs and winds through a diverse forest and an open meadow. Loop 1 is an intermediate loop, loops 2, 3 & 4 are expert with uphill climbs, and loop 5 is good for beginners. There are separate trails for snowshoeing. Directions: From Hwy. 13 in Phillips, take County Road H to Big Elk Road, then turn right on North Worcester Road. You can open the gate and drive the 1/3 mile to the parking lot/trailhead.

Events: For information on Price County trails, conditions, events and area activities, go to www.pricecountywi.net or call 800-269-4505.

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RIB LAKE SKI TRAILS

Rib Lake, WI

1/13/2012

New Snow in inches: 6 "**Most Recent Grooming:** 01/13/2012**Conditions:** Good**Base/Trails in inches:** 4 "**Base/Woods in inches:** 4 "**Open Trails:** 5**KM Open:** 30**Percent of Trails Open:** 100 %**Km groomed for Classic:** 30**Km groomed for Skating:** 30**Snowshoe Trails:** YES**Dog Trails:** YES

Comments: The trails were groomed and tracks set Friday morning. There are still a few rough and thin spots, but overall conditions are good.

Events: Visit us at www.skiriblake.com for more information.

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ROCK LAKE TRAIL

Cable, WI

1/17/2012

New Snow in inches: 2 "

Most Recent Grooming: 01/13/2012

Conditions: Fair

Base/Woods in inches: 0 "

Open Trails: 6

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %

Km groomed for Classic: 40

Km groomed for Skating: 0

Snowshoe Trails: YES

Comments: Tracks were set 1/13/2012.

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SEELEY SKI TRAIL

Seeley, WI

1/13/2012

New Snow in inches: 5 "

Most Recent Grooming: 1/12/2012

Conditions: Good to Very Good

Base/Trails in inches: 6 "

Base/Woods in inches: 16 "

Open Trails: 3

KM Open: 18

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %

Km groomed for Classic: 12

Km groomed for Skating: 12

Snowshoe Trails: YES

Dog Trails: YES

Backcountry: YES

Comments: Skating is getting smoother and now we have full classic tracks; good coverage. Grooming by Seeley Ski Club volunteers using snowmobiles and Tidd Techs. Donations welcomed. As are dogs.

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SOLBERG LAKE/SQUAW CREEK SKI TRAIL

Phillips, WI

1/13/2012

New Snow in inches: 4 "

Most Recent Grooming: 1/13/12

Conditions: Good to Very Good

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %

Km groomed for Classic: 5

Km groomed for Skating: 0

Snowshoe Trails: YES

Comments: This a very good trail for the beginning skier. Older skiers might also find the relatively flat trails just right for a daily exercise routine. The trail is scenic and passes through both pine and aspen timber. Directions: Parking is available 6 miles northeast of Phillips on Hick's Landing Road. Travel north of Phillips on Old Hwy 13, turn right on West Solberg Lake road, then turn left on Hick's Landing Road.

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SUPERIOR MUNICIPAL FOREST

Superior, WI

1/16/2012

New Snow in inches: 0 "
Most Recent Grooming: 0-0-00
Conditions: Poor
Base/Trails in inches: 0 "
Base/Woods in inches: 0 "
Open Trails: 0
KM Open: 0

Percent of Trails Open: 0 %
Km groomed for Classic: 0
Km groomed for Skating: 0

Comments: Trails are all cut waiting for snow. Great for hiking but there is no snow. Hopefully soon.

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TIMMS HILL NATIONAL TRAIL

Ogema, WI

1/13/2012

New Snow in inches: 6 "
Most Recent Grooming: 01/13/2012
Conditions: Good
Base/Trails in inches: 4 "
Base/Woods in inches: 4 "
Open Trails: 1
KM Open: 12

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 12
Km groomed for Skating: 12
Snowshoe Trails: YES
Dog Trails: YES

Comments: I groomed the THT Thursday night and groomed and set tracks Friday night. There are still a few thin spots, but overall conditions are good.

Events: Visit us at www.timmshilltrail.com for more information.

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TOMAHAWK LAKE SKI TRAIL

Barnes, WI

1/17/2012

New Snow in inches: 0 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/17/2012
Conditions: Poor
Base/Trails in inches: 2 "
Base/Woods in inches: 4 "
Open Trails: 6
KM Open: 10

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 10
Km groomed for Skating: 0

Comments: We tried to set a classic track today. The trail is almost bare where the pine trees canopy the trail.

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TRADE RIVER TRAIL

Frederic, WI

1/15/2012

New Snow in inches: 3 "
Most Recent Grooming: 01/02/12
Conditions: Poor
Base/Trails in inches: 2 "
Base/Woods in inches: 2 "
Open Trails: 1

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 8
Km groomed for Skating: 8

Comments: 3" new snow, rolled. No tracks set. Rock skis. Deteriorating daily until new snow arrives.

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WINTERGREEN SKI TRAILS**Fifield, WI**

1/13/2012

New Snow in inches: 5 "
Most Recent Grooming: 1/4/12
Conditions: Good

Percent of Trails Open: 100 %
Km groomed for Classic: 12
Km groomed for Skating: 12
Snowshoe Trails: YES

Comments: This very scenic trail is gentle enough for the beginner and but also offers intermediate skill level areas. Groomed for classic skiing and skating. There is a warming house at the trailhead. Directions: The trailhead is located 5 miles east of Fifield on Hwy. 70. A National Forest parking fee is required. The daily fee can be paid at the trailhead. An annual parking pass can be purchased at the Forest Service Office located on Hwy. 13 at 1170 S. 4th Avenue in Park Falls. For more information, contact the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest at 715-762-2461 or go to <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/cnnf/recreation/wintersports/recarea/?recid=27827&actid=91>.

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