

**LOG OF PUBLIC COMMENTS COLLECTED AT MAP BOARD
UPPER POTHOLES ROUTE**

MEDICINE BOW NORDIC SKI PATROL

2000-2001 Season

- 19 Nov 00 Great sugar snow but wax for rocks. Med Bow Nordic on-the-trail refresher. 16 skiers, 2 dogs.
- 19 Nov 00 [smiley face]
- 23 Nov 00 Needs more snow, crusty + rocks showing. 1 skier, 1 dog. Happy Turkey Day. [smiley face]
- 1 Dec 00 Going good – thought I was further – map is great and markers will be great on hills too. Nordic Patrol is a great asset to all skiers. Lisa + dogs, Tilly + Dolly.
- 2 Dec 00 2 skiers, 1 dog (republican).
- 9 Dec 00 NSP Dino/Lori/Joey. Placed markers in open area → UPHT [Upper Potholes Trail].
- 10 Dec 00 Myron, Ben, Adele + Lucy the dog. 8” new powder.
- 21 Dec 00 Solstice 7:30 am, lots of new snow. Lisa + Tilly “dozer.”
- 23 Dec 00 Party of 4.
- 24 Dec 00 Wonderful snow, love the trail. Skijoring w/ dog Shasta.
- 24 Dec 00 Great trail. Nice to have alternative ski trail.
- 24 Dec 00 Myron and Adele. Beautiful, calm day.
- 30 Dec 00 Skied the trail for 2 yrs now. I like it, much quieter than other routes. Snowmobiles stink!
- 7 Jan 01 Party of 6 skiers (4 ski patrollers).
- 14 Jan 01 Andrea from Ft. Collins, CO. Beautiful. 1st time on this trail [smiley face].
- 14 Jan 01 Jim from Laramie. Best trail ever.
- 14 Jan 01 Jeanette – Laramie. Nice to have a trail away from the snowmobilers. Very nice!
- 14 Jan 01 Party of 5.
- 14 Jan 01 2 skiers / 1 dog.
- 18 Jan 01 Party of 2 from Lar. WY. Great trail. Good job. 1 dog.
- 20 Jan 01 5 from Medicine Bow Nordic Ski Patrol.
- 21 Jan 01 2 skiers, 1 dog.

21 Jan 01 2 snowshoers, 1 dog. Great trail, I can still hear the s-mobiles (stink sleds).

27 Jan 01 Great trail – thanks. Three skiers, three dogs. We admire the tact in your attribution of the highest motives (avoiding interference with snowmobiles) to us.

01 Feb 01 1 skier, 2 dogs from Laramie. Great trail!

03 Feb 01 Good job on a trail thru trees for windy days like today. Ken/Carol/Crystal, Laramie. The motorheads are giving up. Almost whiteout in the open.

04 Feb 01 Good trail. Bad trail markers. Ugly bubble heads. Uphill Bob & Downhill Bob.

04 Feb 01 1 skier, 1 dog. How many more diesel pickups + trailers can fit on the road?

11 Feb 01 Party of 3 + dog. Just retrieving comments and adjusting trail markers. – MA, MBNSP.

24 Feb 01 Party of 2 + 3 dogs – nice day!

3 Mar 01 S. Frost + 1 dog. MBNP duty day. Shovel shear failed at 2” and 6”. Be careful!

3 Mar 01 Snowshoers, 3 dogs.

8 Mar 01 12 noon, snow surface 31F, air temp 38F. This trail is an excellent concept to avoid the machines. I have skied this area before this trail was marked and have some rerouting (will send) suggestions on the lower part, but on the whole a great effort. D A Nelson + Julie.

10 Mar 01 11:35, 22F, .5 – 1” powder. Will take rd back. B. Bloom, MBNSP + Ann Hanson.

10 Mar 01 3 skiers, 2 dogs, and 0 ‘biles. Yahoo, and congratulations to the smart folks that located/designed this trail. Do we want blue diamonds on it?

11 Mar 01 2 skiers – we love this trail! Thanks!

17 Mar 01 Great trail – thanks. What are dots (not dashes) going down the N. Fk. Little Laramie?

18 Mar 01 Hey, this is a great way to get away from the snow machines at Green Rock. Keep up the good work.

25 Mar 01 3 skiers, 2 dogs. Ski patrol checking condition of flagging.

25 Mar 01 1 skier 1 dog

31 Mar 01 2 skiers with ski marks from 2 more ahead of us. Beautiful snow today!

7 Apr 01 2 snowshoers, 2 dogs.

8 Apr 01 B. Bloom. Snowing, 2” fresh. Patrol day.

14 Apr 01 1 skier, 2 dogs. Snowing.

15 Apr 01 2 snowshoers. Jay J. / Vicki L. Love it.

- 21 Apr 01 3 XC ski. Thanks to MBNA [sic] & the Forest Service for establishing this trail. A beautiful snowy day!
- 21 Apr 01 2 snowshoers & 1 happy dog. Great trail! Hope to be back many times.
- 25? Apr 01 1 snowshoer + 2 very tired dogs. Beautiful day, great trail. Will be back in the future. But how many miles? Please add a mile scale to the map or highlight it.

2001-2002 Season

- 18 Jul 01 L'shanah torah. Barrie + Hank-dog. Box is high w/o snow.
- 21 Oct 01 Medicine Bow Nordic Ski Patrol check.
- 03 Jan 02 What a great trail! Quiet, decently marked, sheltered, and no yabos (as far as I can tell). Keep up the good work, MBNSP.
- 05 Jan 02 No new snow – 6" depth hoar – Barrie + Randy.
- 06 Jan 02 Three people, one dog.
- 12 Jan 02 4 snowshoers. We enjoy motorized sleds, too! This is nice – need more trails in this area.
- 13 Jan 02 1 x-country skier, great job. Thanks! Keep up the great work! Gary Derry [sp?]
- 14 Jan 02 2 skiers, great snow! Thanks for the trail!
- 15 Jan 02 2 skiers, great trail. Many thanks! A. Chetie [sp?], Chicago, IL.
- 19 Jan 02 Before this trail we had to bushwhack or compete with 'bilers to get north. Great idea! Thanks. – John Pope – Nick Visser, Laramie.
- 27 Jan 02 4 skiers. Great view.
- 2 Feb 02 Ski Patrol, party of 5. Calm, clear.
- 3 Feb 02 Ski Patrol, clear, slight breeze.
- 3 Feb 02 Lovely weather, nice view, good conditions! Party of 3.
- 14 Feb 02 4-6" new snow – trying out lower Potholes Trail. Overcast, lt. snow. Air 16 F. Snow 20 F. D.A. Nelson + Vern Archer.
- 9 Mar 02 Weber + Roth, fresh snow, beautiful day + trail.
- 9 Mar 02 Thank you for helping to maintain this trail. Up & back today. Gary A.
- 17 Mar 02 I appreciate the trail to avoid snowmobilers + to allow us to still be able to get our winter solitude. Dan M.
- 23 Mar 02 Thanks for the alternative route. Rob Thurston.
- 31 Mar 02 Crust, snowshoeing. X-cellent trail for getting out of Green Rock quickly. Betty Wills & Jerry Bucher.

- 7 Apr 02 Hey, great trail. Still skiable into April (but it isn't powder today). Jim & Ben
- 7 Apr 02 Bob H. MBNSP
- 7 Apr 02 Please make your good topo map available to carry with! Nancy S.
- 20 Apr 02 Happy Earth Day, a lovely "SPRING" day for a backcountry ski. Motorized use is down to single digits. Fresh snow 4-6", mild breezes (less than 40 mph) KC CB Laramie
- 28 Apr 02 Jerry Bucher & Betty Wills – fresh snow, beautiful!

2002-2003 Season

- 14 Jul 02 MBNSP checking conditions of the corridor.
- 7 Sep 02 MBNSP setting out bundles of trail markers.
- 14 Sep 02 Saturday – gorgeous day – bike race today – has rained every day for 9 consecutive. Checking corridor & looking for boletus & matsutake. MBNSP NH @ 12000 hrs.
- 11 Nov 02 Barely enough snow, beautiful forest. 2 people + dog (Lucy).
- 16 Nov 02 Windy day. 2 people headed for Towner Lake.
- 30 Nov 02 Sat. Sun out, beautiful day, just me, Nordic Norm, MBSNP.
- 12 Dec 02 Reasonable snow 2" – 3" fresh over a supportive (mostly) base. Going down the lower trail. David Nelson. ~ 20 F, windy, light snow. The lower trail had been trashed by an ORV – ARRGHH! I turned around and came back.
- 14 Dec 02 Great trail. Thanks!
- 14 Dec 02 Light wind, mostly cloudy, few in. fresh snow. One other skier & dog before me. Several snowshoers right on my butt. NH, MBNSP.
- 22 Dec 02 Sun, 28 degrees, no wind, lots of fresh snow, 8" – 14", 2 others in front of me. NH, MBNSP.
- 22 Dec 02 Dear skiers: sorry for putting footholes in your trail. We didn't think anybody had been up here for a while. Gorgeous trail – nice to be able to hike away from snowmobilers. Need more options for non-motor folks. Thanks!
- 2 Jan 03 HAPPY NEW YEAR. Party of 2. Not much recent travel. ~ 25 degrees – snow soft in the sun. Proceeding on upper trail. 2-3" over packed trail. ~ 15" off trail. David and Julie Nelson. Went all the way to Brooklyn Lake – upper trail very soft, 30" deep, good run back. 12:40 – 4:40. WINDY.
- 5 Jan 03 2 people. Set out temporary trail markers. Snow still shallow (< 2 ft.) MBNSP.
- 11 Jan 03 Just me & 2 snowshoe hares. 28 F, no wind, 2" fresh snow. NH – MBNSP.
- 11 Jan 03 RRH MBNSP

2 Feb 03 BIB, MBNSP. Where's the snow?

8 Feb 03 RRH, MBNSP

15 Feb 03 RRH, MBNSP

21 Feb 03 A. Foiannini & Co., MBNSP. The snow is here!

22 Feb 03 Gary A. I'm going up to get turns. Return this afternoon. Snowing.

22 Feb 03 NH w/ MBNSP. The farther up ya go, the deeper it gets.

23 Feb 03 Party – 3. New snow, great being able to avoid snowmobiles. Love the trail, decent condition.

8 Mar 03 Bob Howell – MBNSP. Lots of new snow.

16 Mar 03 NH@MBNSP. 33 F, light wind, cloudy. Just me. Weird snow. Camp robbers seem to be following me. Feed them later.

22 Mar 03 NH@MBNSP, 36 F LOTS of new snow. I get to make a pro tracit!! Just me @ 11.00 hrs.

23 Mar 03 NH@MBNSP, 40 F, sunny, wind! Just me, pits yesterday were interesting. Dug 2. No dept hoar.

28 Mar 03 D.A. Nelson (party of 2). 4-6" fresh snow. Heading for Brooklyn Lake area 11:48 a. Out at 2:45 p.

29 Mar 03 Scott Davis, Aaron [illegible]

29 Mar 03 Carey F[illegible], Leo Gracik, Adam Easley, D. H[illegible]. Represent AFROTC. NH@MBNSP w/ ROTC party of 6 on snoeshoes. 8" new, 12 F, cloudy & snowing.

29 Mar 03 Chris Allgeier

29 Mar 03 D. H + MBNSP. Fresh snow, sun/clouds Leave 18.00 h. CF, SD, LJG, CWN, F[illegible], Adam Easley, Dy Olson

5 Apr 03 Sunday – 2" new snow, windy as usual. Why does the Med-Bow charge non-motorized users to park at trailheads while motorized users pay no fee? End fee demo! Nobody asked for the paved parking lots. M. Dixon, Laramie.

5 Apr 03 Great trail, good snow with new snow falling, 4 skiers, 3 dogs, 0 'bilers.