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Hello friends! Winter has finally arrived and in a very big way for most of the Upper Peninsula. The storm this past weekend brought us up to around a foot of snow. Grooming has commenced! I'm happy to report that we've begun packing and setting tracks. Not all loops are completed yet, but we're working on it. As of Sunday we had loops A, C, D, and the outlying areas of Y groomed for both skate and classic and I might mention that the conditions yesterday were marvelous!

Due to the high winds we received last week, some of which were reported as high as 69mph, we've got a few more trees down blocking some of the other loops. We're working hard to get the trails all cleared so we can get them groomed.

The snow continues to fall in Alger County today adding to our base. The winds are pretty strong today as well. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we don't lose any more trees out there.

[Trail condition reports](#) will be updated regularly on our website so be sure to check there for the latest information. You can also call the lodge hotline at (906) 387-4918 however the website might be more up to date for the moment. The hotline should fall into line soon. We're still working out some of the small details of responsibilities with our new agreements between the USFS, NTN, and ourselves.

I understand that we're working on some evening snowshoe events for Valley Spur, so dust off those snowshoes and put some fresh batteries in your headlamps and plan to join in. As soon as we have some final plans I'll post them on our website so be sure to keep an eye out!

In closing, all I can say is hooray for ski season! As I clipped into the bindings yesterday for the first time this season it seemed as though I had just done the same only the day before...and away I went! The serenity of the quiet forest blanketed by the pure white

snow is truly a feeling like no other.

See you on the trails!

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