

Early Season Grooming Plan for the Mineral Belt and Timberline Campus Trails

Initial (Pre-Season)

Colorado Mountain College (the College) will pack and roll all trails once they have reached 8" of snow depth and after 11/1. Packing will be accomplished by driving the snowmobile on the trails. Rolling is an initial packing process achieved by pulling a section of corrugated culvert behind a snowmobile. There will be no track set at this time for classic skiing.

The College will then wait for an additional 6-8" and roll all trails again. The purpose of this process is to build a base sufficient to put a snowcat on.

The College will then wait for an additional 4-6" and groom with a snowcat. Classic track may or may not be set at this time depending on snow depth.

The College will continue to groom all trails but only after 4" fresh snow has fallen. Over grooming during the early season can be detrimental to the snowpack. Coordination with the County will occur and assistance from the County may be requested. College grooming at this time will be done on a staff available basis.

Early Season

Lake County will be in charge of grooming the Mineral Belt only from 12/15/16 to 01/15/17, while the College is on break. Grooming will most likely only occur after fresh snow once again.

Regular Season

Regularly scheduled student lab grooming will start 16 January 2017 and continue thru 7 April 2017. This grooming will occur every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The County will be responsible for grooming at all other times following >4" of new snow, a wind event, or occurrences that may create adverse trail conditions. The College is not responsible for any grooming not accomplished during regularly scheduled lab hours due to machine failure, personnel issues or adverse weather conditions. The College will communicate with the County if such a situation occurs

Lake County will be in responsible for grooming during the Leadville Campus Spring Break 3/11-3/19.