



## **ARIZONA SNOWBOWL 2018-19 UPHILL USE POLICY**

Arizona Snowbowl, and the Coconino National Forest embrace uphill travel access within the permit boundary at the ski resort. With uphill skiing and snowboarding on the rise across the snowsports industry, we would like to welcome you as a guest of the resort. Please remember, as an uphill traveler, to respect our policies, employees, and patrons, in order to keep this uphill privilege available.

**Arizona Snowbowl operates under a special use permit from the Coconino National Forest. We enhance the use of your public lands by offering easy access to the Peaks, plowing Snowbowl road, use of our parking lots, supporting our unique community and culture and outdoor recreation opportunities. Please keep in mind that uphill travel access is a privilege, not a right, on USFS permitted land.**

This policy has been created for the safety of our guests and employees. Many potential hazards exist in a mountain environment. Particularly after operating hours and at night. Under the Arizona Skier Safety Act, any person using any of the facilities of a ski area is considered a skier, and as such is required to adhere to, and obey all posted information, and to be aware of trail closures operational considerations.

The ski area is not maintained for uphill access, and trails are not patrolled outside normal ski area operating hours, therefore emergency services are not available. Use the buddy system and always go with a friend! Be especially aware of other skiers and riders approaching from above or below when on-mountain. Snowmobiles, snowcats, winch cat cables, snowmaking hoses, high voltage electrical cords, snowmaking machines, and other equipment may be encountered at any time. **You assume all the risk of injury and property damage.**

### **General**

- **Arizona Snowbowl reserves the right to close the permit area for any reason and any time including, but not limited to mountain operations, avalanche mitigation, and special events.**
- You are required to have a 2018-2019 complementary uphill access armband with the Snowbowl logo. Armbands may be obtained early season at off site events (see our website) or at the Guest Service office located at Hart Prairie Lodge during operating hours from 8:30am-4pm. You must have the armband visible at all times when traveling up or downhill.
- Please reference the Flagstaff Uphill website, [www.flagstaffuphill.com](http://www.flagstaffuphill.com), webpage before coming to Snowbowl. The website will provide all necessary information regarding if Snowbowl is open or closed for Uphill, designated trails, and parking, etc.
- A designated uphill and downhill route will be assigned each night. The route will be posted on the Flagstaff Uphill website. You must stay on the designated route –no exceptions. Loss of Uphill privileges may occur for ALL Uphill participants if this policy is violated. Be aware, set the example and do not tolerate others who go off the designated trails. Other's actions may cost you your Uphill privilege. Not knowing the designated route is no excuse.
- **Our gate is locked every evening so park in lot 1 or 2 to avoid being locked in the resort. Vehicles will be towed.**
- **Minimized damage to our freshly groomed trails:** Please respect that we have a business to operate and our groomers take pride in providing a quality product for our customers. Please stay to lookers RIGHT when traveling uphill and skiers left when traveling downhill, as close to tree line as possible.
- **Dogs are not allowed on the ski slopes inside our boundary.**

- **Please obey all posted closures.** Closures may be for a number of reasons but not limited to; avalanche control, grooming, snowmaking, and events.
- **Terrain Parks** are always closed during non-operational hours.
- **Reflective clothing is recommended.**
- **Headlamps are recommended.**
- **Stay clear of our equipment, and do not assume an operator can see you.** Proper etiquette is to move to the side of the ski run, and let the snowcat pass.
- **No motorized vehicles** allowed including, but not limited to snowmobiles.

### Operating Hours

- **No uphill travel is allowed during ski area operational hours 8am-5pm.**
- **Uphill Travel Hours: 5 - 8 am, and 5 - 8 pm (uphill travelers must be clear of ski slopes by 8am).**
- Those individuals with backcountry permits may access the Humphreys trailhead, during operational hours, located at the north end of parking lot 1, and may cross the Hart Prairie ski run to access the trail, but must yield to skiers and riders travelling downhill.

### Routes

- Routes are determined daily due to mountain operations such as, snowmaking and grooming.
- Information regarding routes are updated daily.
- **Always** travel up on lookers right and down on skiers left, as close tree line as possible. **Please do not ski/ride in the middle of any groomed run or across a trail.**
- **Respect the corduroy and minimize your impact on the ski surface.**

### Avalanche Danger and Explosives

- **Uphill access during avalanche operations will be closed.**
- **Violation of any avalanche closure, or any closure will result in revocation of uphill and ski/ride privileges.**
- **Avalanche danger may exist** following any new amount of snow or wind, which may result in Ski Patrol conducting avalanche control work, including the use of explosives.

### Hazards

Participants must beware of, and avoid all mountain hazards. These hazards include, but are not limited to:

- **Winch Cat operations: Under no circumstance may anyone access any area where winch cat operations are taking place! Winch Operations involve a 1000 + foot long cable that is stretched tightly across the terrain and can be very dangerous! Skiing into the cable could result in serious injury or death. Please respect our signage and flashing beacons. The cable is often buried under the snow surface and not visible. Avoid the winch cat and the terrain it is grooming.**
- **Snowcat grooming: Give snowcats a wide berth, and make yourself visible to operators, do not assume the operator will see you.**
- **Do not ski/ride between fan guns, or hydrant locations on edge of trail!**
  - Hoses used for snowmaking have very high pressure, do not ski over hoses.
  - Snowmaking electrical cords are high voltage! Do not ski over electrical cords.
  - Look for snowmaking hydrants, and avoid opens sites.
- **Snowmobiles: Stay to the skier's right of trails, for your safety to avoid collisions. Do not assume a snowmobile can stop in time to avoid you, or that the operator will see you!**
- **Other hazard areas, operations, or conditions may exist. Ski/ride at your own risk!**