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| General Bulletin for Tuckerman Ravine |
| **Posted May 29, 2016** |

**This is the last Bulletin for the 2015-2016 season.  Some snow and ice related hazards will persist until complete melt out.**

This General Bulletin will be in effect until complete melt out later this summer. The snow coverage that is left has settled, been skier compacted, and is going through the late season melting process. The Tuckerman Ravine Trail through the Ravine is now open, but expect some minor patches of snow to remain into early June.

The remaining snowfields all have a degree of **holes, crevasses and undermining** that may collapse as they weaken into the summer. Based on the rapid changes to snow strength in the late season, snowfields should be avoided or approached with a high degree of caution. Expect age-hardened, dense alpine ice surfaces in some places even on warmer days. Mountaineering experience, good judgement, and proper equipment, like an ice axe, crampons, and a helmet are critical if venturing onto existing snowfields.

We sincerely thank all the groups and individuals that helped us make it through the season successfully. We couldn’t do the job without the many volunteer hours spent carrying injured people down the mountain, giving out good information to visitors, and giving us financial support. After writing avalanche and safety advisories for the last 22 seasons this is the last one from me as one of your U.S. Forest Service Snow Rangers.  It's time for me to move on to other life adventures. Thanks for listening, reading, heeding, and saying hello as you passed through Hermit Lake. Thanks also to all the Snow Rangers, NH Fish and Game Officers, and volunteers I have worked with to make the mountains a safer place for all of you. Chris.

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| **Please Remember:** |
| * Safe travel in avalanche terrain requires training and experience. This bulletin is just one tool to help you make your own decisions in avalanche terrain. You control your own risk by choosing where, when, and how you travel. |
| * Anticipate a changing avalanche danger when actual weather differs from the higher summits forecast. For more information contact the Forest Service Snow Rangers, the AMC at the Pinkham Notch Visitor Center, or the caretakers at Hermit Lake Shelters or the Harvard Cabin. * **Posted 10:36 a.m. May 29, 2016. A new advisory will be issued when conditions warrant.** |
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