

### **The Bottom Line**

This is the final bulletin published by the Mount Washington Avalanche Center for the 2018-19 winter season. It will remain in effect until complete melt out. Travel in the backcountry requires careful snow evaluation and mountain sense. Hazards due to snow and ice will persist until both are all gone. Summer snowstorms on Mount Washington are uncommon, but not unheard of. If venturing into the mountains, be sure to use all available resources to help plan your trip and make safe travel decisions. The tail end of each winter brings a few trails updates in the Tuckerman Ravine area. The following changes are now in effect:

- A section of the **Tuckerman Ravine Trail** in the Bowl [is now closed](#) and will remain closed until full melt-out. This closure affects the trail between Lunch Rocks and the junction of the Tuckerman Ravine and Alpine Garden Trails, covering the area commonly known as the Lip. This closure is in effect to help prevent unaware hikers from descending a disintegrating snowpack that is riddled with glide cracks and moats. This closure is backed by a forest order, meaning traveling through this section of trail can result in a fine. The closure will end when the hiking trail through the Sluice and Lip are free of snow.
- Une section du **sentier du Tuckerman Ravine** est présentement fermé à toutes les activités. Cette section est située entre Lunch Rocks et le sommet du Headwall jusqu'où ce dernier rejoint le sentier du Alpine Garden. Cette fermeture inclut également toute activité de descente dans le secteur du Lip. Seulement cette section du sentier est fermé. Cette fermeture annuelle est due à l'ampleur des crevasses et à la gravité qu'occasionnerait une chute dans ce secteur.
- The **Lion Head Summer Trail** is now open and the preferred hiking trail to access the summit of Mount Washington from Pinkham Notch. The Winter Route is now closed to prevent resource damage, as the trail was designed for over-snow use.
- The **John Sherburne Ski Trail** is now closed to skiing due to a lack of snow.

### **Snowpack and Avalanche Discussion**

The following is a list of hazards you may encounter if recreating in steep, snow covered terrain. These all have mitigation measures as well as locations that they more commonly appear. Realize that many of these are weather dependent and that even the professionals do their weather and conditions homework before venturing into field. **Moats and other deep melt holes | Waterfall holes | Opening streams and undermined snow | Glide cracks | Falling ice and rock | Avalanches | Sliding falls**

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to all of our partners and volunteers, including the Mount Washington Volunteer Ski Patrol, the AMC and the caretakers at Hermit Lake and the Harvard Cabin, the Friends of Tuckerman Ravine, White Mountain Avalanche Education Foundation, Randolph Mountain Club, and many others. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered your time or your money to help with projects and rescues. Our mission is to serve the public and we count on support from the community to make that happen. Also, we look forward to seeing you this fall at

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the Eastern Snow and Avalanche workshop. Stay tuned to our social media channels and our website for news, upcoming talks in your region and of course, for avalanche forecasts next winter!

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