# Summit Station Skiway Report

May 7, 2012

**Primary Skiway:**

Markers: All markers are in place. As of May 7, 2012, 70 markers have been replaced on the approach end of Skiway 08. The height of the new markers is 60”. We anticipate that many more flags will be replaced by May 16, 2012.

Surface: 01 grooming phases and 00 centerline phases have been completed since the last flight period .

Comments:

 The exact number of grooming phases completed prior to the arrival of the summer crew is not available. The summer crew has done one grooming phase since the last flight period, and we anticipate doing at least one more no less than 24 hours prior to the May 16th flight to Summit. The surface is in good shape. No rollers are apparent to the operator. The west side of the skiway received some drifting during the last week, but the operator does not expect this to be an issue after grooming.

**Taxiway:**

Markers: Blue flags denoting taxiway area in place.

Surface: 01 complete taxiway phases have been completed since the last flight period.

 (The exact number of complete taxiway phases completed before the arrival of the summer crew is not available.)

 Comments: The taxiway surface is good. The taxiway will receive at least one more grooming phase no less than 24 hours prior to the May 16th flight to Summit.

**Approach:**

The status of the approach flags will be unchanged from last flight period. They to be raised and replaced as soon as possible. All are in place and visible. Currently,the bottom of the approach flags is very near to ground level.

**Comms:**

VHF/AM base operating on 123.45MHz (Primary), 122.8MHz (Secondary)

HF base operating on 8.093

IRIDIUM 88-631-460-730

**Weather:**

Weather station operating.

Observations begin 3 hours prior to first off deck and continue hourly until last off-deck or as directed. Observations reported daily at 12 GMT.

Updated conditions available upon request during flight operations.

**Other:**

Rammsonde penetrometer (snow strength) measurements are ongoing.

High –speed turnarounds at both ends of the skiway have been groomed one time since the last flight period, and they will be groomed at least once more before the May 16th flight.