# Summit Station Skiway Report

11 August, 2012

**Primary Skiway:**

**Markers:** All markers along the skiway have been replaced and raised to regulation height.

**Surface:**  04 grooming phases have been completed since the last flight on July 23, 2012. We anticipate completing at least 01 complete grooming phases prior to the next flight on August 13, 2012.

We recommend using the center of the skiway.  **Windrows are present on the skiway, with drift snow between 0-4 inches deep. We hope to have the skiway free of windrows, but it may not be possible.**

The entire skiway is usable.

**Comments:** We groomed the skiway yesterday with the maxi-groomer and the Tucker. There was too much snow to pull the 24’ drag. This morning we tried to use the Tucker and drag, and again there there too much drift snow. The D6 pulled the drag for two passes down the center of the skiway before lunch. After lunch the wind picked up to 25 knots with low VIS. **Until the wind diminishes, we are on hold for grooming.**

The skiway needs 01 grooming phases. We anticipate having the D6 do a centerline grooming phase(120ft), and the Tucker w/ maxi-groomer will be used along the sides. I will send an updated skiway report tomorrow with details.

**Taxiway:** Markers: Blue flags denoting taxiway area in place.

Surface: 02 complete taxiway phases have been completed since the last the last flight.

We expect to do 01 grooming phases of the taxiway before the next flight. Currently the taxiway has windrows and drift snow 0-4 inches deep.

**Approach:** All approach flags have been replaced and set at regulation height.

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

HF base operating on 8.093

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**Weather:** Weather station is 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 skiway were groomed yesterday. The D6 groomed the edge of the turnaround where it was softest.

**Recent Rammsonde data shows that the snow strength is slightly improved from last week. We will make every effort to have the skiway free of drift snow. Some drift snow may be unavoidable. Tomorrow’s forecast calls for 15-22kts and it is blowing over 20 knots right now.**