# Summit Station Skiway Report

12 August, 2012

**Primary Skiway:**

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

**Surface:**  04 grooming phases and 1 centerline grooming phase have been completed since the last flight on July 23, 2012. The centerline groom was done today with the D6 and 24’ drag in windy conditions.

The entire skiway is usable. **We recommend using the center of the skiway.** The edges of the skiway will be softer than the middle and will be some drift snow on the surface. We had 30 kt winds last night, and up to 8 inches of drift snow on the skiway, but we expect the center will be in good shape for tomorrow.

**Comments:** We are presently going out with the Tucker and Maxi-groomer to flatten the windrows on the center of the skiway. Also, there are some big snowballs out there that need to be smashed. I will update you on this evening’s skiway grooming in the morning. I start wx obs at 0650 local.

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

Surface: 03 complete taxiway phases have been completed since the last the last flight.

Some windrows may be present tomorrow, but we will try to flatten most of them tonight.

**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

IRIDIUM 88-631-460-730

**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. The D6 groomed the edge of the turnaround where it was softest.