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Durrance Demo Loop Frequently Asked Questions

1. What types of use are possible on the new Durrance Demo Loop?

This groomed winter trail is available for cross country skiing (classic and skate), dogs, and Fat Biking.

2. Do I need a pass to access this trail?

Yes. Accessing this trail requires a valid BCRD Nordic season pass or day pass.

3. Where can I get a pass to access this trail?

You can buy a season pass online at www.bcrd.org or visit any retail outlet in the valley currently selling BCRD trail passes. Those outlets include Sturto's Hailey, the Elephant's Perch, Backwoods Mountain Sports, Galena Lodge, The Sun Valley Nordic Center, and the BCRD offices in the Community Campus. The BCRD Courtesy Patrol can also provide a pass and there is a fee box at the trailhead.

4. Is there a difference between a Mountain Bike and a "Fat Bike?"

Yes. A Fat Bike is an all terrain bicycle that provides additional float and traction in soft conditions. The wheels are traditionally 2-3 inches wider than a regular mountain bike ranging from 3.7 to 4.7 inches wide.

5. Are there any limitations to riding a Fat Bike on this trail?

Yes, please reference the "Fat Biking Code of Etiquette" online at www.bcrd.org or at the trailhead which outlines that use of this trail is limited for Fat Bikes to the right snow conditions. If the tire causes a rut deeper than one inch, for instance, you should not ride your Fat Bike on this trail.

6. How do I find out if I can ride my Fat Bike and what are the snow conditions?

BCRD has added this trail and Fat Bike designation to its grooming report on www.wintertrailink.org. Visit this site for daily reports on grooming and bike access related to snow conditions.

7. Where else can I ride my Fat Bike on a groomed trail?

The only other groomed trail available to Fat Bikes is the Wood River Trail, which does not require a pass and is groomed pending snow conditions every other day. Fat Biking is not allowed on any existing cross-country skiing trails or snowshoe trails under the BCRD season or day pass program.

8. Is this a permanent trail?

No. The BCRD is working with the Sawtooth National Recreation Area to offer this trail during winter of 2014 as a one time trial to offer a solution for Fat Biking and also to better understand and test the complementary interaction between Fat Biking and other uses like cross country skiing.

9. Where can I access the "Durrance Demo Loop?"

The trailhead is located on the west side of the SNRA Parking Lot just 5-6 miles north of Ketchum, Idaho. The trail is accessed ONLY at this location and cannot be accessed at other points along Highway 75.

10. How can I rent a Fat Bike or look into getting one for myself?

Please visit a local retail outlet for information on rentals and fat bikes available for purchase.