

Hi All,

I wanted to make sure we were all on the same page about Mtn Ops support and winter storm recovery. The day after snowfall, even if it is 1 inch, there won't be any opportunities to have public programs for several reasons:

Mountain Ops often needs at least a day (if not more depending on the storm) to open up the site, plow, shovel doorways etc. We may not even get to the summit until lunch depending on how bad it is. Accumulated snow on the domes can prevent the shutter from opening or cause damage to the track when the shutter hits the snow. Light fluffy snow can easily be stirred up into the air with very little breeze and can cause damage to optical coatings. It is almost a guarantee the humidity will be too high to open the next night after a storm. The access road and site may not be safe for visitors until Ops has a chance to work on cleanup. The basic rule of thumb is the day after a snow storm all SkyNights programs are canceled.

Mtn Ops doesn't have the resources to be able to give a YES/NO by 9:00 or 10:00 a.m. the day after. Once they get a chance to figure out how long it will take to recover, we will let all of the users on Lemmon know when they can start up again. If you have any questions, call my cell 520-909-1346 before calling Mtn Ops the day after snowfall.

Let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. I have also posted this information on Slack.

All the best,

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