



# Pinedale Drift

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## What's going on in Pinedale right now?

Date: Jan 24, 2005

It's near the end of January and we have yet to see our usual two weeks of -20 degree weather. There is **4-9 feet of snow** in the nearby mountains for skiing and snowmobiling. We usually get more good snow in February and March for winter sports, so the best is yet to come.

**Big game are on the move.** Watch for deer, antelope, moose and elk on highways in western Wyoming. Deep snow has them concentrating along the highway

right-of-ways and fencelines.

The **Green River Winter Carnival** was announced for February 17-19, however we've heard rumors that this **date may change**. Stay tuned. We'll post changes when we hear them.

The winter months are typically when things slow down and we get a chance to catch our breaths a bit. Not so far this year. Pinedale seems as active now as in the summer, a result of the busy natural gas activity.

Ranchers have another month or so before calving season is here. Spring will arrive around April or May. For now, we're very much enjoying winter fun!



## IPSSDR - Pinedale Stage Stop, Jan. 30-Feb. 1

It's time again for the IPSSDR. This alphabet soup name stands for International Pedigree Stage



2004 IPSSDR Pinedale Stage Stop Race

Stop Sled Dog Race. This is the largest sled dog race in the lower 48 states. Done in a unique "stage stop" format, rather than a continual race, this year's event will include stops in eight different Stage Stop towns. The **Pinedale Stage Stop** is the 3rd along the way. Musher's will arrive Sunday, January 30th, race on Monday & Tuesday, and leave on Tuesday, February 1st, for Alpine.

Pinedale events include a **Musher Reception on Sunday, January 30th at 6 PM at Rendezvous Pointe**. Teams will do a 40-mile race in the Upper Green on Monday, then race to Pinedale on Tuesday to the finish line in the American Legion Park. Concessions and hot drinks will be available. More info and pictures on our site and at [www.wyoming-stagestop.org](http://www.wyoming-stagestop.org)

## Snow Drags - Feb. 5th

The Pinedale Snow Explorers Snowmobile Club will be holding their annual **Snowmobile Snow Drags on Saturday, February 5th** at the Cora Track. Classes include 600, 700, 800, 900, Open: Mountain Stock, Mountain Improved Stock and Mountain Modified. Racing starts at 10 am. Concessions will be available trackside. Entries must be received by February 4th. Contact Joe, 307-231-1466 for more info. On the web: [www.pinedaleonline.com/snowexplorers](http://www.pinedaleonline.com/snowexplorers) for printable registration form, waiver and event flyer.

## Pinedale Blues Festival

In the past, the **Pinedale Blues Festival** has typically been held in June. We haven't heard for certain yet, but organizers tell us this event might be **moved to September** this year. We'll post more info when we hear additional details. On the web: [www.pinedaleblues.com](http://www.pinedaleblues.com).

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Jan 30-Feb 1:** Pinedale Stage Stop, IPSSDR

**Feb 5:** Snowmobile Snow Drags, Cora Track

**March 19:** Caroline Classic Ski Race at White Pine

## Changes at Half Moon Lake Resort

For those who enjoy going up to Half Moon Lake to recreate, there are some exciting changes for this next summer. Popular Half Moon Lake Resort has been closed all winter **remodeling** their facilities. They will open in the spring with new and renovated cabins and restaurant. The **Wind River Queen Paddlewheeler** will be available for luxurious dinner cruises on the lake this summer. Reserve early!

Also new, Half Moon Resort recently purchased Two Rivers

Emporium, Wyoming Outdoors, Wyoming Trophy Hunts and Mac Attack Charter Fishing.

Two Rivers is a fly fishing outfitting and guide business. John Ross will continue with the new owners offering professional fishing trips. Wyoming Outdoors encompasses the famous Skinner Brothers outfitting & guiding business and their camp on Burnt Lake.

Watch for exciting new opportunities for fishing, hunting & horse trips for these combined

ventures!

The resort offers cabins overlooking the lake and summer horseback riding trips. Boat rentals are available at the lodge (canoes, fishing boats, motor boats, party barges). More on the web: [www.halfmoonlake.com](http://www.halfmoonlake.com).

The lake area also offers a National Forest campground, day-use area, public boat ramp, mountain biking opportunities and miles of hiking trails.

## Lakeside Lodge expansion approved at Fremont Lake

The Forest Service just announced approval for the Lakeside Lodge Master Development Plan. Lakeside Resort is located on the southern end of Fremont Lake.

The new approval will allow the resort to expand their facilities to include building a 25-room lodge, adding seven more duplex cabins, expanding the restaurant, adding a restroom/shower building for campground use, adding a 29-site campground,

adding 39 boat slips, and building a pavilion for weddings and group functions. As part of the new plan, the RV campground next to the lake will be removed and relocated.

Lakeside will provide full services during the summer and fall and reduced services during the winter for lodging and meals. Lakeside Resort on the web: [www.lakesidelodge.com](http://www.lakesidelodge.com).

Public facilities at the lake include a campground, day-use

picnic and beach area and two boat launches.



## Planning for your Summer Trip

### Summer visitors:

We strongly recommend you **make your lodging reservations NOW** for your summer visit.

Many rooms are already taken to house workers in the gas field. Visitors may have trouble finding a place to stay if you figure you'll just find something when you get to town. This is especially true for July/August, our busy summer season. The Green River Rendezvous is the 2nd weekend in July, and that week always fills local motels well in advance. See our website Business Directory for lodging contact numbers.



*Green River Rendezvous in July*

### **Tell us about your trip!**

If you are planning a hike, backcountry trip, or any kind of outdoor recreation in our area, send us an e-mail when you return and tell us about your trip! Where did you go, what did you see, what interesting things happened along the way? We're interested in hikes, fishing, horseback riding, ATVing, boating, snowmobiling, skiing... just about anything. We'd love to hear from you!

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