

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Whistler Nordics would like to send a shout out to Mother Nature and the RMOW Lost Lake Nordic Trails crew!

After an early thin start to winter and cross country skiing, warm weather persisted and made for challenging grooming, and trail maintenance conditions. During this time, the RMOW, staff did an amazing job to keep the trails in good shape so they could be enjoyed local residents, our club members and most importantly at this time of the year, visitors from around the world.

The visitors I spoke to on the trails were thankful to have an accessible winter activity for them to enjoy. With the price of day lift tickets being so high, these types of lower cost activities are critical to diversifying our product offerings.

With the recent cold snap, staff jumped into action working through the night to utilize the pilot snowmaking system to create mounds of snow to be distributed around the most popular loops. The trails around Lost Lake are wonderful, and the continuation of the half-price evening tickets on Mondays and Thursdays make this activity accessible to more and more people.

Lost Lake is a real gem, protecting both winter and summer experiences is important for residents and our visitor economy that so many depend on.

We look forward to seeing how we can work together to expand water and snowmaking throughout the park for wildfire mitigation/prevention and snowmaking in thin years.

Finally, please join us on the trails on February 16th for the Cheryl MorningStar 32nd annual Lost Lake Loppet. We promise there are routes for all abilities.

Thanks again for stepping up.

See you on the trails!

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