

Town of Lake City Parks and Recreation

Monthly Report December 2025

Ski Hill – There's still no sign of an opening day for the ski hill this season. One year we were only open for a week due to lack of snow. We still haven't responded to the Tramway Board about our deficiencies with the pre start up inspection but this is usually just a one day turn around getting the license. Marker Bindings is giving us more trouble than ever this year getting certified to adjust their bindings. We had to send them insurance information, testing info, etc. We also had to send our ski binding calibrator back. Danny tested all the skis for the season. We are still working with Marker to get approved as quickly as possible. Luckily, we have no snow yet.

Armory

Nathan drilled the hole through the brick wall for the sprinkler line. The installers haven't been back over the Holidays to finish.

We had a good turnout at the Town Christmas open house.

Ice Rink –The ice rink boards have been up for a while and we are still waiting on three single digit nights to flood it. We also can't have 40 degree days.

Ice Wall – They are saying we have the best ice in the lower 48. Ouray is still closed, but we would have the best ice even if they were open. The Ouray closure has done more for us than any other advertisement. Christina is also doing a fine job with the social media marketing. One of their rangers posted on social media to go to Lake City to climb. We've had double and sometimes triple car counts from last year's numbers. The electrician finally got Devils Kitchen and Beer Garden plugs and control boxes wired. The only thing he has left to do is Sherwin Groceries upper section. It's absolutely crazy back there with climbers this season.

Parks - Nothing new to report

Noxious weeds – Nothing to report

Trees – Johnny Apple Tree sub contracted out our tree trimming to Terra Firma in Salida. We spent the budgeted \$15,000 for tree trimming in December. They did an excellent job. They removed a large rotten cottonwood on Gunnison Ave. and then trimmed a tree on Silver in front of Henry's house and then went down Silver St. from the Piltingsrud house as far as they could until the money ran out. I think they did a really good job. I don't plan on contacting Arborist Services again.