

Town of Lake City Parks and Recreation

Monthly Report February 2026

Ski Hill Ski Hill still isn't open and at this time it is doubtful that it will be but we haven't given up hope yet. If it doesn't open by April 1st, we will be done trying. We finally received our Marker Binding approval to set bindings. Danny and KC Wuest are certified Marker technicians just in case we need to open. We will save around \$1000 if the engineer from the tramway board doesn't need to return for an operational inspection. Usually the ski hill doesn't last past the second week of March on a good snow year and currently the bottom third of the hill is bare ground.

Armory -

The carpet in the upstairs apartment was installed the last week of February. I think it was around \$3800. I started working on framing the last closet in the bathroom and the tub surround. I also started doing drywall. Willy is still planning on finishing the kitchen countertops and tiling the bathroom floors as soon as he is ok to work. We will try to furnish the apartment with the bare necessities, but if you hear that anyone has a table or chairs or a good couch, please let me know.

Ice Rink

The ice rink is pretty much done for the season. The warm temps have fried it and parts of it are thin. We will just let it evaporate and then dismantle it for the season.

Ice Wall – Due to the warm daytime temps, we shut off all the pumps and heat tape earlier than normal this year. Ouray's ice park closed the last weekend of February. We think we will have ice about another two weeks. We ended up running the final 600 feet of Sherwin wall off the Beer Garden end rather than trying to put another pump in the river this late in the season. We had climbable ice within two weeks. The wall took a hit from the day of rain we had. Three of the 4 pumps we took to the pump guy in Montrose needed motors. The pump portions were fine.

Parks – Most likely we will start the removal of the old playground equipment in mid March. We will also remove the mulch so the ground thaws out faster for the new installation.

Noxious weeds – Nothing to report

Trees – Johnny Apple Tree did more tree work in February. They still owe us one more full day of trimming. One of the cottonwoods behind the school is what is left for 2026 trimming and the budget will be gone.

Public Works and I will be working on JT's trees soon.