Update for KVAC/MVC Day 2 Nordic; Friday, 8 p.m.:

After Thursday's 3" of fresh snow, a very light freezing rain overnight and early morning (about 1/8"), we received on Friday about 2" of fine-grained sleet (like beach sand) followed by about 1" of fine dry powder snow. We will set tracks before sunrise when the new snow is at its coldest. For coaches wondering what binder to use... it's a fine line that I could not call without testing. Sorry I know that's not much help, but I really can't tell how abrasive the sleet component will be, versus the fine new snow and whether the tracks will set hard or have a bit of give from the sleet not setting well. We will try to give an update at around 7:30 or 8 a.m. after tracks are set. Please note that if you check snow condition on site, that there is some artificial snow covering the stadium and return trail above the stadium.

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Friday, 12 noon:

We have received about 1" of sleet on top of maybe 1/8" of freezing rain ice. Transition was about 9 am. The forecast amounts are variable, from 2" to 6" of sleet/snow ending about 8 this evening. Then the temperature plummets to low teens by sunrise, with sunny but breezy with a high in upper teens, and low humidity (graphite in the glide!).
While we may comb/pack the trails before the storm ends, we will likely hold off setting tracks until about 5:30 a.m. The course will be double tracked. At this time, the COR and COC are almost certain that the course will be two-laps on a 2.5K loop. While there is some possibility of using the standard 5K course, it would take a surprise dump of snow this evening to make it happen. In order to give coaches a little heads-up, I have attached a map of the proposed loop. We are confident that it will be a great course, challenging but fun for the athletes, and providing a little more action for the spectators. We will update this evening with more information on the snow type. Right now what's falling appears as plain sleet, no freezing rain and only sporadic snowflakes.