Skiers prepare for a day on the slopes at Crystella Ski Hill in Crystal Falls Saturday. Weekend snow brought skiers, snowboarders and sledding enthusiasts out to enjoy the renovated facilities.

CRYSTAL FALLS—Despite the late arriving snowfall, the Crystella Ski Hill is open.

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"Right now, the little hill and the ice skating rink are open," volunteer Jen Stairs said late last week. "When we get more snow, the big hill will open for skiing and snowboarding."

Workers continue to invest time and money improving the facility, she added. "We've done everything from painting and cleaning to redoing the floors and bathrooms.

"Something new this year is the sledding hill. There's a separate sledding hill where you can sled any time for free."

The big hill at Crystella remains closed until more snow falls. When it does open, snowboarders will find a Rail Werx system to challenge their abilities.

The facility features two lift ropes for snowboarders, skiers and sledders. Concessions and restrooms are available in the lodge, Stairs said.

A one-day pass for skiing and snowboarding costs $8. Season passes cost $35, and a family pass to admit all members of a household costs $80.

Sledding on the big and small hills costs $2 per day or $10 for the season. Ski pass holders can sled for free.

Crystella is open Fridays from 5 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 1 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.