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Montana SNOWMOBILE NEWS

Protecting Access. Supporting Riders. Strengthening Communities.

Montana SNOWMOBILE Association MSA

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Snowmobilers: Take the Pledge!

Riding responsibly keeps Montana's trails open—and that's why the Montana Snowmobile Association proudly supports the Take The Pledge campaign with the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (Arctic Cat, BRP, Polaris, Yamaha). This pledge is all about respecting landowners, protecting access, and ensuring snowmobiling stays strong for generations to come.

When you take the pledge, you promise to:

- Ride off-trail only where it's legal.
- Check first if you're unsure.
- Protect access for future riders.
- Encourage your friends to do the same.

Montana boasts over 4,000 miles of trails, built and maintained by volunteers for decades. Clubs, dealers, lodges, and community leaders all support responsible riding. Even snowmobile ambassadors and celebrities have taken the pledge, showing that safe, respectful riding is what keeps the sport alive.

Take The Pledge today—because Montana's trails are worth it!

MSA MEMBERSHIP

MYTHS VS FACTS

Know someone who loves to ride? Invite them to join the Montana Snowmobile Association!

Facts are:

- Groomed trails provide quick access to higher elevations and better snow.
- When you have sled issues, trails offer the safest return to your vehicle.
- Injured? Yep — it's the trail they drag you out on.

Myth: So, you're a mountain rider and don't need trails?
Fact: Groomed trails are your gateway to deep snow, safe access, and rescue routes — even for mountain riders. Trails connect us all.

Myth: Since my club is a member of MSA, I'm automatically an MSA member through the club.
Fact: While your local club is affiliated with MSA, individual memberships are separate. Each rider should join MSA personally to enjoy full benefits, support statewide advocacy, and help keep Montana's trails open for everyone.

Myth: MSA only benefits trail riders.
Fact: MSA advocates for all snowmobilers — mountain, trail, and backcountry alike. From land access to avalanche awareness and safety education, MSA's work helps keep every rider's season possible.

Myth: My membership doesn't really make a difference.
Fact: Every membership strengthens MSA's voice when working with legislators, land managers, and partner organizations. Numbers matter — your membership helps protect access and funding for all riders.

Montana SNOWMOBILE Association MSA

MSA Membership Application

Join online snowmobilemt.org or complete the application below.

Select Membership Type

- ☐ Single/Family Membership - Annual Cost $25
- ☐ Business or Club Membership - Annual Cost $40

If Business or Club Membership

Business / Club Name:

Primary Account Holder:

If Single / Family Membership

Primary Account Holder:

Family Members (If applicable):

Contact Information

Email Address

Phone

Mailing Address

Do You Belong to a Local Snowmobile Club?
List Primary Club:

Mail completed application with payment

Montana Snowmobile Association
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YOUR VOICE

Standing up for Montana's riders, clubs, and communities—protecting access, securing funding, and making your voice count.

Tell us why you are a member... email news@snowmobilemt.org and we may feature your story in the next MSA edition.

This Month's Write In.

Why It's Important to Be a Member of the Montana Snowmobile Association

As a resident of Cooke City, Montana, and a local business owner, I know firsthand how vital snowmobiling is to our community and economy. Snowmobiling is not just a sport here—it's a way of life and a major part of our livelihood. That's why it's so important to be a member of the Montana Snowmobile Association (MSA).

MSA provides valuable support to our snowmobile community through grants that allow us to continue to own and operate our own groomer. Without this help, maintaining the high-quality trails that riders enjoy would be far more difficult. By supporting MSA, we are helping to sustain the very infrastructure that keeps snowmobiling safe, accessible, and enjoyable for everyone.

It's also important to support those who support your sport. The MSA works tirelessly to protect our riding areas here in Cooke City and throughout the state. Their advocacy ensures that we can continue to enjoy the backcountry responsibly and preserve access for future generations.

For Jeff and me, being MSA members is about giving back to the sport and community that give us so much. Our business thrives because of snowmobiling, and we believe it's our responsibility to help protect and promote it. Supporting MSA means supporting the future of snowmobiling in Montana.

Sincerely,
Lisa and Jeff Ohlinger
Elk Horn Lodge
Cooke City, Montana

Tell Us Your Why
Email news@snowmobilemt.org

Club Membership Drives

A little encouragement goes a long way! How is your club driving membership this season? Share your strategies and help inspire other clubs across Montana.

Club Spotlight: The **Helena Snowdrifters** kicked off their early-season membership drive with a giveaway — an official Snowdrifters hoodie, while **UYSC** loaded up a swag bag packed with great prizes!

Did You Know? Snowmobiling generates over $26 billion in annual spending across the United Staes and is responsible for over 100,000 full time jobs in North America. Its overall impact is particularly important in many rural communities where snowmobiling-related tourism helps provide income and jobs during what otherwise would be an off season. ~Source: snowmobilers.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Snow is falling, Sleds are calling! Yes, it really is falling as I write this. Our first newsletter kicked off the season perfectly with that phrase — and it was packed with great information for everyone.

The secret to continuing to enjoy this newsletter? Get your dues paid! You can use the form in the newsletter or visit our website at snowmobilemt.org to renew. Spread the word and encourage your fellow riders to join in!

With the start of the season, there's so much to get ready for. Make sure your warm gear is prepped and ready to go. Our safety guy will cover all the details about preparing your sleds, trailers, and towing units.

MSA recently participated in several exciting events! Kristen and Rowdy represented MSA at the Denver Snow Show, and a few of us also attended the SnoWest Show in Kalispell. We enjoyed spreading the word about our State Association, all that it does, and encouraging youth to get involved in our program.

We're also gearing up for our December 6th meeting at Montana Wild, where we'll have a couple of great speakers covering topics we all care about — Avalanche Awareness, Access, and more! Our meetings are open to all MSA members, so please encourage your club members and officers to attend.

And don't forget — Annual Awards are due before you know it! The deadline is December 31, 2025. You can submit nominations through our website or send them directly to me by email.

We have so many deserving volunteers who dedicate countless hours — let's make sure they're recognized! You can submit more than one nomination, and we'd love to see an abundance of entries. Winning submissions move on to the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) to compete at the national level. See You on the Snow!

As the season kicks into gear, we're looking forward to another great year of riding, friendship, and adventure. Stay safe, stay warm, and don't forget to share your stories and photos with us — we love seeing where the trails take you!

Until next time... Ride safe and keep the tracks turning!

Connie Walter
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Purchase Your Montana Trail Pass for the 2025-2026 Season

Ready for your first ride of the season? Residents must purchase a Trail Pass to legally ride on any of Montana's 4,000+ miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Passes are valid for two seasons and cost $20. Trail Passes apply to all "mechanized equipment" including snowmobiles, motorized snow bikes, and fat-tire pedal bikes.

Apply online through the online licensing system at fwp.mt.gov or purchase your pass through a participating vendor.

Who's Who in the Snowmobile World

Snowmobiling isn't just a sport — it's a community powered by passion, volunteers, and collaboration. From local Montana clubs to international councils, every layer of this network plays an important role in keeping trails open, safe, and ready for adventure. Here's a guide to who's who in the snowmobile world and how it all comes together.

From Local Trails to Global Advocacy

Local Snowmobile Clubs – The Heart of the Sport

Every snowmobile story starts at the local level. Clubs are the backbone of our sport — volunteers who groom, sign, and maintain trails, organize rides, safety classes, and community events, all while protecting local access.

Montana's 26 clubs across 13 regions contribute hundreds of volunteer hours each season to keep trails safe and enjoyable. They are the reason we can explore Montana's winter beauty.

Fun Fact: Many of Montana's clubs were founded in the 1970s and continue to carry on decades of snowmobiling tradition.

State Leadership – Montana Snowmobile Association (MSA)

At the state level, MSA brings it all together. MSA connects local clubs, coordinates trail and grooming efforts with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), and represents snowmobilers in state and federal discussions.

Through ongoing advocacy and partnership with a professional lobbyist, MSA works to protect Montana snowmobilers' rights — from securing funding for grooming to preserving trail access.

Fun Fact: MSA doesn't stop when the snow melts! Our leadership team works year-round — from D.C. to British Columbia — to promote and protect the rights of Montana snowmobilers. Even in the off-season, advocacy never takes a break!

Industry Partners – International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA)

ISMA represents the four major manufacturers — Arctic Cat, Ski-Doo/BRP, Polaris, and Yamaha — focusing on global promotion, safety, and growth of the sport.

Fun Fact: ISMA isn't just about machines — it's about momentum! They work with clubs and associations worldwide to support safety programs, trail funding, and public land access.

National Connection – American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA)

The American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) is the national organization that unites all state snowmobile associations. ACSA amplifies the voice of snowmobilers across the country, addressing key issues like land use, safety education, and legislative advocacy.

ACSA also supports scholarships, volunteer recognition, and partnerships that benefit every level of the sport — from first-time riders to long-time volunteers.

Club Perk: Did You Know? All 26 Montana clubs receive a complimentary ACSA membership through MSA, giving our state a stronger, unified voice in national snowmobiling advocacy.

Regional Groups – Mountain & Trails Riding

Two ACSA regional groups represent snowmobilers:

- **Trails Riding Group:** Midwest and Eastern states, focusing on groomed trails and connectivity.
- **Mountain Riding Group:** Western states — including Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Oregon, and Washington — focusing on backcountry access, avalanche safety, and land management.

Fun Fact: This February, the Mountain Group will host its Meeting & Ride in West Yellowstone, featuring the KAOS (Kids & Adults On Sleds) program. MSA plays an integral role in introducing youth to safe mountain riding.

Save the Date: February 18–22, 2026 – West Yellowstone, Holiday Inn

And More...

Other key organizations include:

- ISTC – International Snowmobile Tourism Council
- ISMC – International Snowmobile Media Council
- ISC – International Snowmobile Council & Congress
- SSCC – Snowmobile Safety and Certification Committee
- NSF – National Snowmobile Foundation
- IASA – International Association of Snowmobile Administrators

Snowmobiling is more than a sport — it's a connected community. Every rider, volunteer, and organization plays a role in keeping trails open, safe, and ready for adventure.

TRANS-MONTANA CHARITY RIDE

Scan to donate

The power of telling our story.

Mark Smolen

Last year, I told you about the power of telling our story and how mentioning our ride might just get you a healthy donation from an unexpected source.

This year, I want to tell you about another group that has supported us for many years (this year will be the ninth year) and that is the Bigfork Mason's Lodge. With this year's donation, they will have donated over $5,800! One of their members rode with us a few years and he is the driving force in keeping them as a Gold Sponsor every year even though he doesn't ride any longer.

My point is to encourage everyone (rider or non-rider) to tell as many people as you know how snowmobilers don't just go out and ride for themselves. I've not met many other groups of like-minded folks who go out of their way to help one another and help their communities like snowmobilers. We are a rare breed and something to be proud of...tell our story–tell it often and tell it to as many people as you know–you just never know where it might lead.

2026 will be the 12th year we have supported NAMI. Through our first eleven years, we have raised over $338,000 for NAMI. That's a lot of light being shown into the darkness! With 40 or so riders each year, that's pretty impressive and I can't thank all of the new and returning riders enough.

Ride Update: We are fully booked for full-time riders for February! But again, you can still join us for up to two days on the ride (we do ask for at least $50/day donation per rider). We especially want to invite you to the MSA State Ride on February 7th in Helena followed up by the banquet at the Delta Hotel that evening. See the info in this newsletter on how to purchase your tickets!

As always, keep doing those snow-dances and we'll see you out in the snow soon, and save me a line in the fresh pow!

All donations/sponsorships are tax deductible. The Trans-Montana is a program of the Montana Snowmobile Association (a non-profit). Our 501(c)(3) number is: 23-7400043.

NAMI Montana

About NAMI Montana

Help Us With This Important Mission
We rely on donor support for all of our work. We can't do this without you!

NAMI Montana offers free support groups and education programs for those living with mental health conditions or supporting a loved one. Whether in-person or online, we're here to help you feel seen, heard, and understood.

ON OUR RADAR

MSA Watch Items & Travel Plans

MSA remains actively engaged in travel plans and land use decisions that impact snowmobiling across the state. Listed below are key areas where MSA has provided feedback or continues to monitor developments:

- **Wilderness Study**
- **Economic Impact Study (Winter)**
- **Island Park & West Yellowstone Madison-Gallatin Monument Plan**
- **Clearwater Blackfoot**
- **Lincoln Prosperity Project**
- **Kootenai Forest**
- **Montana Headwaters Legacy Act**
- **Lolo Travel Plan**
- **30 by 30 Initiative**
- **Avalanche Center Budget Reduction**
- **Roadless Rule**

We encourage all members to stay informed and engaged in these discussions. Your voices play a vital role in shaping the future of snowmobiling in Montana.

Grant Programs

Did you know Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks manages 11 grant programs that help keep our trails, habitats, and recreation areas thriving? Five focus on trail construction and maintenance, and three are key to winter fun—RTP, TSP, and the MSA Snowmobile Grant Program. Learn more at snowmobilemt.org.

Contact your district rep to find out how your club can benefit.

Deadlines coming up! Don't wait.

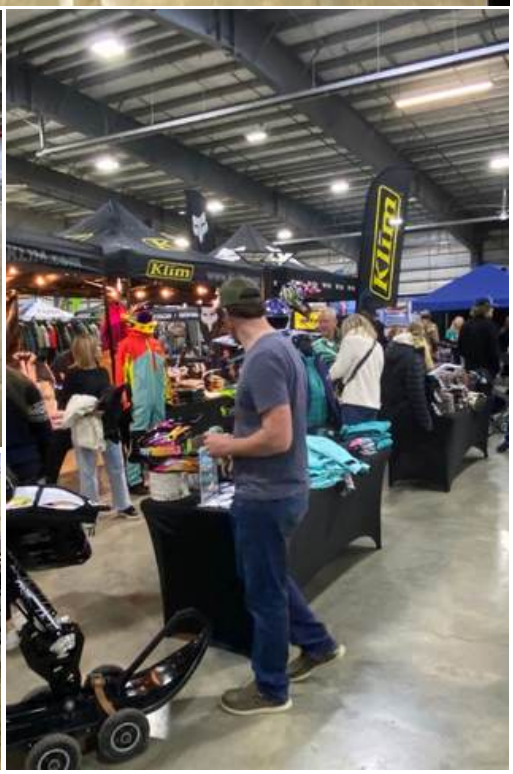
Spread the Word

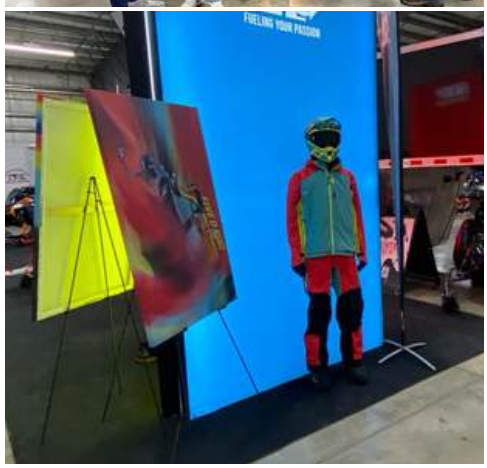
- MSA award nominations due December 31. (See page 11 for details.)
- Everyone is welcome to join us at the upcoming board meeting. Join us online or in person!

MONTANA SNOW SHOW

Snow Show

SnoWest Magazine's Snowmobile Show in Kalispell brought the sled crowd out in force! It was the perfect chance for MSA to connect, share our passion, and show off everything we're doing for the sport we love.





MSA CONNECTIONS

MSA ON THE GO

The work doesn't stop when the snow melts — our team has been busy meeting with club representatives, national associations, manufacturers, and legislators through the International Snowmobile Congress, the DC Fly-In, and other key events to keep Montana's snowmobiling community front and center.

Sharing our message is vital to addressing the hot topics facing today's sledders and strengthening the future of our organization.

This fall, MSA hosted a booth at the Montana Snow Show and partnered with the Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club to represent MSA at the Colorado Expo. Showcasing MSA and our local clubs at the Snow Shows helps riders discover where their local clubs are and how to get involved. Our neighboring states love to ride in Montana, and featuring our local clubs has proven to be a great way to build connections and strengthen the sport across state lines.

Our Rad Event Booth Setup!

Professional. Clean. Inviting.

From bold visuals to friendly faces, our event booth is built to spark conversations and showcase everything MSA represents.

You Asked, We Delivered: Where Are the Montana Snowmobile Clubs?

Event goers and riders wanted an easy way to find local clubs across the state when we're out at shows and events.

Introducing our new club-centric show map — a simple, super-large, eye-catching tool that helps riders discover and connect with local clubs faster than ever!

You Asked, We Delivered: Spotlight on Our Business Members & Sponsors

Our website just got a fresh new look and an updated resources section—quick access to club forms and everyday tools, right at your fingertips.

And because you asked, our Business Members now get more visibility and advertising opportunities to connect with sledders! We've added a dedicated Sponsors/Business Member section and rolled out affordable digital Gold, Silver, and Bronze sponsorship options to help your business stand out.

Check it out at snowmobilemt.org—your sledding community is waiting!

EVENTS

November 8, 2025 - Spokane Snow Show
November 21, 2025 - Idaho Snowmobile Show
December 6, 2025 - MSA Board Meeting, Montana-Wild - Helena
December 13, 2025 - Christmas Convoy, Helena Snowdrifters - East Helena
December 31, 2025 - Annual MSA Awards Nominations Due!
January 10 - 17, 2026 - International Snowmobile Safety Week
January 17, 2026 - Winterfest, Vintage Snowmobile Event, Montana Night Riders - Haugen
January 21, 2025 - End of Early Bird Discount Banquet Tickets
January 31, 2026 - Annual MNR Poker Ride, Montana Night Riders - Haugen
January 31, 2026 - Snowball Banquet - Scenic Montana Trails - Seeley Lake
February 1, 2026 - 2nd Annual Dave Konopatzke Vintage Ride & Family Day - Columbia Falls
February 4, 2026 - Trans-Montana Charity Ride Kickoff - see schedule page 7
February 7, 2026 - Take a Friend Snowmobiling Kickoff Week
February 7, 2026 - MSA Annual Awards Banquet & Charity Auction - Helena
February 7, 2026 - MSA Annual Group Ride - Helena
February 14, 15, 2026 - President's Weekend Poker Run, UYSC - Cooke City
February 18 - 22, 2026 - ACSA Mountain Ride Summit - West Yellowstone
March 13 & 14, 2026 - Hog Roast Fundraiser, UYSC - Cooke City
June 3 - 6, 2026 - International Snowmobile Congress - Omaha

Send Us Your Events!
Email: news@snowmobilemt.org

Annual Montana Snowmobile Association Awards Banquet with the Trans-Montana Charity Auction

Banquet

Join us as we recognize this years **Best Of...**
Saturday, February 7, 2026
Delta Colonial Hotel, Helena
Hosted by the Helena Snowdrifters

Early Bird - Save $10 thru Jan. 21

Advance: $40 | Youth (13–18): $20 | Kids (12 & under): $5
After Jan 21 & at the door - ALL ticket types +$10 - Buy early and save!

Montana SNOWMOBILE Association MSA

No-Host Cocktail Hour: 5:00pm | Western Dinner Buffet: 6:00pm | Charity Auction: 7:00pm

Room Blocks Available: Ask for Trans-Montana Group Rate - Book Early!
Annual association group ride starts in the morning with plenty of time to get back for the evening festivities.
Visit www.snowmobilemt.org for details.

CLUB UPDATES

Interested in Serving on the Board?
MSA has board vacancies, and we'd love your voice at the table! We're looking for Area Representatives to fill a few open seats.

District 2 – Representing the Montana Nightriders & Cabinet Ridge Riders
District 12 – Northeastern Montana (No clubs/region rep)
District 13 – Southeastern Montana (No clubs/region rep)

Why it Matters? Poorly fitting or oversized helmets can cause serious injuries — even broken collarbones — in an accident.

MSA Board Meetings

IMPORTANT

~~September 20, 2025 (Past event)~~
December 6, 2025 - Helena
February 6, 2026 - Helena
June 24, 2026 - Helena

All MSA members welcome! Join us in person or by Zoom. Helena Wild - 10:00am

December Agenda

- Welcome new President & Vice-President - kicking off the first meeting under our new leadership
- Grant Programs
- Trails Riding Group - Sled Event Donations
- Guest Speakers - Avalanche

Heads Up, Riders!
If you're planning a trip to Wyoming, note that trail permit fees are increasing for the 2025–2026 season — from $35 to $75 for non-residents and $35 to $50 for residents.

ACTION ITEM!

MSA ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominate a Volunteer Who Makes a Difference

Let's face it—nobody volunteers for the recognition. But their hard work deserves to be celebrated. Snowmobiling clubs thrive thanks to the dedication and passion of our hardworking volunteers. We deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions—they are truly the backbone of our sport.

Get Started Now

We encourage clubs & members to submit nominations for this year's annual awards. To nominate an individual, visit snowmobilemt.org to complete the easy online submission form, or simply email pastpresident@snowmobilemt.org. We'll even accept submissions delivered by snowmobile, snowcat, or a well-trained yeti.

Nominations Now Open!

- Snowmobiler of the Year
- Dealer of the Year
- Snowmobile Family of the Year
- Youth Snowmobiler of the Year
- Groomer of the Year
- Club of the Year

Visit www.snowmobilemt.org

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS BY DECEMBER 31, 2025!

THE BEST

Two Simple Rules:
Nominee: Must be an active MSA member
Submitter: Must be an MSA member

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rowdy Yates

It's November already, and snow is definitely falling around our great state. A few brave ones have already made some October tracks — though I'm guessing those rides were a little slow and deliberate.

We're all gearing up for the season in one way or another. We're checking sleds and trailers, double-checking vacation time, planning trips, rounding up the riding crew... all the usual preseason stuff. We know how important that is, but let's try adding one more thing this year —let's talk to a kid.

Let's introduce a kid to snowmobiling, even if it's just through conversation. Tell them about the fun, the freedom, and the safety that comes with this sport. Maybe help them get their first sled, even if it's an old one — we all started somewhere, right? The future of snowmobiling depends on kids and families just as much as it does on riding areas and access.

The American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) will be hosting their Mountain Ride in West Yellowstone in February 2026. You'll hear more soon, but one of MSA's main focuses this year will be getting youth involved. So let's do our part — bring a kid or two along. Someone took the time to introduce us to this sport... now it's our turn.

The MSA and Montana's 26 snowmobile clubs are busy hosting, attending, and supporting events all season long. We've already been to snow shows and fundraisers to back those who back us. I'm asking you to do the same — go to a club meeting, hit a show, show up to a fundraiser, and speak your piece on the issues that matter. It's worth your time, it's good for the sport, and it's always a good time.

In closing — tips up, track down, and here's to powder so deep you can't see!

Rowdy
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> "To be involved. Get involved.

VOLUNTEER FORMS
NOT JUST FOR GROOMING & TRAIL WORK

Attention Volunteers: Please log your hours! If you are assisting with **any** snowmobile-related tasks, it's essential to keep track of your hours. These forms are utilized by both MSA and FW&P. These forms also help cater to two different grants: the RTP (Recreational Trails Program) and the new TSP (Trails Stewardship Program).

Examples:

- Grant Writing & Sign Management & Event Setup
- Safety Hut Project Planning & Work, Wood Cutting, Avalanche Classes
- Membership Meetings, Banquet & Fundraiser Planning, Website & Social Media

You can begin recording your hours from the moment you leave home for the mountains until you return. These volunteer hour logs play a crucial role in securing grants; the more hours logged, the greater the funds available for our community projects. Thank you for your dedication and support!

Logging your hours is encouraged for any and all snowmobile-related club work, including banquet volunteer hours, fundraisers, and any other activities you contribute to.

Thank you for your dedication and support!

MONTANA SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM UPDATE

We are almost upon a new season of grooming and all the hard work it entails for the many of you who volunteer to allow grooming to occur in Montana. I have spent this summer working to repair and upgrade grooming equipment for the upcoming season. These upgrades are due to the funding from the Snowmobile Trail Pass revenues. Thank you for your support of the Snowmobile Clubs and their grooming efforts by purchasing the Snowmobile Trail Pass.

If your club needs funding for trail maintenance, there are new grant programs available to help.

One of the biggest issues all clubs face is overgrown trails. Grants are now available that will allow you to rent equipment and get this taken care of. If any of you have questions, please call and we can come up with a plan to assist in getting funding for these activities. The grant process does take some effort, but it is worth it when the work is complete. I will do my best to guide you through this process. There are both state and federal funds that can be used.

Please take some time to thank those in your life that have selflessly served in your local snowmobile clubs. The clubs are full of these individuals who are not able to be active anymore.

Reach out and say thanks and offer a helping hand if so needed. Join a club and share your talents. Help us all promote safe snowmobiling in Montana.

Sincerely,
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SAFETY NEWS

Snow is Falling, Sleds are Calling! But before you hit the throttle, ask yourself — is your sled ready for the snow? Are you ready? Is your truck, your trailer, and just as importantly, your gear ready for those deep-powder or long-trail days?

As much as we focus on maintaining our sleds, everything else needs attention too. I won't go into minor details — every sled, trailer, and truck has its own quirks — but here's your friendly reminder to go through it all.

Start with your **sled bag.** Clean out those old energy bars, candy wrappers, and trail mix packets… if the mice haven't done it for you already 😎. Check your on-sled supplies: extra gloves, tools, fire starters, and fresh energy bars.

Next, **electronics** — make sure you removed batteries last spring. Replace any old ones and recharge everything before your first ride. If you paused your GPS subscription, get it reactivated and test it. Charge up your radios and make sure they're compatible with your crew.

Gear check: Are you running new cold-weather gear or using last year's? Check the date and condition on your helmet (yes, they expire). Inspect your boots for wear or cracks, and make sure your bibs or mono-suit zippers are working — leaving for a trip is not the time to find that out.

Then there's your **trailer** — probably parked all summer. Grease those wheel bearings, clean it out, inspect the floor and axles, and restock cleaners, lubricants, paper towels, and tools.

And finally, **avalanche gear**. Top priority. Replace beacon batteries, check your probe for wear, and pull out your shovel — look for cracks and lube the extension latches. If you run an avy bag, deploy it now so you know how it works and have time to repack or refill the canister.

We take enough risks out there. Let's make sure our gear isn't one of them. A little prep now means one less worry later — and usually, that makes for a whole lot more fun.

Ride safe out there! ~ Rowdy-Safety Officer

COMMUNITIES IN ACTION

Cabinent Ridge Riders

Cabinet Ridge Riders annual restocking firewood for Hut! We had a great turnout of volunteers.

Troy Snowmobile Club

Wanzy's Warming Hut..... In 2025 the Lincoln county snowmobilers' lost an amazing person, makes the heart feel better seeing this! Cheers

Great Falls Snowmobile Club

Our volunteer pool keeps growing with some excellent individuals who will tackle any job for the sport we all enjoy. Thanks to each and every one.

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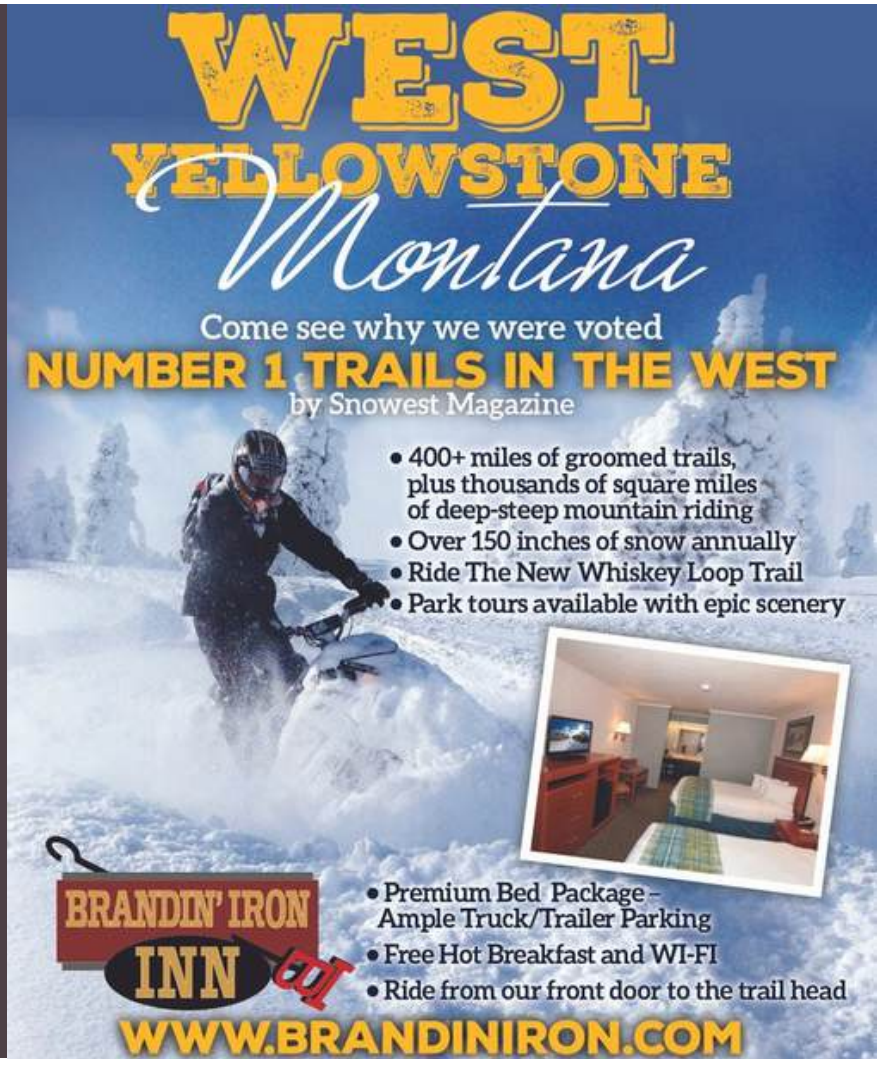
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