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HAPPY
Thanks Giving

Montana Snowmobile Trail Pass & Registration

Snowmobiles operating on public land must be registered and display decals placed in a conspicuous space on the left side of the cowling. Registration is different for Montana residents and nonresidents.

Residents must purchase a Winter Trail Pass to legally ride on any of the 4,000 miles of groomed snowmobile trails in Montana. Trail Passes are valid for two seasons and are \$20 per machine. Nonresidents are \$35 per machine.

Trail Passes are required for all dog sleds and “mechanized equipment” including snowmobiles, motorized snow bikes, and fat tire pedal bikes. Purchase your pass online or through a participating vendor.

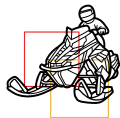
Montana residents must register their snowmobiles at the County Treasurer's office in the county where the owner resides. This is a one-time registration and valid until the current owner sells the snowmobile.

See www.fwp.mt.gov for details.



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***2022-2023 MSA Snowmobile Club of the Year**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Fred Bailey

Backcountry recreation provides therapy.
From the MSA archives...



By ADENA COOK
 Public Lands Director
 BlueRibbon Coalition

Recent catastrophes are weighing heavily on everyone's mind. The September 11 attacks changed our comfortable world forever, in ways we only now are beginning to understand. The official immediate reaction that shut down the country's air travel was necessary for security, and the follow-up that caused many to cancel travel was understandable. The economic fallout was horrendous.

It's very stressful to find our bearings as our world has changed forever. Yet we have a duty to carry on, for ourselves as well as for our country.

On September 25, I flew from Idaho Falls to Minneapolis. I wasn't sure what to expect, but the flight was routine and proceeded very comfortably, although it was strange to see the Minneapolis terminal nearly deserted when I arrived at 8:30 PM. That situation changed dramatically when I departed for home a few days later; a 40-minute line crisscrossed through the gate screening. I understand that now these kinks in the system are smoothing out.

We're carrying on with a heightened sense of patriotism. I am very encouraged to see flags flying everywhere. I am proud to see all the "United We Stand" and "In God We Trust" signs on commercial billboards throughout the country. We search for ways to contribute materially. Many are rediscovering the core values that I hold dear.

It is essential, not frivolous, to take time out during these troubled times to enjoy our favorite kind of backcountry recreation. We need to spend a few hours watching the landscape unfold before us as we travel through. We need to escape into the challenge of twists, turns, hills, rocks, and ledges. We need to smell the dry weeds and falling leaves of the season (gesundheit!). We need to fall asleep at night exhausted by physical exertion, our mind overwhelmed by the sensations of the outdoors.

We can return to the cares of the day renewed, re-created. I am pretty lucky that my husband, Jeff, insists that we get out on some trail somewhere on a weekly basis. If I protest that we must stay home and attend to chores, he can get pretty cranky. Chores can wait, but

renewal of the spirit cannot. When I come back, I am so much more relaxed; stresses have bounced off with each rock in the trail. I am so much more productive as I resume life's tasks. As our burdens become greater, so is our need to take this time out.

One of our basic freedoms that we most insistently defend is the "freedom to recreate". We can't be restored or re-created if we don't have access and we don't have choices. You are aware that radical groups work very hard and spend millions of dollars to deny us this access and choice. They proselytize their recreation values and demonize ours. They use every means, legal, political, and media to force their values on everyone, denying us the freedom to

choose.

BlueRibbon's mission to promote recreation access and choice becomes even more important during these times of trouble and trial. We need your support now more than ever. Additionally, your local club is the first line of defense in protecting your recreation close to home. Both BlueRibbon and your local club really do need help in protecting "freedom to recreate" – your recreation access and choice.

You also need to take a few hours and get out in the outdoors. Pursue your favorite activity and take your family with you. The challenges of the day will not seem so large when you return. You can face our changed world renewed and re-created.

Make New Friends, Join a
 Snowmobile
 Club



You'll Never Ride Alone

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Clubs - Send us your updates, good deeds and events for the MSA Newsletter.
 Email: news@snowmobilemt.org



MSA Specialty Plates

GRANT PROGRAMS



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is proud to administer 11 grant programs. These grant programs help provide funding for recreational opportunities – both motorized and non-motorized, habitat improvement, conservation efforts, educational opportunities, and more. **Visit fwp.mt.gov for more details.**

SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM

This state grant program supports snowmobile trail grooming, the purchase and repair of grooming-related equipment, safety education, public outreach, and law enforcement.

This grant funding is available to snowmobiling clubs, organizations and public land-managing agencies.

Grants from this program finance the grooming of almost 4,000 miles of trails. Snowmobile grants are distributed through a peer-reviewed grant application process based on historic funding levels and other factors. FWP relies on its Snowmobile Advisory Committee to advise Montana State Parks on distribution of program funds and all matters related to snowmobiling.

To receive the full funds, club representatives must attend the Grooming Appropriations Meeting held annually and provide an update on their grooming season. Not attending the annual event can cause the club to lose 15% of the funding allocation for the grooming year. Attendance is considered part of the formal application process.

Initial funds are doled out based on needs, club activity, and groomed trail mileage to name a few of the elements factored in. The last quarter of the funds are released based on a formal web application through FWP and submission of supporting receipts resulting in a zero balance of grooming funds.

Recreational Trails Program

FWP administers the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), a federally funded grants program that supports Montana's trails. Approximately \$1.5 million is made available each year. **The FY2024 cycle is OPEN. Applications are due no later than January 15.**

TRAIL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Funding for TSP comes from a portion of Montana's \$9 light vehicle registration fee, as well as a portion of marijuana tax revenue. Since its establishment TSP has awarded approximately \$3.6 million to 104 projects across the state focused on development, renovation and maintenance.

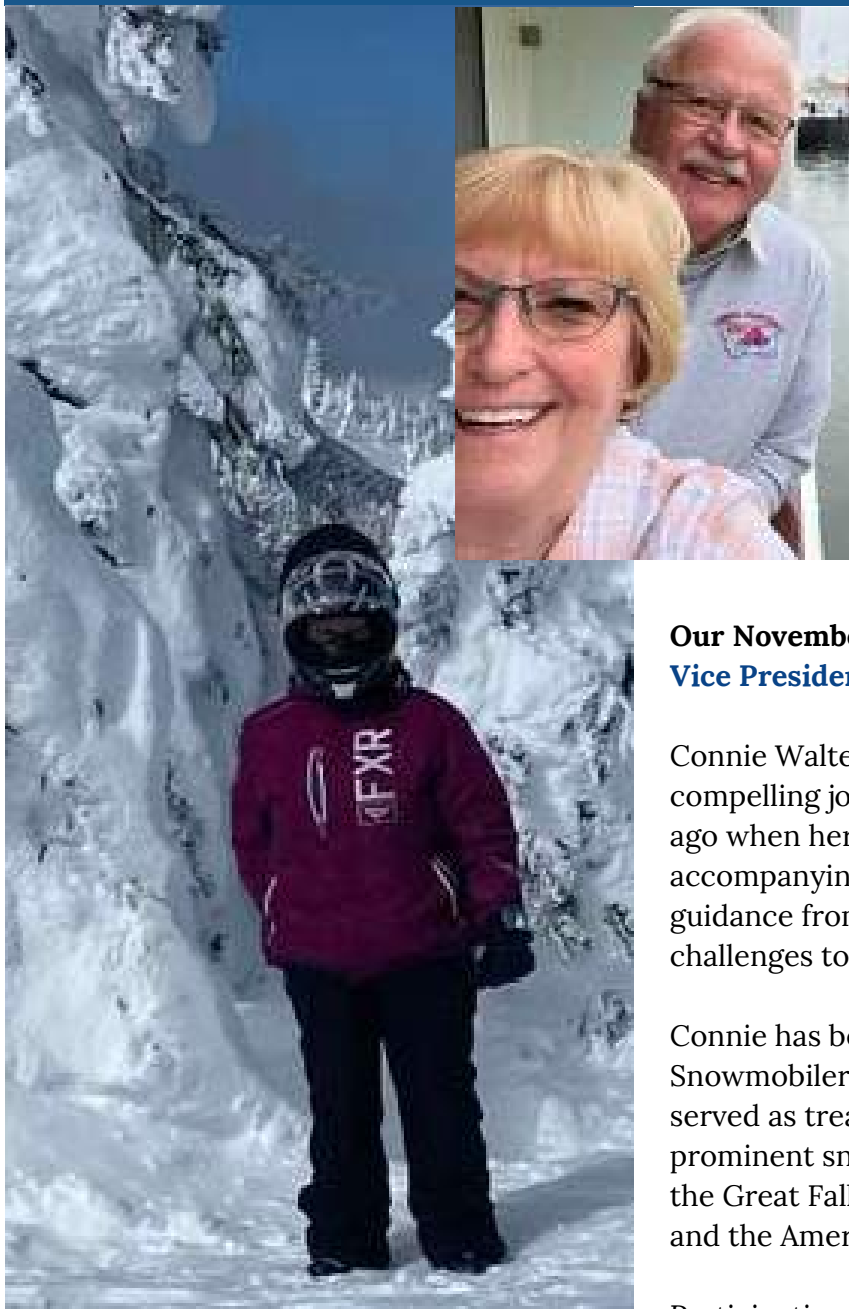
The 2024 grant application cycle will begin run from **November 1, 2023, through January 15.**

OFF- HIGHWAY VEHICLE PROGRAM

The Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program provides project funding with the goal of enhancing and maintaining OHV recreational opportunities for the benefit of OHV enthusiasts in Montana. It provides grant funding for safety, ethics and education, resource maintenance, protection and improvement projects.

Montana State Parks administers the OHV grant program with funds appropriated by the State Legislature, and is assisted in grant allocation by the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Committee (OHVAC). The OHVAC is comprised of citizens throughout Montana who have a vested interest in managing OHV opportunities as a valuable resource. Both user groups and land management agencies are represented on the OHVAC. **The next application cycle runs November 15, 2023 through February 28, 2024.**

WHO'S WHO: MSA Officers



Meet the exceptional individuals who make up the MSA Snowmobile board and learn more about their roles within the club. Snowmobile's board members embody a unique blend of business acumen, industry knowledge, and a deep love for the sport. With their diverse backgrounds and unwavering dedication, these individuals collectively form a powerhouse that shapes strategic decisions and ensures continued success in the exhilarating world of snowmobiling.

Our November Feature

Vice President: [Connie Walter](#)

Connie Walter is an enthusiastic snowmobiler with a compelling journey. She embraced the sport only a few years ago when her family purchased a cabin with an accompanying snowmobile. Through dedication and guidance from experienced mentors, she overcame early challenges to become a confident rider.

Connie has been actively involved with the Montana Snowmobilers Association (MSA) for over 13 years, where she served as treasurer on the board. She is also a member of prominent snowmobiling clubs and organizations, such as the Great Falls Snowmobile Club, Ponderosa Snow Warriors, and the American Council of Snowmobilers.

Participating in the Trans-Montana charity ride for several years, Connie contributed to event planning, fundraising, and organization, showcasing her commitment to community engagement and the sport.

Her advocacy for snowmobiling clubs, offering fun family events, avalanche training, area expertise, social connections, and safety training, demonstrates her dedication to enhancing the snowmobiling experience for all.

Quick Facts:

There are over 3,000 snowmobile clubs worldwide. Snowmobile clubs are non-profit, and volunteer driven; they are grassroots groups based in local communities. In addition, there are 25 state associations in the U.S. and 13 provincial and territorial snowmobile organizations in Canada.



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AWARD NOMINATIONS

Annual Snowmobile Award Nominations Deadline Ahead

The great sport of snowmobiling is only possible due to the many great, behind-the-scenes volunteers who work tirelessly to create, maintain, and protect the places where we ride. Every year MSA recognizes volunteers who go above and beyond the call of duty. This year we've included a new nomination category for Youth Snowmobiler of the Year. Submit your nominations for that special person or club who strives to make the sport more enjoyable.

To submit a nomination for the MSA top honors, visit snowmobilemt.org to download the application forms. Nominations must be received by MSA no later than **December 31**. See entry form for details.

These prestigious awards will be presented at the MSA Annual Snowmobile Banquet in Butte this February. Event category-winning nominations will go on to further compete at the national level hosted by American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ASCA).

Honored Recipients

2022-2023 Season

A big congratulations again to last year's award recipients.

Snowmobiler of the Year

Cliff Walter, Great Falls Snowmobile Club

Snowmobiling Family of the Year

Rowdy & Kristen Yates, Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club

Snowmobile Dealer of the Year

Paulsen's Power Sports, Great Falls

Groomer(s) of the Year

Rick David, Flathead Snowmobile Association

Snowmobile Club of the Year

Cabinet Ridge Riders

For the Love of Snowmobiling

The average snowmobiler last season rode 1,154 miles (a 4% increase in ridership compared to 2022.) The number of miles ridden on average, is dependent on snow cover, so we will see if Mother Nature brings us more days of snow for riding this season.



Snowmobilers are a big part of the winter economic engine by spending an average of \$2,500 each year going snowmobiling, traveling to their snowmobiling spot, and food, gas, and lodging. In many places of North America, snowmobilers pay the bills for people involved in the Winter Tourism Industries and related businesses.

Trans-Montana Snowmobile Charity Ride (TMR)

Every year a group of dedicated riders take off and spend a week enjoying some of the best places in Montana. All while raising money and awareness for a great cause...NAMI Montana. Everybody is welcome to join the fun. Visit www.trans-montana.org to learn more about this great event.

The Trans-Montana Snowmobile Charity Ride is MSA's annual premiere charity event. Join us to ride for a day or two or join us all week!

2024 Trans-Montana Route

January 31

TMR Riders Arrive in Georgetown Lake (2 Nights)

Feb 1 (TMR Day 1)

Ride the Skalkaho Ridge Guided by the Bitterroot Ridge Runners

Feb 2 (TMR Day 2)

Ride the Georgetown Lake guided by the Anaconda Snowmobile Club

Day 3 (TMR Day 3)

Ride the Butte / Wise River Area guided by the Mining City Trail Riders and Jackpine Savages. (MSA Riding Convention & Banquet)

Day 4 (TMR Day 4)

Travel Day - Travel to West Yellowstone)

Day 5 (TMR Day 5)

Ride West Yellowstone area with the Yellowstone Chamber

Day 6 (TMR Day 6)

Ride the West Yellowstone area with the Yellowstone Chamber

Day 7 (TMR Day 7)

Ride West Yellowstone area with the Yellowstone Chamber



TMR is looking for corporate sponsors that would like to add their name to this great program!

www.trans-montana.org

QUICK FACTS

Folks can ride any number of days (you don't have to sign up for the entire event). The deadline for rider signup (to get the hat and shirt) has past, but you can still sign up for the ride--Really helps us to know you are coming!

We ask that partial week riders try to raise or donate \$50/day towards the ride.



Lakehouse has 5 rooms @ \$117/nt



Nights of Feb 2 - 3

\$139 for a King Bed/nt

\$149 for 2 Qn Beds/nt



Nights of Feb 4 - 7

Rooms are blocked under TransMontana @ \$64/nt



RSVP

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FEBRUARY 2-3, 2024



Nights of Feb 2 - 3
 \$139 for a King Bed/nt
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 Limited availability.
 Ample truck & trailer parking.
 Book now.

Support a great cause.

Get Started...

- ✓ RSVP for Banquet
- ✓ Book Hotel Room
- ✓ Purchase Raffle Tickets

MSA Ride

Join the fun and sign up for MSA's annual guided club ride. Choose from one of three unique riding areas hosted by the Mining City Trailriders and Jackpine Savages. Everyone welcome.

Auction Fundraiser

Donation items are appreciated and can be dropped off prior to the awards banquet.

Attention Clubs

Need more raffle tickets?
 Contact Mike Patterson
1st Prize: \$500 Cash
2nd Prize: Yeti Tundra Cooler (65 qt)
3rd Prize: \$250 Gas Card
 Proceeds directly NAMI Montana.

**Door Prizes. Raffle,
 and More!**

Banquet RSVP
www.snowmobileMT.org



Annual MSA Awards Banquet and Club Ride

Featuring the Trans-Montana Auction in support of NAMI Montana

Welcome Reception - Friday, February 2 at the Cooper King in Butte

- Guest Speaker (TBA)
- Hors d'Oeuvres & No Host Cash Bar
- MSA Board Meeting

MSA Club Ride - Saturday, February 3

Annual Club Ride. Everyone Welcome!

- Ride the Butte/Wise River area guided by the Jackpine Savages and the Mining City Trail Riders
- Choose from three guided rides. Rider signup Feb 2.

MSA Banquet and Charity Auction - Saturday, February 3

Join us for an evening of fun starting at 5:30 p.m. with cocktail hour followed by dinner, awards and charity auction to support NAMI Montana.

- Banquet Tickets: \$40 in advance / \$50 at the door
- Deadline for Advance Ticket Rates: January 25
 - Dinner buffet, Rib & Chop House, Copper King Convention Center
- Charity auction (Drop off auction items Feb 2 at the welcome reception.)

Reserve your hotel room early. Ask for the MSA rate.

Dinner reservations - RSVP online today. See website for details.

Banquet and Riding Convention Club Hosts:

Jackpine Savages (Wise River) and the Mining City Trailriders (Butte)



Electronic Warfare

By Doug Chabot, Director, Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center

Jumping on our sleds and riding off in search of powder is a universal mission at trailheads throughout North America. While the enjoyment is undeniable, the risks are real. Weather, avalanches, breakdowns, crashes, and being thrown from the sled like a bronc rider are all things we accept. Many of us train and practice and push ourselves to be competent in the face of these hazards. We also spend hard-earned money on avalanche safety gear, notably an avalanche transceiver, shovel and probe. But there is a new hazard, unseen, and potentially life threatening: electronic interference with our transceiver.



Our sleds emit electronic noise, as do our phones, GPS trackers, radios, heated gloves, jackets and boots, smart watches, etc. All these devices can interfere with an avalanche transceiver, both as a victim and as a rescuer.

If you or someone in your party is buried, minutes matter. There is an 80% chance of survival if dug up in 12 minutes, which falls to 30% in 30 minutes. Electronic interference means that if you are buried and your phone or GPS tracker is close, your beeping signal will be compromised. If you are rescuer, being next to a running sled or having your phone close could give false depths and direction resulting in much longer search times. Saving a person completely buried in an avalanche is hard, stressful work that takes practice to perform quickly. We do not want to complicate this task any way.

Knowing the dangers of electronic interference is critical, and fortunately there are 3 easy steps you can take to minimize the consequence.

1. Turn off your sled before doing a beacon search. If one is running nearby, you need to get 100 feet (30m) away from it.

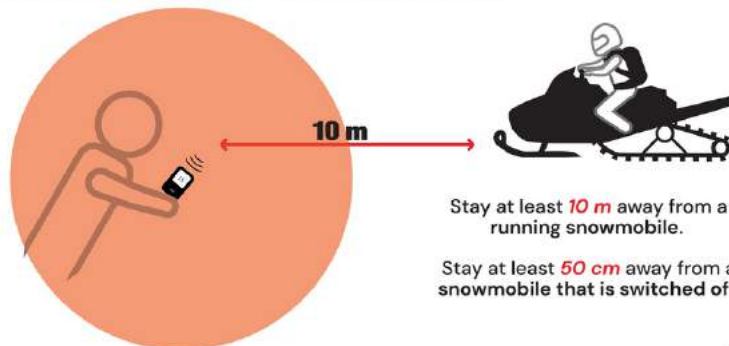
2. Keep all your electronic devices 8 inches (20 cm) away from your beacon at all times. A phone in a breast pocket over your beacon is a no-no. So is wearing a heated jacket!

3. When you are doing a search, extend your arm out away from your body. 1 ½ feet (50cm) is sufficient distance for personal electronics to not interfere with your search.

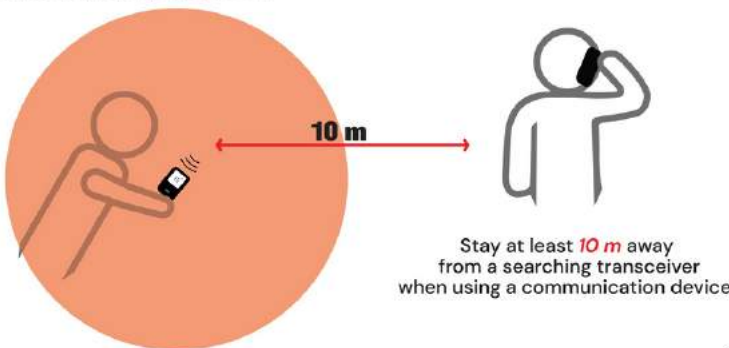
Practice until you do these things automatically, and tell your partners about it too, since they are the ones who will dig you up and save your life.

All our devices make us safer and more comfortable in most circumstances, but not all. Being a serious rider demands attention to the details, and this new hazard is worth taking seriously.

SEARCHING NEAR SNOWMOBILES



CALLING FOR HELP



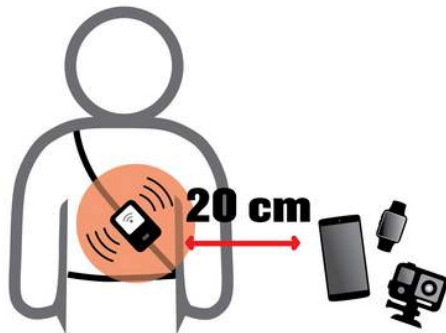
HELPFUL MEASUREMENTS



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!

Electronic devices, metal objects, and magnets of any kind will interfere with your transceiver's signal if they are too close.

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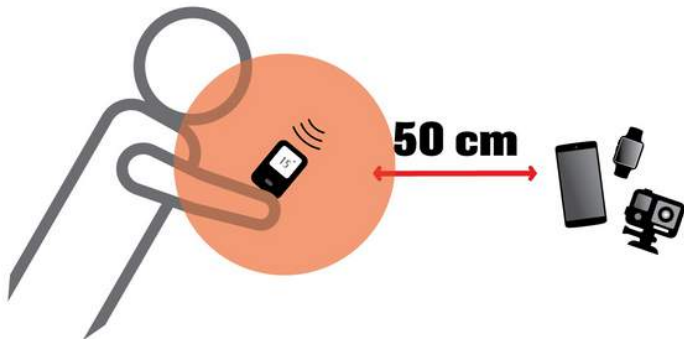


Always wear your transceiver at least **20 cm** away from anything electronic, metallic, or magnetic.

NO:

- Heated jackets
- Foil-lined jackets
- Magnetic jacket closures
- Chest-mounted cameras

SEARCHING



Increase the distance when searching.

Always hold your transceiver at least **50 cm** away from all electronics, metals, and magnets.

CAUTION

- Heated gloves must not be worn during a transceiver search.
- Electronic watches must not be worn on the same arm that holds your transceiver.

Always read and follow the instructions provided by your transceiver manufacturer.

Online Safety Course

Do you need Montana Snowmobile Education? You need education if you do not have a driver's license and will be riding on specially designated roads in Montana. www.snowmobile-ed.com

Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club

It's snowing in Cooke City so that means the UYSC has already begun the preparations for the upcoming season. We've checked all 5 beacon stations and they are ready to go. We are getting the Piston Bully prepped for grooming and our operators in shape!

Kristen and Rowdy Yates attended the GNFAC Powder Blast and made a donation to Friends of the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center (FGNFAC) that will go straight towards avalanche education. GNFAC will once again be having Friday Night avalanche awareness discussions and Saturday beacon search training in Cooke City.

At our October meeting the UYSC started planning our normal winter events like the Presidents Day Weekend Poker Run and of course the 28th Annual Hog Roast Fundraising event March 8th & 9th 2024. We will be posting our major raffles in the very near future! Keep watching our SM accounts and our web page ridecookecity.com for future updates!

Our December meeting will be our election meeting. We are currently accepting nominations. We also encourage members to utilize our online membership forms.

See you on the snow...Support Those That Support You Club!



**\$500
Scholarship**

The Montana Snowmobile Association is offering a scholarship to either a graduating high school senior or a person enrolled in a college, technical or vocational program. Must be a MSA member.

Entry Deadline: March 31, 2024
snowmobileMT.org

**DON'T USE KIDS
AS AIRBAGS**

**KEEP THEM SAFE.
PUT 'EM ON THE BACK.**

This message brought to you by the American Council of Snowmobile Associations
www.snowmobilers.org





MONTANA SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM UPDATE

By Seth McArthur

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, Seth

Montana Snowmobile Program Manager
Montana FWP | 406-444-3753

Upcoming Events

The Montana Snowmobile Safety Instructor certification is coming up. It will be for all current and prospective Snowmobile Club Safety Instructors for the purpose of providing training for unlicensed youth riders. Certified instructors can provide training for kids 16 and under so they can ride on dual-purpose roads, where allowed with a licensed adult. The class will focus on familiarizing instructors with the snowmobile safety instructor manual.

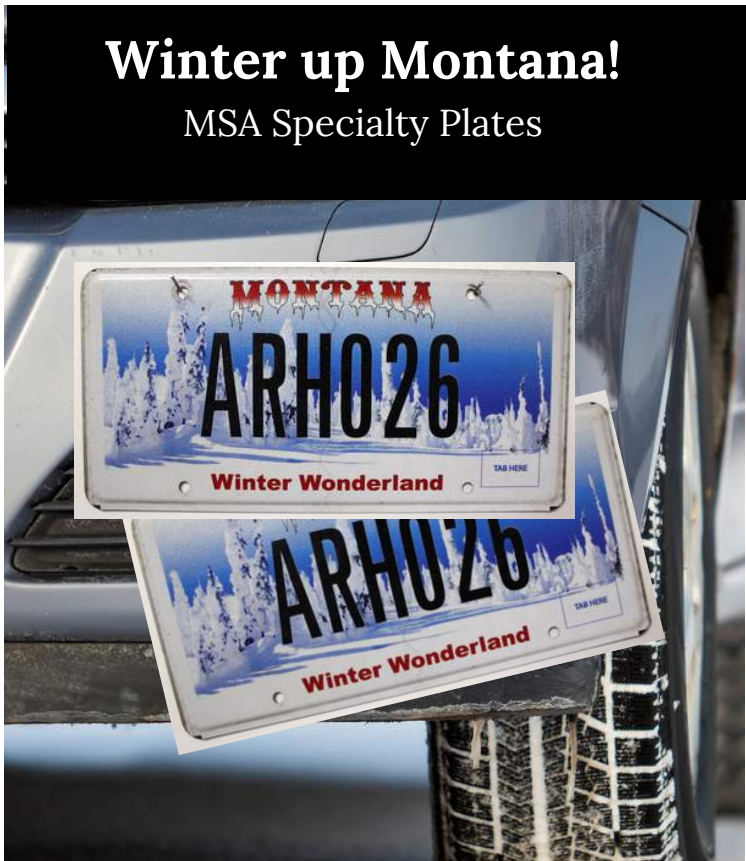
The recertification will be held Saturday, December 2, 2023, 9:30 a.m. at MT Wild in Helena. Lunch will be provided. Questions: Please contact Seth.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AROUND THE STATE

- November 18, 2023 - Pray for Snow Party - Flathead County Fairgrounds - Kalispell
 - December 1, 2023 - First Day of Grooming, if Conditions Allow
 - December 2, 2023 - Snowmobile Safety Instructor Certification - Helena (See page 11)
 - December 17, 2023 - Membership Drive & Steak Fry (Missoula Snowgoers)
 - December 31, 2023 - Annual Award Nominations Due
 - January 13 - 21, 2024 - International Snowmobile Safety Week
 - January 13, 2024 - Skalkaho Ladies Ride, Missoula Snowgoers
 - January 13, 20234 - Vintage Ride Miracle of America - Polson
 - January 15, 204 - Grant Deadline - Off-Highway Vehicle Program
 - January 20, 2024 - Lochsa Loop Ride -Missoula Snowgoers
 - January 20 & 21 - Winterfest Vintage Event - Lolo
 - January 31 - February 7, 2024 - Trans-Montana Charity Ride (See page 9)
 - February 2, 2024 - MSA Riding Convention Welcome Reception & Guest Speaker - Butte
 - February 3, 2024 - MSA Awards Banquet and Riding Convention - Butte
 - February 3, 2024 - Garnet Ghost Town Vintage Ride, Garnet
 - February 18, 2024 - Almost World Famous Family Ride - Lolo Hot Springs
 - February 1- 19, 2024 - Take a Friend Snowmobiling Campaign
 - February 28, 2024 - Grant Deadline - Off-Highway Vehicle Program
 - March 2 - BBQ Potluck - Warming Hut - Missoula Snowgoers
 - March 8-9, 2024 - Upper Yellowstone 28th Annual Fundraiser, Cooke City
- Avalanche Awareness - Check Avalance.org for upcoming events.**

Watch the MSA online Events Calendar as we add more events!



MSA MEMBERSHIP

Join our growing community to make something happen in yours

You already know MSA is the state organization uniting the local snowmobile communities to promote safe and responsible snowmobiling. Are you aware of the many reasons why you should become a member of MSA? MSA employs a lobbyist to represent our interest during the legislative session held every two years. MSA helps fight for public land access and helps clubs financially in their pursuit of keeping riding access.

MSA works closely with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks along with local clubs to develop and maintain a quality snowmobile trail system for all riders. But did you also know, these two parties help administer grooming funds, support costly repairs, administer grooming program insurance coverage for your local club as well as provide the required resource-environmental damage insurance, for three hosted events, per club?

MSA gives back to the communities of Montana in any way possible and sponsors an annual scholarship program.

To support MSA, we need your support. Help us defend your riding areas. If you are a member - THANK YOU! If you're not, we invite you to join online or by mailing in your Club, family, or business membership application today. **Visit:** www.snowmobilemt.org.

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