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As I was traveling over the pass to Expo the other week, I saw it, I smelled it, but I couldn't play in it. Yes, I am talking about snow! It was there about 500ft above my reach. I saw just enough to get the BUG. This was a great boost to my attitude as I was preparing for the 29th Annual WSSA Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet. I had trouble paying attention to my driving as the snow was a fantastic distraction!

Expo 2021 was a success considering all the things going on that were trying to get in the way. Our first hurdle was the mask mandate from the Governor. I purchased 2000 masks, 50 shields and four gallons of hand sanitizer in order to comply. Guess what? We didn't run out! Our next hurdle was SnoWest moved their snow show to the same dates as ours. As a result, we lost about 10 exhibitors at our event. Hopefully this will not happen next year at our 30th anniversary show on October 15th, 2022. The next hurdle was 'inventory'. This problem has impacted all of the dealers and exhibitors. Thankfully they had enough product to make it through the show. Hopefully the supply chain will catch up to the demand. Somehow this reminds me of the toilet paper shortage.

Attendance was down this year; however sales were normal to great. I saw the lines at the cash registers!

Looking to the future, I think part of our new normal will be 'Made in America'. The best way to protect ourselves from shortages is to source our own products. Just my thoughts. Hindsight will be our best educator to our future.

A special thanks goes out to Andrew of STACYC Stability Cycle and to the dealers who helped him put together a 40'x70' track so all the kids could ride these cool little electric bikes. This was the hit of the show! Thanks Andrew! Thank you to Polaris Manufacturing for donating the booth space they normally fill up.

Now is time to start planning our 2022 30th annual Expo. We are already working on special stuff for Friday night.

Also, as a reminder, WSSA will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2022 as an organization dedicated to 'Keeping the Gates Open' for snowmobilers, as well as many other user groups. More to follow.

The 2022 International Snowmobile Congress is just around the corner. Make plans now to attend in Dubuque Iowa next June. More to follow.

Please pre-check your equipment now for any problems and that way when it is time to have fun, you can.

The 2021-2022 challenge is still to keep 'building bridges and not walls'! Don't forget to support and thank your dealers as they do their best to take care of you in your sport.

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Greetings fellow snowmobilers!

It's starting to snow in the higher elevations of the Cascades! On our way to Expo, Chinook Pass had snow and it was awesome! It was so nice to be able to have the Expo this year. I saw a lot of people I haven't seen for a couple of years and was able to catch up with them. The show was down in venders this year. I heard some of our venders couldn't get product. Hopefully next year will be better.

After reading the October Snoflyer, I was really glad to see what all of the clubs had been doing this past summer. We have the best group of volunteers ever! I know when my husband Ron and I have been to the clubs' work parties we always have a good time. When you are working to improve your winter recreation with like-minded people, it give you great satisfaction to know you are doing your part to make the season better for everyone.

Remember when you get your sleds ready for winter to check your safety gear. Sometimes we forget to make sure we replaced any items we used last year. Everyone should carry a first aid kit and hopefully you won't need it. Stay safe out there and have fun.



## District Reports



### District 1 North

**By Hans Brubaker**  
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I wonder if the inventors of the first snowmobiles had any idea of the enthusiast community they were forming through their mechanical wonders. I had the opportunity to attend the Whatcom County Snowmobile Club and Northwest Glacier Cruisers October meetings, as well as the WSSA Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet. At all three events, the spirit of the snowmobile family was as strong as ever and reminded me of how awesome this sport is. There is a combination of respect for history and those who paved the way to build our sport, a spirit of adventure and anticipation for the upcoming season, and an interest in service to future riders. There are long time loyal businesses supporting us, innovative new ventures, and public agencies with employees going the extra mile year after year to help our sport.

On the cusp of snow falling in the high country and the season we live for, let's all continue to do our part to make this the best winter sport it can be. With rapid changes in the world around us, we can find comfort in the familiar winter environments we call home. While enjoying our season, I encourage everyone to find ways to strengthen our sport. Maybe support a new organization, introduce someone to snowmobiling, or volunteer some time making connections with our public land agencies to improve these relationships. These are only a few of many ways we can all continue to build our sport in times of intense competition for public land access, and our future generations interests.



### District 1 South

**By Glenn Markovits**  
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Hello snowmobile friends! I hope everyone is getting their snowmobiles and equipment ready for an awesome upcoming season. Snow has been falling in some higher elevations and the temps have been dropping.

As most of you know, WSSA had the return of our annual WSSA Snowmobile and

Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet at the Puyallup Fairgrounds in October and what a great time everyone had! It was so nice to see all the clubs, local dealers, and vendors getting together to share their great deals on everything from snowmobiles, to clothing and accessories. The Cascade Drift Skippers (CDS) had an awesome club booth and had a great turnout of snowmobilers stopping by

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for a game of cornhole with custom made beanbags by Edythe Ferrian. What a great job and team effort by Darren King, Billy Sehmel, Alex Cropley and Edythe Ferrian



CDS club booth at Expo.



setting up the CDS club booth. (Thank you everyone.)

CDS had several new members join the club recently at the WSSA Expo and that speaks volumes as to how many new snowmobilers are joining in on our sport.

The Cascade Drift Skippers had their October meeting in North Bend at the Iron Duck Restaurant (<https://theironduckpublichouse.com>) and it was a great turnout. The meeting went very well

with Darren King (club president) and the board, who are doing a great job leading CDS off to a great start for the season. CDS will continue to have club meetings every second Wednesday of the month at the Iron Duck Restaurant with the social hour starting at 6pm and the meeting starting at 7pm.

The Cascade Drift Skippers have scheduled club snowmobile rides every weekend throughout the season. CDS will have family rides, beginner rides and intermediate rides.



CDS club meeting.

If you would like to join any CDS ride throughout the season, please pay close attention to the CDS club Facebook page and the CDS club website.

Lots of other snowmobile clubs around Washington state plan on hosting rides and events on the snow this season and I encourage you to go to other areas of the state and support other local clubs and their events. I know the Northwest Glacier Cruisers up north are plan-

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ning a big North Cascade Highway ride; the Yakima Ski-Benders are planning on hosting their annual Snowfest and great Kids' Ride on Chinook Pass. The Sno-Jammers in Pierce County/Greenwater area plan on hosting their great annual Fun Run in March. There are lots of other great clubs and snowmobile events across Washington throughout the season, so please get out there and share the love of the sport as much as you can by joining in on these other awesome snowmobile events.

A lot of our local snowmobile dealers have had special sales events and open houses and they still have some great deals to be had. Clem's Enumclaw Powersports had their fantastic annual open house and sled blow-up with a great turnout Friday night, October 22nd, and continued their sale for several days afterwards.

Safety: Please try and at least take an avalanche awareness class online; it may save your life or your friend's life! And get all your safety gear in order and check it over for damage and functionality. Check the pressure in your avy pack air bottle, make sure your probes work and are functioning and hopefully you pulled the batteries out of your beacon from last season and put fresh batteries in.

Please register your snowmobiles to support our statewide trail grooming program managed by Washington State Parks. Snowmobile registrations are the only source of trail grooming funding and the funds are dedicated to our trail grooming program.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and hopefully everyone gets to spend some quality time with family and friends for a day of thanks.

Think snow! Be safe, and I hope to see everyone on the snow soon!



## District 2 South

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Not much happening in the district yet; next report I should have a couple club meetings under my belt.

Only business I have going on is that I haven't met our new Ranger for Leavenworth; I'm looking forward to that.

I also would like to say I had a great time at the WSSA Expo and it was wonderful to see everyone. I will be attending the Winter Knights show in Spokane and of course Snowfest in Leavenworth.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me 509-433-2100.



## District 3

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It is nearing the end of October as I write this column and it is still pretty warm. Well at least it will give us a chance to get our home projects done before sled season rolls around.

Speaking of sleds, not a bad time to see what parts and gear you need with the snow shows and open houses. Keep in mind that parts still can be tough to get this year with the disruptions in the supply chain.

Some things are still moving forward this year such as the Forest Service with planning activities for the Forest that will eliminate some roads while enhancing others. We will be working with the Colville National Forest as they move ahead with some planning for areas that include snowmobile trails.

The Winter Knights and other clubs are hard at work, like the squirrels, getting the provisions in for a good winter ahead.

The forecast for Northeast Washington again is calling for a bit colder and wetter than normal so the snowpack may be quite deep leading to some very good sledding.



## District 4 North

**By Tanner Hamlyn**  
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Greeting fellow snowmobilers! I wanted to start this off with a HUGE thank you to the Sno-jammers and Junco snowmobile clubs. Without groups like these our trails would be in such disrepair that we wouldn't have trails.

The Junco Snowmobile Club was able to install a donated wood stove into the Wakepish Sno-Park cabin. The existing one was tired and worn out from the years of use and couldn't be repaired. They poured a new base for the stove to keep it off the floor and they installed a new chimney pipe, damper cap, and roof support to hold the up and coming snow loads. While in there they installed some blocking around the eaves to keep mother nature out, and the heat in.

Over the summer some critters liked to use the shelter as a home so they cleaned up inside, and picked up trash around the snowpark. They finished up the weekend with some brush clearing.



The Junco club installed a new woodstove at the Wakepish Sno-Park shelter.

During the WSSA Snow Show, the Juncos orchestrated a well-run Blue Lot parking lot and swap meet. They had over 50 vendors selling goods in the parking lot. With all of the vendors and donations from attendees they raised almost \$8,000 for WSSA's Legal Action Fund! This money is needed to help keep our trails open for us for years to come.

The Sno-Jammers have had their hands in a lot of projects as well. With the help of local businesses, many donated pieces of heavy equipment, countless man-hours, they moved over 200 yards of rock to cover the access road to the Government Meadows cabin. This was done with five skid steers, four dump trailers and one dump truck. The same weekend they FILLED the cabin with a crazy amount of wood. Some of the firewood was transported in with three pickup trucks piled high and one dump truck filled to the brim. They also

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had two log splitters working non-stop to split three trees that had fallen.



Two recent projects at Government Meadows: Cabin stocked with wood and access road improved for servicing the cabin and toilets.

The Sno-Jammers had an amazing turn out at the club booth inside the Snow Show. They had 18 new members join the group. One of the club's big attractions was the Plinko board that gathered people from all ages and gave them a chance to win prizes. Many loved to see all the work done to



The Sno-Jammers had a successful weekend at the WSSA Snow Show.

their trails over the summer and loved studying the groomed trail map to try and figure out new areas to ride.

If it wasn't for these clubs and the many like it around the state, we would not have access to our lands. I ask you all to please consider joining your local club, where

ever you ride, participate in the events they have, and the work parties they put on. These clubs are more than a year's worth of due charge; as much as your dues go to help this sport and your area, your time and participation is more valuable.

If you would like to join either of these clubs, the Juncos meet the first Monday of each month September through April, at the Godfathers pizza in Spanaway. The social hour begins at 6pm, and the meeting starts at 7pm. The Sno-Jammers meet monthly the first Wednesday of the month, September through May, at the Roundtable Pizza in Puyallup. Again the social hour begins at 6pm, and the meeting starts at 7pm.

If you would like to see both clubs upcoming ride schedules, come check them out in person!

See you on the snow!



## District 6

By Chris Shires  
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The Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club of Dayton had their first club meeting in October. The Godman warming hut is ready for winter!

The Pomeroy club is starting to cut wood to restock as the mountain has been closed all summer due to the fires.

We have had our first snow – it's coming folks.



## WSSA's Associate Partnership Program

Luft Trailer Sales in Ellensburg is offering a 10% discount on parts.



Are you next? Add your business name here!

With all the challenges facing everyone during this past year, we're starting a program with our Associate members to try to bring our snowmobile members together with our Associate members through an affinity or loyalty program. It's very simple and straightforward – As an Associate, just let us know how you would like to participate. WSSA will publicize the Associate members and what they are offering in the Snoflyer and on social media. Just contact membership@wssa.us to get signed up!

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO! - Avalanche Forecasts



Cascades (Canadian border to Mt. Hood) - [www.nwac.us](http://www.nwac.us)

Idaho Panhandle - [www.idahopanhandleavalanche.org](http://www.idahopanhandleavalanche.org)

WA/OR Blues - [www.wallowaavalanchecenter.org/forecast/blues](http://www.wallowaavalanchecenter.org/forecast/blues)





# State Parks Update

By Pamela McConkey, Winter Recreation Program Manager

## Pre-Winter Worries May Turn Into Sno-Park Closures in 2021/2022!

Your Winter Recreation Program staff have been very busy this 'off' season trying to secure service providers for snow removal and sanitation in many areas across Washington. As we have all heard, said, and experienced, many folks do not want to work or their expectations for compensation are not reasonable, not legal, and just plain out of our reach. Several areas across Washington may have sno-parks closed this season due to the lack of snow removal service providers. If we cannot secure contractors to plow/remove snow from roads and parking lots, we will close the sno-park for the season. Several contracts have been released for 'Request for Proposal' (gone out to bid), with zero response. We will be working with our Communications Team to put out news releases to see if we can stir up interests in various areas.

If you know of someone who has the experience and equipment that may be in a position to work for us through the winter, please have them contact our office with their location and availability. If they are a fit, we maybe able to sign an agreement. E-mail us at [win-ter@parks.wa.gov](mailto:win-ter@parks.wa.gov). (COVID vaccinations are not required for private contractors working for us.)

## A Reminder to Those Visiting the Ahtanum State Forest

The Ahtanum State Forest is again a member of the State Parks Sno-Park Program. Grooming, snow removal, sanitation and services will all remain the same. What's back is the required sno-park permit, which of course you receive at no additional cost when you

register your snowmobile. What's no longer required is the Discover Pass.

In cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), local clubs and interested parties, State Parks and DNR have agreed to pull the Ahtanum and other DNR properties, such as Rattlesnake, back into the Sno-Park Program. So, register your sled(s), get your free sno-park permit (s), and think snow!

Thanks to all the area snowmobile clubs, grooming councils, service contractors and DNR staff, for the hard work, long discussions and dedication to making this change a reality for the 2021/2022 season and beyond!

## Senate Bill 5016 Passed – Tracked All-Terrain Vehicles

Senate Bill 5016 passed. This bill became effective July 25th, 2021, and the cost for registration will be the same as a snowmobile (\$50 annually). The bill in summary: 'Tracked all-terrain vehicle' is defined within the snowmobile chapter of state law as a WATV (wheeled all-terrain vehicle),



weighing less than 2000 pounds in stock configuration, with tracks or a combination of tracks and skis installed in place of the tires. The definition of snowmobile is broadened to include tracked all-terrain vehicles. An owner of a WATV is allowed to maintain concurrent registrations for the vehicle for use as a WATV, and for use as a tracked all-terrain vehicle. When registering as a WATV, the WATV registration laws apply, including applicable fees. When registering as a tracked all-terrain vehicle, the snowmobile registration laws apply, including applicable fees. The Department of Licensing has established a declaration for submission by the WATV owner when initially applying for a snowmobile registration, which states the WATV complies with all applicable federal or state vehicle safety standards while in use as a WATV upon public highways.

Here's where to look for (Continued on page 12)



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## Snowmobile Registrations

	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY 21-22 Difference
July	149	145	134	148	166	151	186	35
August	531	676	782	2,307	222	249	1,291	1,042
September	2,968	3,145	2,946	1,682	2,974	3,220	3,418	198
October	1,662	2,139	2,489	1,882	3,357	3,189		
November	3,129	3,362	4,360	2,960	2,372	5,009		
December	11,575	13,170	6,973	8,320	6,726	7,229		
January	3,528	3,196	3,358	3,433	4,514	3,295		
February	1,164	1,513	1,166	1,602	1,293	1,541		
March	298	686	674	958	355	636		
April	82	181	175	258	89	219		
May	32	93	93	90	135	108		
June	30	84	71	83	126	179		
Total:	25,148	28,390	23,221	23,723	22,329	25,025	4,895	1,275



# State Parks Update cont... Membership

more details: (Continued from page 11)

DOL webpage for registering a tracked all-terrain vehicle (TATV):

<https://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/trackedatv.html>

Here is a page with links to snowmobile, snowbike and TATV registration info:

<https://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/offroad.html>

## Friendly Faces at the WSSA Snow Show in Puyallup

As many of you know, things felt a bit more 'back to normal' at the WSSA Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet over October 16th and 17th in Puyallup. We are all very excited to be heading to the Spokane Winter Knights Snow Show on November 13th, and the Bavarian Boondockers Snow Show in Leavenworth on November 20th.

We had a great time reconnecting with folks and visiting with friends. The Safe Rider Class was held, and a small handful of students passed the written part of the course and are looking forward to completing their 'on the snow' portions on their way to being certified Safe Riders. If you have a student between the ages of 12-16, there will be another course offered, at no cost, in December in Wenatchee. And we'll be back again next year offering the free instruction at the WSSA Snow Show at the Puyallup Fairgrounds in October.

If you haven't already, take a look at your calendars and the WSSA calendar of events and start planning to attend the snow shows, reconnect with vendors and friends, see what WSSA has been working on, and check out all the new snowmobiles, gear and swag. Stop by the State Parks Winter Recreation Program booth and say hello!



## Membership Matters

By Wayne and Florence Mohler, Membership co-chairs

It was great to see a lot of snowmobilers at the 2021 Washington Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet in Puyallup. While the Expo had lower attendance than in 2019, everyone seemed to be appreciative the event was being held again. It gave everyone a chance to 'reconnect' and get caught up on things as well as get stocked up with the essentials for the upcoming snowmobile season. There are still several dealer open houses coming up in the next month or so, so if you haven't got everything you need, please get out and attend their open houses and snow celebrations.

On to the membership items: Your membership will become inactive if you haven't renewed by December. Please renew right away. A big thank you to everyone who has already renewed. Our membership numbers are up significantly from where we were last year at this time, and hopefully that trend will continue. Getting new members to join is basically an investment in the future of snowmobiling. We need active and enthusiastic members to help address the challenges of growing our sport and keeping riding areas open.

Dues are \$25 for Individual/Families and for Clubs. Dues for Associate members (Dealers and Businesses) are \$50. For clubs that collect WSSA dues from your members, please forward the WSSA portion of the dues right away. If your club has a new president or contact person to list in the Snoflyer, please let us know who it is and provide the updated information. Also, a quick reminder that you can now print your membership card or save it to your cell phone.

If you have any questions about membership, please e-mail us at [membership@wssa.us](mailto:membership@wssa.us) or call (509) 674-4401. And remember – Your Membership Matters!



Visit [www.snowmobile.org](http://www.snowmobile.org) for Safe Riders! material. Please use to promote club membership and snowmobile safety!

## Join WSSA and help support snowmobiling in Washington State!

### What Does WSSA Do For YOU?

- WSSA's Legal Action Fund defends snowmobiling in Washington against adverse land-use actions
- WSSA members work on behalf of all Washington State snowmobilers' in Olympia's Capitol
- WSSA District Reps represent snowmobilers' interests with local land officials and in regional trail grooming councils
- WSSA travels to Washington D.C. to discuss snowmobile related issues with your congressional representatives and national land managers
- WSSA represents snowmobilers on the national level with a voice in the American Council of snowmobile Associations and the International Snowmobile Council
- WSSA hosts the annual Snowmobile Expo & Swap Meet in Puyallup – the largest snowmobile event in the Pacific Northwest
- WSSA's successful Trail Grant program helps fund new sno-parks & warming huts, trail upgrades & facility improvements
- WSSA's annual Winter Rendezvous offers you the opportunity to ride in different parts of the state with guided rides and evening social gatherings
- WSSA supports snowmobile and non-snowmobile projects and charities to boost the image of snowmobilers across the state





## Club News



### Lake Wenatchee Rec Club

**By Marilyn Mylius,  
Vice President**

Hello from the Lake Wenatchee Rec Club! We have seen some snow on the ridge tops recently so it won't be long now until riding time again! Woo-hoo!

The Rec Club recently was able to provide the space for the October WSSA Meeting. It was so nice to see all those lovely people who dedicate so much of their time and energy to protecting the rights of the snowmobile community in Washington State. Thanks to all of you!

The Rec Club has a few events on our winter calendar:

- **January 15th - Club Ride**
- **February 16th - The Bob Melson Memorial Poker Ride** - named this year for one of our dearest longtime members and former WSSA representative who donated so much of his time and efforts to our club and winter recreation activities. Bob will be missed dearly; we will remember him always and play some poker hands for him!

We had such a good response last season from our first annual Snowmobile Geocache Challenge that we are going to do it again this winter! The event will cover a period of time from approximately December 15th thru March 1st (snow permitting). This is a really fun game that riders can play all winter and win some great cash and swag prizes! You really don't even need a GPS as we give lots of clues other than the GPS coordinates!

We are also scheduled to host the Winter SMAC (Snowmobile Advisory Committee) ride and meeting on February 4th and 5th (ride on the 4th, meeting on the 5th). We will need volunteers to help 'guide' the ride on Friday.

Membership renewals are going out soon and this year we've added an online process. If interested in joining or you want info about upcoming events, please visit our website at [www.lakewenatcheerecclub.org](http://www.lakewenatcheerecclub.org).

Stay safe!

#### Want to Volunteer?

WSSA can use your help on land use, legislative, not to mention other committees. Contact President Dean Meakin and share your expertise!



### Methow Valley Snowmobile Association

**By Evie Johnson  
Secretary**

From fire to ice in the Methow!

What a wild summer we had out here with two major forest fires surrounding the Methow! Everyone is relieved for the cool, crisp fall weather and happy to see some snow capped peaks out in the hills.

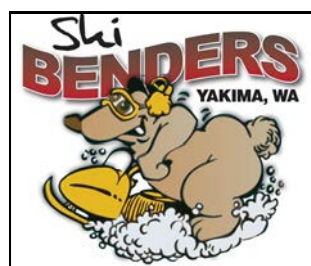
We're getting stoked for a new sledding season! With the help from our new grant, our warming huts are being prepared and the mobile huts are in place out in the forest and on top of the mountains with some killer views.

We will be having monthly rides and introducing some difficulty-rated rides for different ability levels. Info about these rides will be posted on our Facebook page the Wednesday immediately before the weekend.

Also happening this season will be a Kids' Day and an avalanche safety course! Meetings for MVSA (Methow Valley Snowmobile Association) happen every third Tuesday of the month and members are welcome to attend in person; info about these will be on our Facebook as well.

New signs were made for the sno-parks and are being posted. These signs were a collaborative effort of the various user groups of the sno-parks. They provide some safety and permitting information. You'll see these signs at Silverstar, Boulder Creek, and more!

Do your snow dances!



### Yakima Ski-Benders

**By Liz Van Amburg,  
President**

Hi everyone! The fire is under control and we were able to hold our first club meeting in October. Membership was due and we planned out our season and there is going to be new ideas and plenty of events to attend in the Yakima area!

Thank you Jeff and Audeena Smith for running the booth at the WSSA Snow Show

this year.

Welcome to our new and returning members! I know I am looking forward to this year's season.

Our Chilly Ride is chaired by Ron Alred and Ron Lind and the date is set for January 15th. Snow will determine where we have it. Watch our Facebook page for details.

We are having our annual Crab Feed on December 4th. If you aren't a fan of crab, ribs will be an option. We will have a large raffle and welcome anyone who would like to donate prizes. We will also be selling tables; check our Facebook page for all the details! This event is super popular and always sells out quickly. Call me at (509) 225-6681 to get tickets. Thank you Ron and Dee Alred for chairing this event!

Ron Lind will be chairing the Family Fun Run/Snofest on Chinook Pass with Ronna Younie's guidance. He is looking for anyone (business or otherwise) who wants to buy a spot on an event t-shirt; the cost will be \$100. You can contact Ron, Shannon or myself to get your spot! We will be collecting donations for this event as well.

**Save the Date for the 10th annual Kids' Ride February 26th!**

The music event Chinook Fest is planned for June 9th, 2022.

We will need a lot of volunteers for all our events. If you are interested, please give me a call.

Huge shout out to all the volunteers from our club who helped build a new bridge at the top of the Little Naches Pass jeep trail. Please report your volunteer hours to Ron Alred. Get out and volunteer; it is great for our sport! Thank you!



### Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club

**By Kevin Hancock,  
Webmaster**

What a great and busy weekend it was at the Washington State Snowmobile Association (WSSA) Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet! This was our 22nd year. The time went by fast. We had our display up and running well before it was time for the gates to open. The best part of the Expo was that you stopped to see our old machines, and swap riding stories when they were the hottest and newest

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# Club News Continued...

(Continued from page 13) sleds on the trails.

First, a special thanks goes to all those who voted for our first and second place 'People's Choice' award, and 'Homeliest Snowmobile'. Without you the awards are not possible. This year you decided first place winner for 'Best of Show' was Dick Feil for his beautifully restored 1965 Polaris Sno-Traveler.

Coming in second was Ray Bergstresser with his 1972 Sno\*Jet 440 Thunder Jet. These sleds were skillfully restored.

Then there was the winner for the 'Homeliest Snowmobile'. You decided my 1970 Wheel Horse Safari 309 was it.

Thanks to everyone who voted to settle the contest of the best and homeliest sleds for this year's show.

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As usual, the PNWVSC had an impressive display of vintage and antique snowmobiles on display at the WSSA Snow Show



Kevin Hancock's 1970 Wheel Horse Safari 309 earned the 'Homeliest Snowmobile' award.



Second place 'People's Choice' went to Ray Bergstresser with his 1972 Sno\*Jet 440 Thunder Jet.



First place 'People's Choice' was awarded to Dick Feil for his 1965 Polaris Sno-Traveler.





## Club News *Continued...*



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### **Bavarian Boondockers**

**By Matt Kensrud,  
President**

Village!

Some of the club members set up the booth at the WSSA Expo and we signed up a lot of new members along with a bunch of renewals. We even sold some merchandise! What a great time!

We also hooked up with new vendors for Snowfest 9, which will be held at the Festhalle in Leavenworth on November 20th. The event runs 10am to 5pm; come out and support the club!

By the time you read this the hut will be on the hill with the wood shed and hut stocked for the season!

Remember to check out the website ([www.bavarianboondockers.com](http://www.bavarianboondockers.com)); all our club rides and events are posted.



### **Sno-Jammers Snowmobile Club**

**By  
Christina Markovits**

October was a successful month for the Sno-Jammers! The club wrapped up our fall projects and we had a great time at the WSSA Expo!

Our club booth was filled with a variety of pictures, our upcoming ride schedule, useful information about the Greenwater area (including large maps to get a visual of our trail system), and FUN activities for the whole family. We gave away lots of fun prizes and took in 40 memberships! Approximately 95 adults and kids joined our club at the Expo this year! I want to give a shout out to all the club members who stepped up to help out at the booth and/or volunteered their time for WSSA. We couldn't have done it without you all!

Now, for a little update on our fall work projects. The maintenance access road going into Government Meadows cabin received some much needed attention this October. We have been struggling to get a pump truck into the cabin to pump out the bathrooms for several years now. It was crucial this road get fixed this year so we can try and get the bathrooms pumped before the snow falls. We had many volunteers help with this project and I would like to recognize and thank them all for their hard work. A special thank you goes out to Glenn Markovits for organizing this project.

The Government Meadows cabin is also stocked full of wood for this upcoming season. We had a large group of volunteers join us at our annual wood splitting/stacking work party and I would like to thank them all for their hard work and time donated to help out the club. The amount of wood we split and stacked was IMPRESSIVE! The Sno-Jammers are asking if you use the cabin this year and burn wood, please take the time to replenish the wood inside

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# Club News Continued...

(Continued from page 16) by bringing some in from the stacks outside. We want to make sure wood remains easily accessible for all users, especially during the colder months when heat is crucial for staying warm and drying out gear. We try to provide enough wood to last all year (fall to summer) so please be mindful about how much you burn at a time.

Now that November is here the snow is right around the corner, so start doing your snow dances! The club is looking forward to a great season full of TONS of rides and events. As of now we already have approximately 13 rides scheduled! Make sure to continue to check out our website ([www.snojammers.org](http://www.snojammers.org)) and follow us on Facebook so you can stay up to date on our rides and events.

Lastly, it is never too late to become a member or join us at a meeting to see what we are all about. Memberships are only \$20/year for an entire family! Memberships can be purchased/renewed online or you may pay in person at a club meeting. We meet the first Wednesday of every month from September - May at the Round Table Pizza in Puyallup. Social hour begins at 6pm and the meeting starts at 7pm. Our next meeting is December 1st.

We look forward to meeting all of our new members over the coming months!

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Group shot of the wood-stacking party.



Glenn M. cutting up logs.



Brian R. splitting logs.



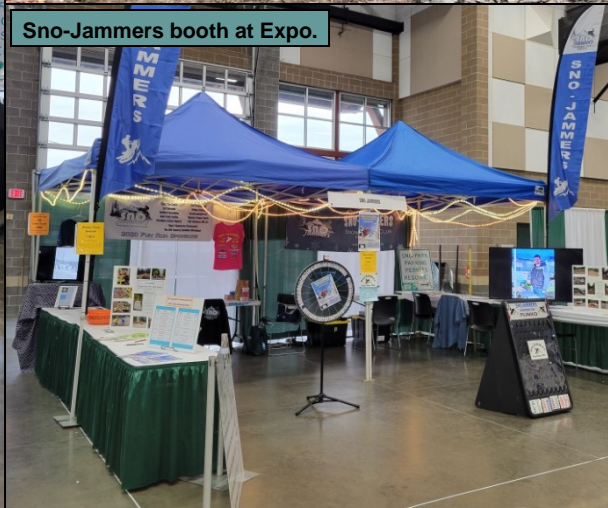
Bill Y. and Glenn M. splitting a log.



Sno-Jammers' improving the access road to the Government Meadows Cabin.



Taylor running the Plinko board at the club booth.



Sno-Jammers booth at Expo.

## Sno-Jammers Snowmobile Club 2021/2022 Scheduled Rides:

Date	Ride	Host	Date	Ride	Host
12/19/2021	Avalanche Training Ride with NWAC	Tanner H.	2/19/2022	Advanced Ride	Glenn M.
	New Year's Ride AND Outdoor Movie Night in the Snopark (Crystal Springs)	Christina M. & Tanner H.	2/26/2022	Intermediate Ride	Tanner H.
1/1/2022			2/25/2022 to 3/3/2022	Out of State Ride	Clem T.
1/15/2022	Intermediate Ride Greenwater to Easton	Glenn M.	3/5/2022	32nd Annual FUN RUN!!	Sno-Jammers
1/22/2022	LADIES Ride	Christina M.	3/13/2022	KID'S Ride	Clem T.
2/12/2022	Intermediate Ride Greenwater to Manastash	Glenn M.	Late Season Date TBD	Sled Recovery Ride	Bill Y.
2/19/2022	Beginner Ride WSSA Rendezvous	Sno-Jammers	Every Thursday	Clem's "Thursday Ride" Greenwater	Clem T.

Sno-Jammers' Upcoming Ride Schedule.



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## Junco Snowmobile Club

By Chris Sutton

We hope you found everything you needed for this season at the WSSA Snow Show or at your local dealer. Supply shortages and backorders have affected a lot of businesses this year; don't be the guy waiting for parts when our season starts! Remember to check your carbides and hyfaxes, along with lubing up all your suspension and mechanical components. Many shops are already booked up, so it is important to learn how to do basic maintenance yourself to avoid any down time. We encourage you to buy local and support your dealers; we need them to stay around for many more seasons to come!

The Juncos proudly oversaw the Blue Lot at the Snow Show again this year and we were able to collect \$7,978 in donations for the WSSA Legal Action Fund. We want to thank everyone who generously donated this year and it was fun interacting with you at the gate. We saw many Blue Lot Swap Meet items sell very quickly and even though some used sleds were priced a little high, we were able to acquire one for our fun 'Sleds on Fire' raffle during our 'Charity on the Snow' event this season, but you'll have to wait until January to see what we have in-store for you! Special thanks go to Kody

Fuchs, Hailey Carter, Kyla Carter, and Riley Fuhrman; these energetic young members were a HUGE help this year and we appreciate their interest in the club!

We had a successful Wakepish work party on Saturday, October 9th, and were able to replace the woodstove with a newer one donated by a former snowmobiler, Jerry Marcy. We poured a new base and replaced most of the chimney pipe, adding a damper and a new pipe support on the roof as well. Some blocking was added to the eaves to seal the structure more for heat retention and we plan on completing this project soon as the building's design created some unique problems. None of this could have happened without the help of Jimmy Bauer, Josh Simpson, Mike Collins, Zach Bradbury, and Kyla Carter. We were informed by our Cowlitz Valley Ranger, James King, this site will be receiving a brand-new bathroom this coming summer and we look forward to making even more improvements to this sno-park in the future as this is one of our favorite places to ride!

Our Midway Garage project  
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We are looking forward to many more nights like this at Wakepish!



Jimmy and Chris working on the new Wakepish Wood Stove!



Jimmy, Chris, and Josh working hard while Luna takes a Break!

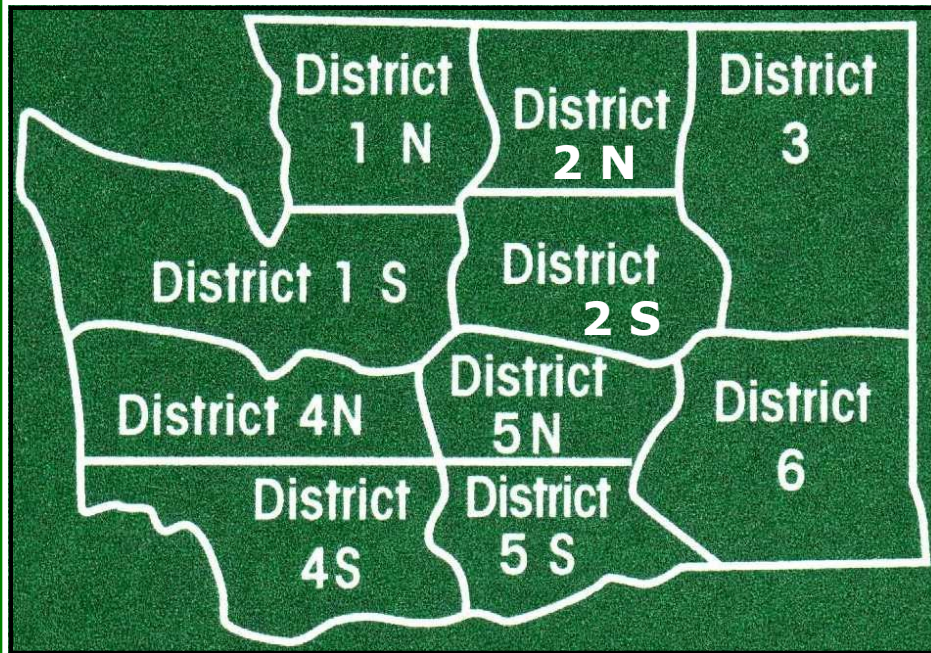
New Wood Stove at Wakepish Sno-Park!



Our President, Josh Simpson, working on blocking at Wakepish!



# Snowmobile Clubs



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# WINTER RENDEZVOUS 2022

## YAKIMA

### FEBRUARY 18 - 21

#### *Guided Rides*

Friday-Sunday  
Information / Sign up @ Check-in

#### *Rendezvous Pricing*

Dinners  
Friday and Saturday Night  
Yakima Valley Museum

#### *Home2 Suites*

Yakima, WA  
Rates \$119/Night  
Reservations  
509-453-1806

#### *Great Fun for the entire Family*

Photo Contest  
Sled Deck Raffle  
Silent & Live Auctions (proceeds go to Legal Action Fund)  
Awards Ceremony & Dinner (Fri & Sat Night)  
Entertainment & Prizes



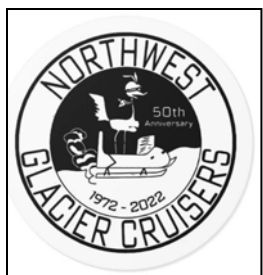


## Club News *Continued...*

(Continued from page 18) needed to be postponed until a later date due to the Schneider Springs Fire being a priority to the U.S. Forest Service at that time. We are still planning on turning the derelict structure into a warming shelter and look forward to working on this next summer. You can contact me at (253) 224-8806 or snowkingsuton79@gmail.com if you would like to donate money, time, or materials to this ambitious project. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

Back Country Plowing and Grooming is excited to try out some new territory this season! They were able to get all the contracts needed to groom from Orr Creek Sno-Park all the way to Lone Butte and Flattop Sno-Parks. This will open miles upon miles of new trails and territory for us and will also create the opportunity for us to interact with the clubs on the south side of Mount St. Helens. We are grateful for all of their hard work in making this happen and cannot wait to explore this new area!

The Junco Snowmobile Club meets **monthly at Godfather's Pizza near Spanaway** at 15709 Pacific Ave S. in Tacoma. We meet on the first Monday of each month at 7pm, September through April, with a social hour beginning at 6pm! We are a small informal club with a lot of young families, and we are always looking for new friends to ride with. It is very common to see kids in our snowmobiles and playing with friends, so please watch out for them! Our membership is only \$20 a year per family, and we welcome yours to come join us! If you would like to be a member and support our club but cannot make it to our meetings, you can mail a \$20 check to our treasurer, Kristal Simpson, at 14404 50th Ave. E., Tacoma, WA 98446; please include your e-mail on the check! You can also follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/318085678333978/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/318085678333978/) for more information about our club, our rides, and our 'Charity on the Snow' event!



### Northwest Glacier Cruisers

By Jessica Ronhaar

We are excited for this upcoming season and it has been fun to be back in community



A successful 'Ladies Meet and Greet' held at the WSSA Expo.



The club signed up 30 new members at Expo!



Yeti on the loose at Expo!

with friends around the Pacific Northwest as we prepare for a great season. We had a great time this year at the WSSA Snow Show and the turnout was awesome with 77 memberships total. Thirty new memberships and 47 renewals; we are excited to see our club and other clubs grow each year. And did you see the Yeti that was creating havoc and running all over at the show?

This year we were excited to be a part of the 'Ladies Meet and Greet' where we were able to encourage and empower women of all ages to ride and enjoy a sport that is inclusive of everyone. It is great to see women step into a sport that has largely been dominated by men, and to encourage women to create communities to share stories, ideas and knowledge with each other. It was also fun to see families joining clubs, buying gear and getting everyone excited for the season. We are committed to creating environments, experiences and rides that are welcoming to everyone and encouraging of families to enjoy the sport of snowmobiling together.

This year the Northwest Glacier Cruisers are also excited to celebrate our 50th Anniversary with our flashback logo. Be sure to



get your gear with this special edition logo and keep an eye out for upcoming celebrations and events. Check

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## Club News *Continued...*

(Continued from page 21) out our Facebook page @northwestglaciercruisers or our website at <http://www.northwestglaciercruisers.com> to stay updated on our upcoming events.

Speaking of upcoming events:

- December 4th, 6pm - Annual Christmas Party, at The Grand Willow
- January 8th, 8am - T-N-T Highway 20 Ride
- February 12th, 9am - Youth Snowmobile day at Ploeg's Place
- March 19th, 9am - Mount Baker Shoot Out



### Winter Knights

**By Greg Figg,  
President**

The Winter Knights have had a busy fall with woodcutting for our two warming huts and running the trails to make sure we are all set for winter.



Winter Knights loading up the warming huts with wood!

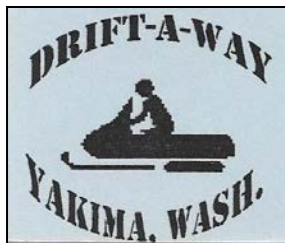
We have been having our board meetings and club meetings virtually with Zoom. We are getting better at that as we are now in year two of this.

We are also staying abreast with changes the Forest Service is working on for the Colville National Forest.

The forecast for our area is wetter and

colder so we are planning on a great year of sledding.

Lastly we are working on putting together a great ride schedule that will appeal to many different riding styles.



### Drift-A-Way Snowmobile Club

**By Matt Mead,  
Secretary**

The Drift-A-Way club recently held their first meeting of the season and it was great to get together again. Things are pretty quiet as we wait for snow, but a few items of interest were discussed.

The Drift-A-Ways have been asked to host a ride during the WSSA Winter Rendezvous in February and are excited to do so. Location yet to be determined, but given the amount of riding we do from Boulder Cave on Chinook Pass, and the 1000 Road and Cold Creek on White Pass, those are likely locations. We are hoping to team up with another club and provide a chili feed lunch.

Speaking of Boulder Cave, this area remains closed after the fire as the Forest Service is evaluating danger and has contracted some logging in the area. It is expected **we'll have access by the time the official snowmobile season starts in mid-December.** It will be interesting to see the burn damage and hopefully enjoy new riding areas opened by the fire.

Several members worked the WSSA Expo in Puyallup and most of them are also headed to Spokane and Leavenworth to help out. (Numerous Drift-A-Way members pull double-duty and hold positions in the Washington State Snowmobile Association as well.)

Will Drift-A-Way members meet our goal of a mid-November first ride? Maybe! We are hopeful! Snow has been visible from town, but upon inspection, has been at the highest elevations and measured in mere inches.

Are you looking for a low-key club to join? One that hosts a weekly mid-week ride? One that is family-friendly? Ego-free? With a sense of humor? If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch. (Our contact info is on the WSSA contacts page.)

Our next meeting is December 6th at Round Table Pizza in Yakima. Join us at 6pm for dinner.

## Notes

### Charity & Volunteering Reporting

**By Ron Alred, Charity & Volunteer  
Chair**

Good day everyone, I am Ron Alred and I have volunteered to chair the charity and volunteer hour program for WSSA.

From reading the Snoflyer and the posts placed on Facebook, it is clear most of the clubs are doing a lot of work keeping our areas cleaned, brushed and a lot more. I want to help you get credit for all the hard work you do by collecting your charity and volunteer accomplishments to share with fellow snowmobilers, national snowmobile organizations, and land managers at all levels.

Feel free to contact me with any help you need in reporting. I have redone the reporting form to make it easier to fill out and can provide **a copy at your request.** If you don't want to use the form, e-mail me your information and I will fill it out for you.

If you have any questions or need/want to talk to me, you can e-mail me at [rdal-red1971@gmail.com](mailto:rdal-red1971@gmail.com) or call me at (509) 961-2806.

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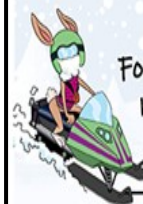
**Welcome!**  
Warming huts & shelters  
are open this winter.

We invite you to come in and get warm.

Please wear a face covering and  
stay 6 feet apart from  
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For smaller warming huts, please  
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if others are waiting to get in.



**ENTER & USE AT YOUR OWN RISK**  
Warming huts & shelters are not  
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surfaces are free from COVID-19.

Thank you  
for recreating responsibly!



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RIDE SINGLE FILE.  
ANTICIPATE  
ON-COMING  
TRAFFIC.

This message brought to you  
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# Notes

## Annual WSSA Awards

**Submission deadline is  
February 1st, 2022!**



The Washington State Snowmobile Association believes it is important to recognize and honor those who make significant contributions to organized snowmobiling in our state. One way we accomplish this is through our annual awards program.

In order for WSSA to recognize these worthy individuals/clubs/businesses, we need help from the local clubs and others to seek out and nominate them. If you know of a standout in any of the categories listed below, please submit nominations by February 1st, 2021.

### Categories

- Club of the Year
- Club President of the Year
- Dealer/Associate of the Year
- Groomer Coordinator of the Year
- Groomer of the Year
- Snowmobiler/Snowmobile Couple of the Year

Nominate them today!

Contact Shannon Lawler, Awards Chair, at slawler411@msn.com or (206) 423-5584 for more details.

## ATTENTION - Information Needed

**SPRING OF 2020 - APRIL/MAY TIMEFRAME  
(During the COVID lockdown)**

You or someone you know were recreating (snowmobiling) in the Snoqualmie pass area and you may have found a **BLACK ULV BACKPACK** somewhere near the Snoqualmie Pass Ski Area, possibly off one of the 9070 spurs, and took it to the West Summit parking lot, and left it there.

I'm trying to locate the person/group that found it.

**PLEASE** come forward! I need to know exactly where it was found!

Any information would be appreciated.

Thank you in advance!

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# Feature

## A few pics from the '21 WSSA Snowmobile & Power Sports Expo & Swap Meet



Special thanks to STACYC for helping us cover the big hole left when Polaris failed to show and provide entertainment for the kids! Photo by Dean Meakin.



Dean & Karlene Meakin representing the American Council of Snowmobile Associations.



Yakima Ski-Benders!



Photo by Dean Meakin

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## Feature *Continued...*

***Yes, attendance by both exhibitors & snowmobilers were down this year, attributed to COVID restrictions & the SnoWest show on the same weekend***



Photos by Chris Shires.



Photos by Kevin Hancock



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Wayne & Florence Mohler, Membership Chairs, in the background; Dee Alred, Vice President & Glenn Markovits, District 1 South Rep. Photo by Chris Shires.

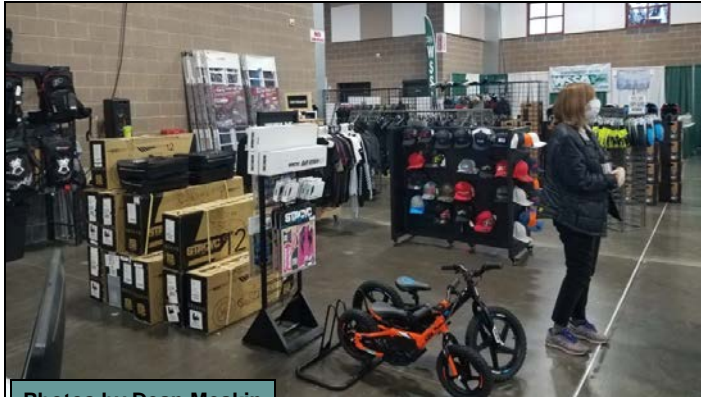


Tharin Huisman, Safety Chair, & Dan Fallstrom, Legislative Chair. Photo by Chris Shires.



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***Big changes are planned for '22 - follow along as they are announced;  
we are sure you'll like them!***



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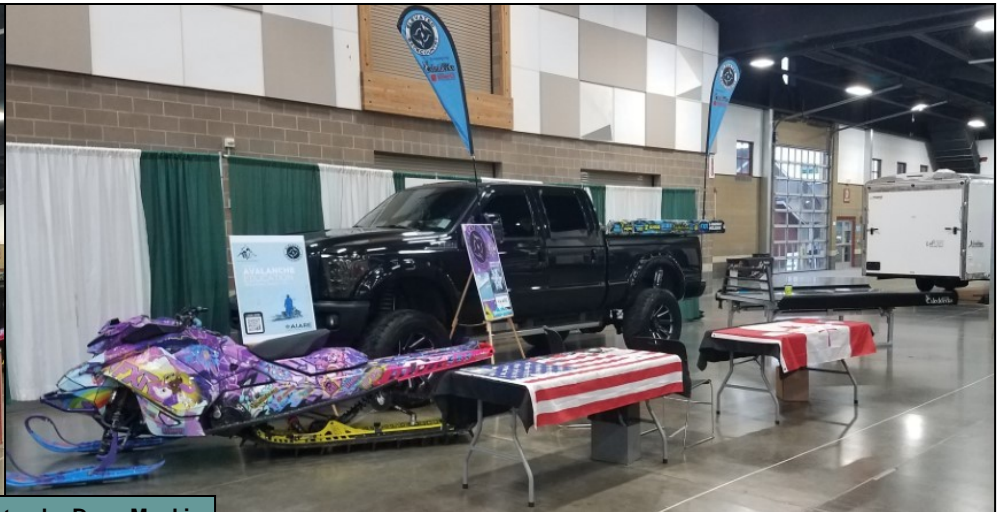


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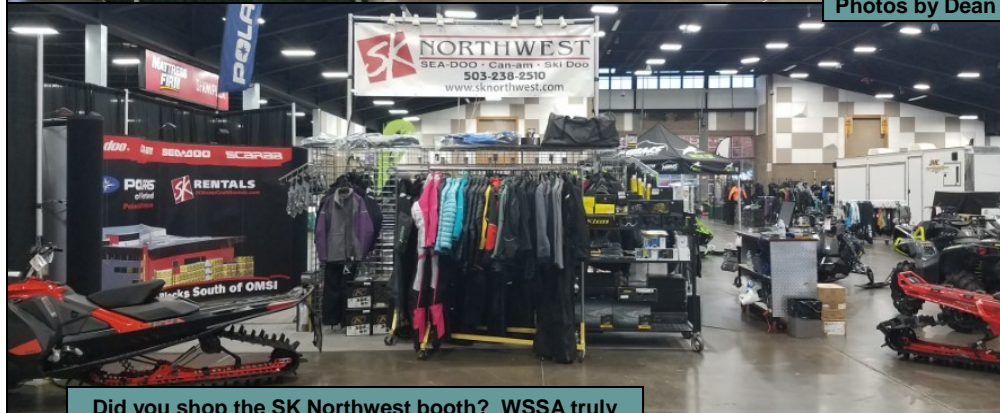
***Although attendance was down, exhibitors reported strong sales!***



Sno-Jammers Snowmobile Club



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Did you shop the SK Northwest booth? WSSA truly appreciates their advertising support in the Snoflyer!



Cascade Drift Skippers



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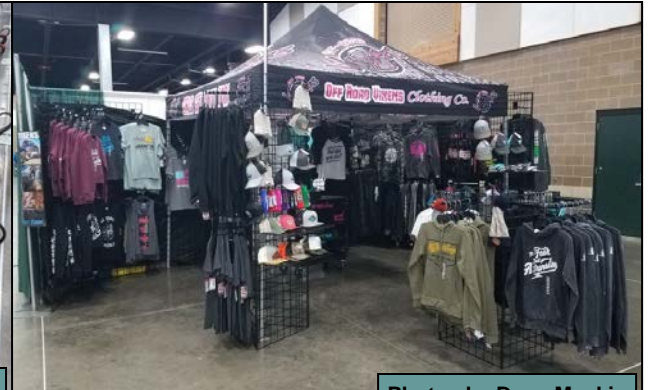
**Some exhibitors were in a bind - limited product and staffing shortages; they made the best of it!**



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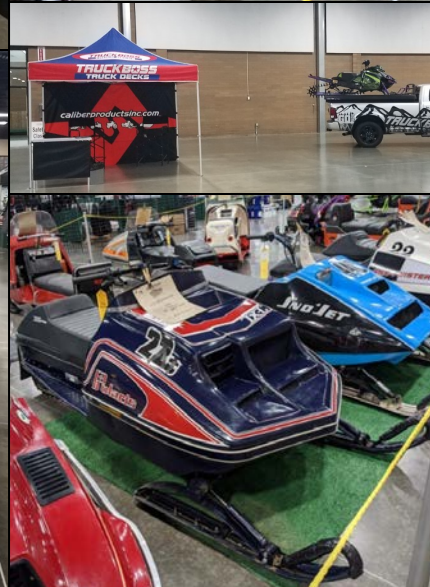
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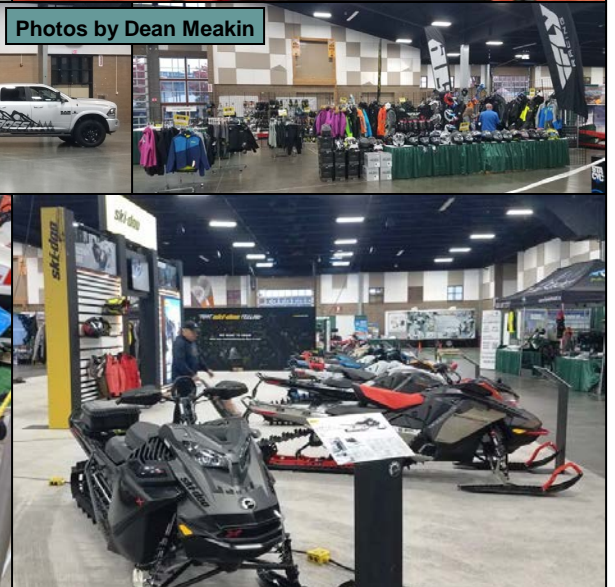
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We hoped you stopped by the Priest Lake Chamber booth and thanked them for advertising in the Snoflyer! Photo by Dean Meakin.



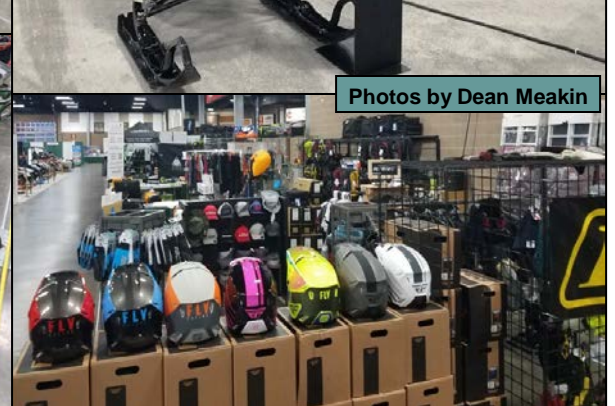
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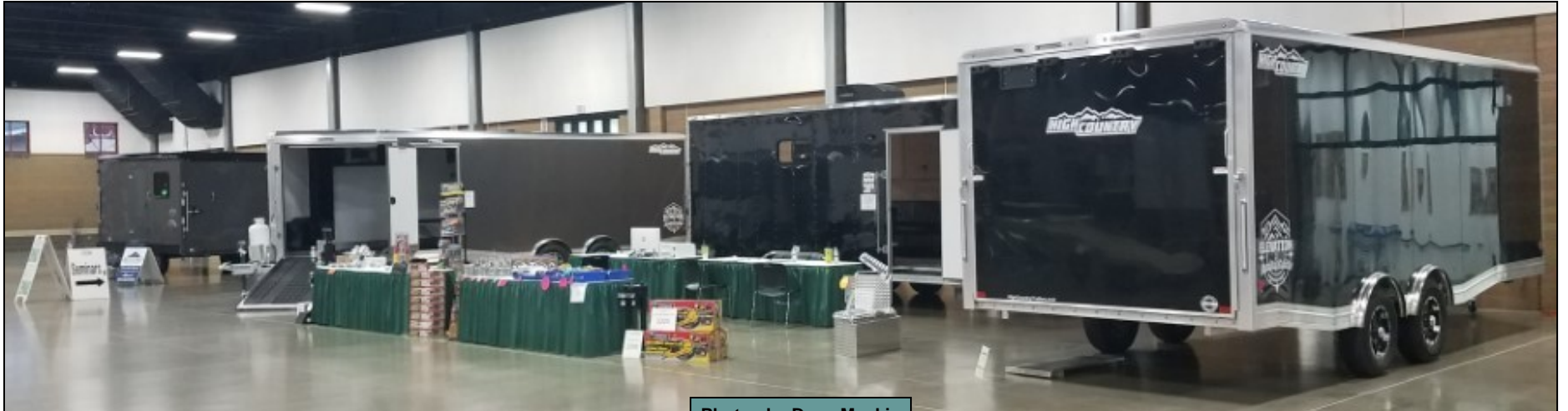
Northwest Glacier Cruisers! Photo by Dean Meakin.





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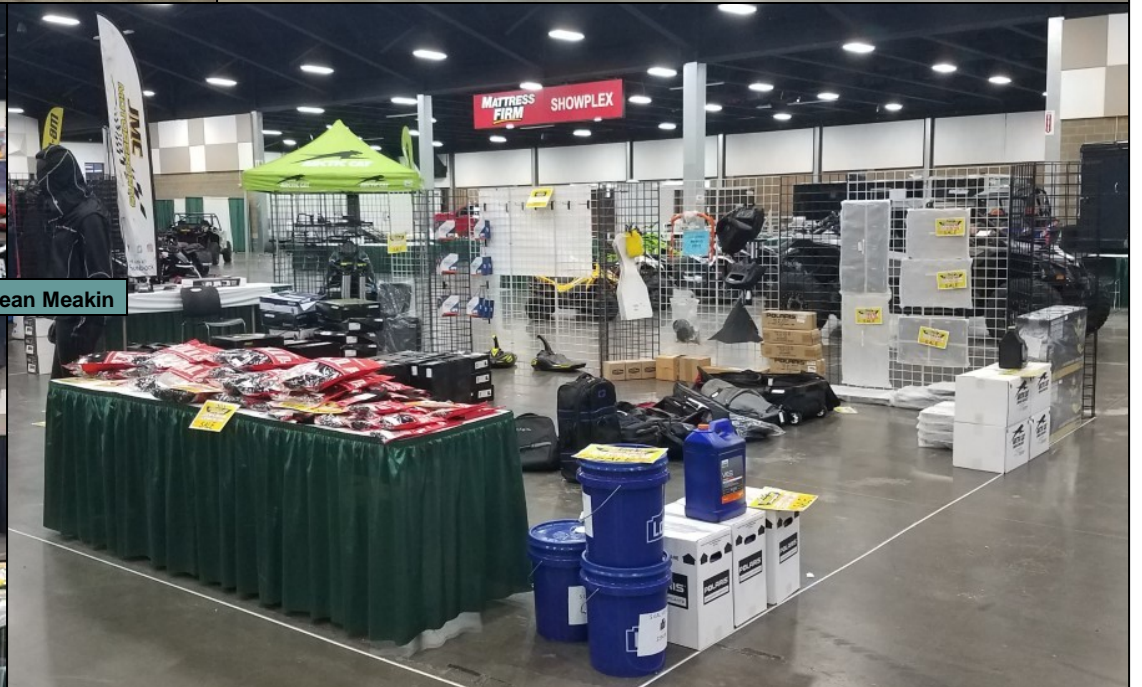
***Where was Polaris? You tell us!  
They paid for a space and were expected to attend...***



Photos by Dean Meakin



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## Feature Continued...

**Did you know? The Junco club raised almost \$8,000 in the Blue Lot for the WSSA Legal Action Fund to defend our riding areas!**



Photos by Chris Shires.



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## Feature *Continued...*

***A big thanks to all the volunteers who went above and beyond to make this another successful show!***



Photos provided by Glenn Markovits.



Bavarian Boondockers! Photo provided by Chris Shires.



Gary Simmons, past District 6 Rep, selling Legal Action Fund Sled Deck raffle tickets. Photo by Chris Shires.



Photos by Chris Shires.



Mick Steinman, past WSSA Safety Chair.



Wayne Mohler, your WSSA Land-Use Chair. Photo by Chris Shires.

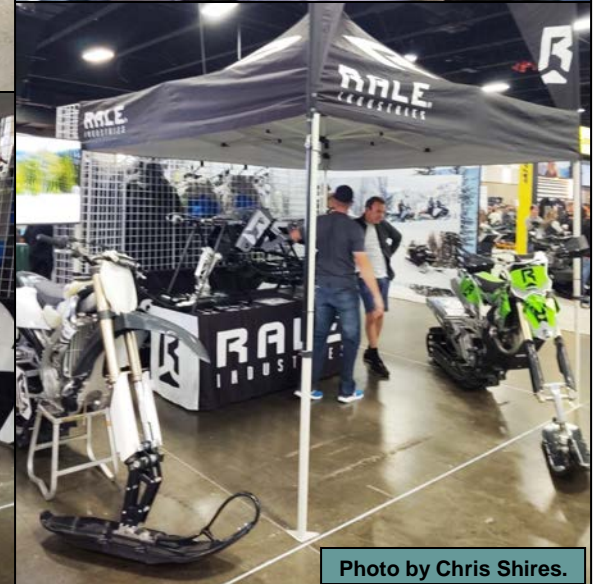


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# Notes

## MOU between USFS, ACSA and ISMA - Inked in 2016 and still in effect today!

### Information provided by Wayne Mohler, Land-Use Chair

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA), the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA), and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). This agreement was signed in 2016 and states the intent to work cooperatively on snowmobile related issues. With all of the changes during the past five years, many may not be aware that this agreement exists. It should be of help in establishing or enhancing working relationships at the Forest and District levels of the Forest Service.

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Cooperator Agreement No.

#### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Between The AMERICAN COUNCIL OF SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATIONS and the INTERNATIONAL SNOWMOBILE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION And The USDA, FOREST SERVICE WASHINGTON OFFICE

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is hereby made and entered into by and between the American Council of Snowmobile Association (ACSA), International Association of Snowmobile Administration (ISMA), and the International Snowmobile Manufacturer Association (ISMA), hereinafter referred to as "Cooperators," and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, Washington Office, hereinafter referred to as the "U.S. Forest Service."

- I. PURPOSE:** The purpose of this MOU is to document the cooperation between the parties to actively promote public-private partnership that encourage responsible use of public land by visitors participating in over-snow travel and recreational activities. The purpose of this MOU is to establish a general framework of cooperation upon which mutually benefits programs, work projects, and snowmobile activities may be planned and accomplished on National Forest System lands. Such programs, projects and activities complement the FS mission and are in the best interests of the public in accordance with the following provisions.

#### II. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS:

The FS is a land management organization dedicated to the wise management of the Nation's natural resources for a variety of uses and activities, including outdoor recreation, and is interested in providing over-snow opportunities that are environmentally sensitive, educational, enjoyable, and provide economic stimulus.

The Cooperators represent the organized snowmobiling public/industry and are recognized leaders in establishing snowmobile ethics, safety standards, volunteerism, and fostering appropriate land use management on Federal and non-Federal lands. The Cooperators may desire to use National Forest System lands for recreational purposes, provide support, and volunteer labor to the FS accomplishment of mutually beneficial projects or activities.

In consideration of the above premises, the parties agree as follows:

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#### III. COOPERATORS SHALL:

- Provide technical assistance to land manager and communities involved in work projects, educational activities, and snowmobile opportunities.
- Encourage its members to work with local FS officials to discuss and identify opportunities for cooperative work on mutually beneficial project or activities.
- Promote Tread Lightly! Ethics by providing training and instruction's to its members.
- Use the name "USDA Forest Service" when referring to the Forest Service and submit to the Forest Service for approval, prior to production, the final layout of all promotional materials which use the Forest Service's name and insignia, any employee by name or title, or this agreement, as requested by the Travel Management Program Manager, Recreation, Heritage, and Volunteer Resources staff.
- Not publicize, or otherwise circulate, material (such as advertisements, sales brochures, press release, speeches, still and motion pictures, articles, manuscripts or other publications, including world wide web sites or other social media sites) which states or implies Governmental, Department, Agency, or Government employee endorsement of a Cooperator product, service, or position. No release of information relating to this agreement may state or imply that the Government considers a special Cooperator's work product or service to be superior to other products and services.
- Complete Job Hazard Analyses for Cooperator project activities on National Forest System lands and conduct safety training sessions prior to each individual project activity. These sessions will review hazards anticipated and measure that should be taken to reduce the hazard.

#### IV. THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE SHALL:

- Provide the Cooperators information regarding the development and presentation of training materials related to snowmobile safety and ethics, management direction guidance and the availability of snowmobiling opportunities on National Forest System lands.
- Encourage local FS officials to participate with snowmobile club and associations in the development of mutually beneficial work project, educational activities, and snowmobile opportunities.

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- Make National Forest System land available for the furtherance of this MOU, subject to applicable Federal laws, regulations, Forest plans, and other management direction.

- Provide information on completing Job Hazard Analyses and conduct safety training sessions for Cooperator project activities on National Forest System lands.

#### V. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

- PRINCIPAL CONTACTS.** Individuals listed below are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this agreement.

##### Principal Cooperator Contacts:

Cooperator Program Contact	Cooperator Program Contact
Name: Christine Jourdain American Council for Snowmobile Associations Address: 271 Woodland Pass City, State, Zip: East Lansing, MI 48823 Telephone: 517.351.4362 FAX: 517.351.1363 Email: Cjourdain@aol.com	Name: Ed Klim International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association Address: 1640 Haslett Road, Suite 170 City, State, Zip: Haslett, MI 48840 Telephone: 517.339.7788 FAX: 517.339.7798 Email: eklim@aol.com

##### Principal U.S. Forest Service Contacts:

U.S. Forest Service Program Manager Contact	U.S. Forest Service Administrative Contact
Name: Chris Spori Address: 1400 Independence Ave., S.W. City, State, Zip: Washington, DC 20250 Telephone: 303.275.5168 FAX: 303.275.5407 Email: cfsporti@fs.fed.us	Name: Crystal Merica Address: 1400 Independence Ave., S.W. City, State, Zip: Washington, DC 20250 Telephone: 202.205.3562 FAX: Email: ckmerica@fs.fed.us

- ASSURANCE REGARDING FELONY CONVICTION OR TAX DELINQUENT STATUS FOR CORPORATE ENTITIES.** This agreement is subject to the provisions contained in the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012, P.L. No. 112-74, Division E, Section 433 and 434 regarding corporate felony convictions and corporate Federal tax delinquencies. Accordingly, by entering into this agreement Cooperators acknowledge that it: 1) does not have a tax delinquency, meaning that it is not subject to any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that

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is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, and (2) has not been convicted (or had an officer or agent acting on its behalf convicted) of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within 24 months preceding the agreement, unless a suspending and debarment official of the USDA has considered suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government. If Cooperators fails to comply with these provisions, the U.S. Forest Service will annul this agreement and may recover any funds Cooperators has expended in violation of sections 433 and 434.

- NOTICES.** Any communications affecting the operations covered by this agreement given by the U.S. Forest Service or Cooperators is sufficient only if in writing and delivered in person, mailed, or transmitted electronically by e-mail or fax, as follows:

To the U.S. Forest Service Program Manager, at the address specified in the MOU.

To Cooperators, at Cooperator's address shown in the MOU or such other address designated within the MOU.

Notices are effective when delivered in accordance with this provision, or on the effective date of the notice, whichever is later.

- PARTICIPATION IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES.** This MOU in no way restricts the U.S. Forest Service or Cooperators from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.

- ENDORSEMENT.** Any of Cooperator's contributions made under this MOU do not by direct reference or implication convey U.S. Forest Service endorsement of Cooperator products or activities.

- NONBINDING AGREEMENT.** This MOU creates no right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable by law or equity. The parties shall manage their respective resources and activities in a separate, coordinated and mutually beneficial manner to meet the purpose(s) of this MOU. Nothing in this MOU authorizes any of the parties to obligate or transfer anything of value.

Specific, prospective projects or activities that involve the transfer of funds, services, property, and/or anything of value to a party requires the execution of separate agreements and are contingent upon numerous factors, including, as applicable, but not limited to: agency availability of appropriated funds and other resources; cooperator administrative and legal requirements (including agency authorization by statute); etc. This MOU neither provides, nor meets these criteria. If the

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### Information provided by Wayne Mohler, Land-Use Chair

The MOU is also highlighted in the booklet 'Facts & Myths about Snowmobiling and Winter Trails', pages 8 and 9. The document can be found at:

<https://www.snowmobileinfo.org/snowmobile-access-docs/Facts-and-Myths-About-Snowmobiling-and-Winter-Trails.pdf>

Thanks to Christine Jourdain, ACSA Executive Director, for providing the agreement and reference booklet.

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parties elect to enter into an obligation agreement that involves the transfer of funds, services, property, and/or anything of value to a party, then the applicable criteria must be met. Additionally, under a prospective agreement, each party operates under its own laws, regulations, and/or policies, and any Forest Service obligation is subject to the availability of appropriated funds and other resources. The negotiation, execution, and administration of these prospective agreements must comply with all applicable law.

Nothing in this MOU is intended to alter, limit, or expand the agencies' statutory and regulatory authority.

G. **USE OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE INSIGNIA.** In order for Cooperators to use the U.S. Forest Service insignia on any published media, such as a Web page, printed publication, or audiovisual production, permission must be granted from the U.S. Forest Service's Office of Communications. A written request must be submitted and approval granted in writing by the Office of Communications (Washington Office) prior to use of the insignia.

H. **MEMBERS OF U.S. CONGRESS.** Pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 22, no U.S. member of, or U.S. delegate to, Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this agreement, or benefits that may arise therefrom, either directly or indirectly.

I. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA).** Public access to MOU or agreement records must not be limited, except when such records must be kept confidential and would have been exempted from disclosure pursuant to Freedom of Information regulations (5 U.S.C. 552).

J. **TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING.** In accordance with Executive Order (EO) 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," any and all text messaging by Federal employees is banned: a) while driving a Government owned vehicle (GOV) or driving a privately owned vehicle (POV) while on official Government business; or b) using any electronic equipment supplied by the Government when driving any vehicle at any time. All cooperators, their employees, volunteers, and contractors are encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging when driving company owned, leased or rented vehicles, POVs or GOVs when driving while on official Government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Government.

K. **TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ORDINANCE (TERO).** The U.S. Forest Service recognizes and honors the applicability of the Tribal laws and ordinances developed under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Educational Assistance Act of 1975 (PL 93-638).

L. **PUBLIC NOTICES.** It is the U.S. Forest Service's policy to inform the public as fully as possible of its programs and activities. Cooperators is/are

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encouraged to give public notice of the receipt of this agreement and, from time to time, to announce progress and accomplishments. Press releases or other public notices should include a statement substantially as follows:

"Recreation, Heritage and Volunteer Resources of the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Travel Management program is interested in providing a variety of motorized recreation opportunities that are environmentally sensitive, educational, and support community's objectives that contribute to local and regional economies and quality of life."

Cooperators may call on the U.S. Forest Service's Office of Communication for advice regarding public notices. Cooperators is/are requested to provide copies of notices or announcements to the U.S. Forest Service Program Manager and to The U.S. Forest Service's Office of Communications as far in advance of release as possible.

M. **U.S. FOREST SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGED IN PUBLICATIONS, AUDIOVISUALS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA.** Cooperators shall acknowledge U.S. Forest Service support in any publications, audiovisuals, and electronic media developed as a result of this MOU.

N. **NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT—PRINTED, ELECTRONIC, OR AUDIOVISUAL MATERIAL.** Cooperators shall include the following statement, in full, in any printed, audiovisual material, or electronic media for public distribution developed or printed with any Federal funding.

*In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.)*

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

If the material is too small to permit the full statement to be included, the material must, at minimum, include the following statement, in print size no smaller than the text:

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O. **TERMINATION.** Any of the parties, in writing, may terminate this MOU in whole, or in part, at any time before the date of expiration.

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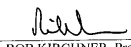
P. **DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION.** Cooperators shall immediately inform the U.S. Forest Service if they or any of their principals are presently excluded, debarred, or suspended from entering into covered transactions with the federal government according to the terms of 2 CFR Part 180. Additionally, should Cooperators or any of their principals receive a transmittal letter or other official Federal notice of debarment or suspension, then they shall notify the U.S. Forest Service without undue delay. This applies whether the exclusion, debarment, or suspension is voluntary or involuntary.


Q. **MODIFICATIONS.** Modifications within the scope of this MOU must be made by mutual consent of the parties, by the issuance of a written modification signed and dated by all properly authorized, signatory officials, prior to any changes being performed. Requests for modification should be made, in writing, at least 30 days prior to implementation of the requested change.


R. **COMMENCEMENT/EXPIRATION DATE.** This MOU is executed as of the date of the last signature and is effective through April 15, 2021 at which time it will expire.

S. **AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES.** By signature below, each party certifies that the individuals listed in this document as representatives of the individual parties are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this MOU.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this MOU as of the last date written below.

 APRIL 18, 2016  
BOB KIRCHNER, President  
American Council of Snowmobile Associations Date

 APRIL 15, 2016  
ED KLIM, President  
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association Date

 APRIL 18, 2016  
JOE L. MEADE, Director for Recreation, Heritage  
and Volunteers Resources  
U.S. Forest Service, Washington Office Date

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The authority and format of this agreement have been reviewed and approved for signature.

JACQUELINE HENRY  
JACKIE HENRY  
U.S. Forest Service Grants Management Specialist

3/28/2016  
Date

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# Notes

## HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

In an effort to educate owners of tracked ATVs and UTVs, we have created the info sheet pictured at right.

With your help, our goal is to get this posted in as many dealers, sno-parks, warming huts and social media sites as possible.

Right now this is formatted in a PDF file to print on a typical 8.5"x11" sheet of paper. In time we hope to provide laminated copies and other sizes as requested.

If you'd like to make a few copies, the file will be linked on the front of our website at [www.wssa.us](http://www.wssa.us). Or you can send a request for the PDF to Matt Mead at [snoflyer@wssa.us](mailto:snoflyer@wssa.us).

Thanks in advance for your help spreading the word!



## Got Tracks?

Now that your Side-by-Side or ATV is fully equipped with tracks or a tracks and skis combo, what's the next step?

### Register!

– Visit your local DOL office and purchase a snowmobile registration. In order to use the State's sno-parks and groomed snowmobile trails, you must have a valid motorized sno-park permit and snowmobile registration sticker. (You will receive a free sno-park permit with each snowmobile registration; additional motorized sno-park permits are available for a fee.) Visit <https://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/trackedatv.html>

### Ride it!

– Most snowmobile trail systems across the state are now open to legally registered tracked Side-by-Sides and ATVs. Please check with the local land manager ahead of time to ensure the area you want to ride is open.

### Please recreate responsibly

– Park tight in motorized sno-parks and follow any posted parking plans to maximize available spaces. (Many sno-parks are filled to max capacity on weekends and holidays.)

– Keep right on the groomed trails and slow for blind corners and oncoming traffic.

– Be mindful and help maintain smooth trails – avoid jackrabbit starts and sudden braking, both of which can damage the groomed trail surface.

– Join a local snowmobile club and the Washington State Snowmobile Association. Visit <https://www.wssa.us> for details and a list of area clubs.

### FAQ

– Why isn't my ORV registration valid? Snowmobile trail grooming, sno-park plowing, and other services are solely funded by snowmobile registrations and associated percentage of the state fuel tax; no NOVA funds are used.

– Do I have to give up my ORV or Street registration? No, you can now register three ways concurrently.

– Can I register my Side-by-Side or ATV as a snowmobile without adding tracks? Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles (WATVs) are still illegal on groomed snowmobile trails.

– Why are some areas restricting tracked Side-by-Sides or ATVs on groomed snowmobile trails? A few trail systems have width barriers in place to prevent wheeled vehicles from trespassing on the groomed trails. Please check with the local land manager ahead of time to ensure the area you want to ride is open.





# ACSA E-News

**Contact: Christine Jourdain, Executive Director,  
ACSA, (517) 351-4362**



## Gray Wolf Protection?

Recently a group of democratic lawmakers urged the Biden administration to enact emergency protections for gray wolves in the West in response to republican-backed state laws that make it easier to kill the predators.

Twenty-one U.S. senators, led by New Jersey's Cory Booker and Michigan's Gary Peters, asked Interior Secretary Deb Haaland to shield wolves from being killed for 240 days while permanent protections are considered.

Wolves periodically attack livestock and also prey on elk and deer herds. It's been legal to hunt and trap wolves in the U.S. Northern Rockies for more than a decade after they rebounded from widespread extermination and federal endangered species protections were lifted.

The Fish and Wildlife Service last month launched a yearlong review to determine if protections need to be restored. The move did nothing to protect wolves in the interim, and Yellowstone National Park administrators have since complained after three wolves from a pack popular with tourists were killed after roaming into Montana.

## Endangered Species Act to Change?

Recently the Biden administration moved to rescind Trump administration policies that crimped the designation of critical habitat to protect threatened or endangered species.

In a pair of long-anticipated moves, the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) Fisheries proposed getting rid of a Trump-era definition of critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). FWS is also proposing to end a policy that made it easier to exclude territory.

Taken together, the two proposed rule changes could significantly alter the much-litigated ESA landscape and, supporters say, enhance conservation and recovery of vulnerable animals or plants.

They will also revive the debate over practical consequences and regulatory nuts and bolts that have shadowed the ESA since the day it became law in 1973.

The proposed changes would reverse ESA moves made in December 2020, during the final weeks of the Trump administration.

Under the ESA, critical habitat is considered "essential for the conservation of the species". The ESA further states critical habitat is to be designated "on the basis of the best scientific data available and after taking into consideration the economic impact, the impact on national security, and any other relevant impact".

## Reconciliation Legislation Outline - What's In? What's Out? Many Issues Still Being Debated!

It appears as of right now:

- \$555 Billion to fight climate change, including:
  - \$320 Billion clean energy tax credits
  - \$130 Billion renewable energy development
  - \$105 Billion environmental resilience to combat extreme weather events
- \$400 Billion childcare and preschool
- \$200 Billion child tax and earned income tax credits
- \$150 Billion homecare
- \$150 Billion housing
- \$100 Billion immigration
- Corporate tax remains at 21%
- 15% Minimum tax on corporations with +\$1 Billion
- No Medicare drug price negotiations

Because a letter to Speaker Pelosi, signed by 22 Congressmen urging the \$600 inflow/outflow of bank accounts, was recently sent, it appears that language is still included.

"Is this framework the final word or is it the basis for future negotiations?" Senator Tina Smith (D-MN) told reporters. "That's a question that

I think we have to answer too."

As always, if any of these are important to you, contact your congressman and senators.

## Did You Know?

**People Are Moving Into Risky Fire Areas:** The number of U.S. households that moved into areas with a recent history of wildfire climbed 21% between March 2020 to February 2021, according to a Bloomberg CityLab analysis of change-of-address data.

One example: In a Southern California area where the Woolsey Fire destroyed 1,500 structures, killed three people, and forced the evacuation of more than 295,000 people in 2018, the demand for houses went into overdrive two years later, Realtor Dave McLaughlin told Bloomberg CityLab.

In California, 12% of households live where there has been a wildfire since 2010. The share for Idaho is 38%; in Utah, it's 19%. These states had the highest number of moves last year into tracts recently touched by fire.

**Wisconsin State Park Snowmobile Trail:** A Judge has once again delayed the construction of the Blue Mound State Park trail for another year. The Department of Natural Resources was ready to begin construction next week on the one-mile trail. This trail would connect the trails where the snowmobilers now must ride on the shoulders of the road.

The group asked the court to review the plan, arguing the 12-foot-wide trail could damage ecologically important habitat and threaten the federally endangered rusty patched bumblebee, favoring a sport with waning popularity to the detriment of hikers, bikers and other users.

**Shoshone National Forest:** The Shoshone Forest in Wyoming has just released the Environmental Assessment for the Travel Management Planning for motorized use. The Shoshone is America's first Forest and is 2.4 million acres of diverse terrain and is a snowmobile-haven.

We will be asking for your assistance in writing letters in the next few weeks. Until then, the following three meetings have been scheduled. Your attendance will be appreciated.

- November 2nd @ 6pm Mountain Time: Clarks Fork, Greybull, and Wapiti Ranger districts - Join by phone: (202) 650-0123, access code - 593245029#
- November 3rd @ 6pm: Wind River Ranger District - Join by phone: (202) 650-0123, access code - 322688696#
- November 4th @ 6pm Washakie Ranger District - Join by phone: (202) 650-0123, access code - 401165192#

**Plastics poised to overtake coal as climate driver:** Plastics production is on track to become a major source in driving climate change, according to a recent report that finds the industry will outpace coal in greenhouse gas emissions within a decade.

## Supply Chain Problems:

95% of manufacturers in the Tenth District of the Federal Reserve report they are experiencing supply chain disruptions and shortages, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

Most contacts expected supply chain issues to be resolved within the next 6 to 12 months, but 36% of firms expected these issues to persist for more than 12 months.

At the same time, 15 states called on the Biden administration to set stricter air emission limits for heavy-duty trucks, highlighting their impact on low-income, disadvantaged communities of color.

Attorneys general and public health officials called for stronger standards for nitrogen oxide emissions, which contribute to ozone and smog and a variety of health effects, including asthma.

To read the letter and see which states signed on, visit <https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/attachments/press-docs/Heavy%20Duty%20Truck%20NOx%20Emissions%20-%20Multistate%20Letter%20%281%29.pdf>

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## Trans Montana Charity Ride!

The Montana Snowmobile Association (MSA), in conjunction with their member clubs, will kick off the 27th annual Trans Montana Charity Ride February 5th-11th. The MSA would like to invite you to join us for an in-



credible week of riding five of the best places Montana has to offer!

The charity ride raises money for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Montana which provides mental health support for teen suicide prevention and PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) support for veterans. If you can't join them, consider making a donation to support this great cause and group of dedicated riders. Riders pay their own way and every dime raised goes to NAMI MT.

For more information, route info, to join or make a donation, visit <https://trans-montana.org/index.html>

## Snowmobile Friendly Communities

The Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs (AWSC) named three communities as 'Snowmobile Friendly Communities' last week at their annual meeting, in addition to eight for 2020.

The 2021 Communities are: Mountain, Forest County, and Waupaca County. Each of these communities will have signs posted so visitors know these areas welcome snowmobilers.

Each year the AWSC receives nominations for this award and the communities are presented with their signs at the annual fall meeting.

## Yellowstone National Park Proposes Suspending Wildlife Monitoring

A wildlife monitoring effort that was included in the 2012-2013 Record of Decision will be suspended given the results from the monitoring have not substantially changed over the decade evaluated.

Wildlife monitoring has consistently shown similar response levels over the years, indicating wildlife are not, or are minimally, impacted. Wildlife response to Over Snow Vehicles (OSVs) will likely continue to follow observed patterns from the last 20 years of observation. In the future, the park may explore other methods for monitoring wildlife impacts.

A summary report found that:

- Winter wildlife monitoring data from 2014 to 2019 showed 95% of wildlife in proximity (within 500 feet) to the groomed road corridor demonstrated no response or a 'look and resume' response to OSVs.
- Observations during this period included 1,105 groups of wildlife and 6,715 individual animals.
- Similar monitoring efforts prior to the Sup

plemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) in 2013 found roughly 91 percent of wildlife were observed to demonstrate no response or a 'look and resume' response.

According to Ray McPadden, chief of Environmental Equality at Yellowstone, "Increasingly our focus is turning to summer," he said, including paying more attention to resource impacts when millions of people are in the park.

## Are You Following Us?

[www.facebook.com/AmericanCouncilofSnowmobileAssociations](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanCouncilofSnowmobileAssociations)

(Information pulled from weekly e-mail blasts and edited for publication in the Snoflyer.)

## No Trespassing "SLOGAN" Challenge

#Know Where To Go  
Or there will be NO where to go!!

*Trespassing = Lost Riding!*

You Ride – You See the Trespassing and the results of lost riding! We need YOUR ideas.

Trespassing is the #1 reason for lost trails and riding areas on public and private lands.

We need to reach the violators - They need to understand trespassing is not okay!

*GIVE US YOUR BEST IDEAS!*



2021 Poster Winner

The Slogan Challenge is open to all original ideas and designs. No Copyrighted Information is allowed.

Slogan Challenge is open to **ALL Ages**. Submit your original poster design by **January 15, 2022**.

All submissions will be reviewed By the ACSA Trespass Committee after January 15th.

**Prizes** will be awarded to the top 3 ideas or submittals. Prize Winners will be notified by **February 4, 2022**.



**\*\* Submit your Slogans to: [info@snowmobilers.org](mailto:info@snowmobilers.org)**

This Challenge is open to snowmobiles of all ages. Participation in the challenge constitutes entrant's full and unconditional agreement of acceptance of the Rules and the decisions of ACSA, which are final and binding. All entries become the property of ACSA and will not be returned.



## ISMA Update

### ISMA Grant Program Reaches \$1.51 Million in Awards

**Contact: Ed Klim, President, ISMA, (517) 339-7788**

# ISMA

International  
Snowmobile  
Manufacturers  
Association

The members of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA), Arctic Cat, BRP/Ski-Doo, Polaris, and Yamaha, are pleased to announce this year the ISMA Grant Program will award around \$40,000 in grants being distributed to 13 organization in the United States and Canada. The organizations are active members of the Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations (CCSO) or the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA). The ISMA Grants are awarded to the state and provincial associations based on their support of key issues of importance in the grant process.

The ISMA Grant process includes but is not limited to:


1. Supporting efforts which enable snowmobilers to continue snowmobiling in regions and riding areas enjoyed by enthusiasts.
2. Supporting and participating in Legislative Enlightenment Rides for elected local, federal, provincial, and state representatives.
3. Supporting introductory rides for non-snowmobilers have also been realized through the grant program.
4. The promotion of the Safe Riders! campaign and the Take the Pledge program – highlighting snowmobile safety and staying on designated trails and legal riding areas.
5. In this year's allocation of ISMA Grants, ISMA was pleased to support Search and Rescue educational projects along with continuing to expand and support safe snowmobiling in avalanche country.

The ISMA Grant Program began in the year 2001 and to date ISMA has awarded over \$818,000 in grants to state snowmobile associations and over \$700,000 in grants to provincial associations! Well over \$1.5 million dollars has been distributed to snowmobile associations in North America supporting key activities that support organized snowmobiling. The manufacturers of ISMA are pleased to note matching funds raised by the associations in performing these activities has generated over \$2 million dollars in economic investments in the organized snowmobile community.

These investments help to improve our riding areas, our trails, and safety training. Our joint interaction on the grant program supports the snowmobiling community in so many important ways.

The ISMA Grant program has been successful in accomplishing many small to mid-range construction projects, improving riding areas, trailheads, and more, as well as dramatic expansion in the 'Safe Riders! You make snowmobiling safe' campaign.

Thanks to all who have participated in the Grant Program and who joined the manufacturers in supporting the continuation and expansion of the program.




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### WSSA Legal Action Fund Raffle North Cascade Sled Deck

Buy a raffle ticket (or several) in support of WSSA's Legal Action Fund and win a sled deck! The drawing will happen on Saturday night during WSSA's Winter Rendezvous in February. The tickets are \$5 each and only 1,000 will be sold. Those are spectacular odds!

Legal action to protect your riding areas is expensive! WSSA needs to be able to defend snowmobiling when the issues arise and this means having a strong Legal Action Fund!

Contact your WSSA District Rep or any board member for tickets. Support the sport and help us protect snowmobiling for future generations.

Don't miss your chance to win a top-rated sled deck and help support WSSA's Legal Action Fund. The more you buy, the better your odds of winning!

Deck provided and built by North Cascade Sled Decks in Marysville, WA. Features include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All aluminum expandable sled deck</li> <li>Adjustable legs for long or short box</li> <li>11 foot 2 piece ramp</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes center loading</li> <li>Side lights and dome light</li> <li>Carbide protectors for all 3 positions</li> </ul>
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Super Clamps donated by DieselWerxs.com in Cle Elum, WA

(Buying raffle tickets in support of the Legal Action Fund are in no way tax deductible.)

## SNOWMOBILE RENTALS IN WASHINGTON

**Chewack River Guest Ranch**  
(Methow Valley/Winthrop)  
(509) 996-2497  
[www.chewackranch.com](http://www.chewackranch.com)

**CJ Marine**  
(Lake Wenatchee Area)  
(Lake Wenatchee Area)  
(206) 878-8668  
[www.cj-rentals.net](http://www.cj-rentals.net)

**Leavenworth Snowmobile Rentals**  
(Leavenworth)  
(509) 763-0333  
[www.leavenworthsnowmobilerentals.com](http://www.leavenworthsnowmobilerentals.com)

**Motor Toys**  
(Cle Elum)  
(509) 674-6807  
[www.motortoysofcleelum.com](http://www.motortoysofcleelum.com)

**Mountain Springs Lodge**  
(Lake Wenatchee/Leavenworth)  
Tours Only  
(800) 858-2276  
[www.mtsprings.com](http://www.mtsprings.com)

**Red Ace's Customs & Rentals**  
(Mossyrock - Orr Creek Sno-Park)  
(360) 880-1608  
[www.redacesrents.com](http://www.redacesrents.com)

**Ride Finesse**  
(Ravensdale)  
(206) 883-4635  
[www.ridefinesse.com](http://www.ridefinesse.com)

**Sharkey's Watercraft & Snowmobile Rentals**  
(Chelan)  
(509) 687-2312  
[www.lakechelanonline.com/rentals.html](http://www.lakechelanonline.com/rentals.html)

**The Last Resort**  
(Ronald/Roslyn/Cle Elum)  
(509) 649-2222  
[www.thelastresortwa.com](http://www.thelastresortwa.com)

List compiled by Florence Mohler, WSSA Tourism Chair.  
Please call (800) 784-WSSA (9772) with tourism questions or updates to this listing.

**Note: WSSA does not endorse any business listed. WSSA provides this list only as a courtesy. Please report any errors in listing to Florence Mohler at (800) 784-9772.**



# Matt's Misc.

**Sorry to hear of the passing of Bob Melson.** If you read the Lake Wenatchee Rec. Club's article, you saw mention of this. I first met Bob back around 2010. He was a very friendly guy and it turned out was the life of the party! I'll never forget one of our 'Winter Rendezvous' celebrations where Bob was singing a karaoke duet of a Grease (musical/movie) hit with my wife. He was a bit of a standout with his exaggerated cowboy hat. It was likely that same event when Bob and the club had arranged for a Monday ride including a hot dog feed. His crew was going to ride in from one sno-park and meet us at a different sno-park and lead us out. Several Ren-

dezvous attendees initially showed at the sno-park, but the snow depth was lacking and they all bailed... except me. When Bob's crew

showed, I told them what had happened, and if they wanted to cancel, I was okay with that. They said they were having the cookout one way or another and that I should join in. So I did. Later in the day it was time to

depart. I had a near impossible time convincing Bob I was fine to solo back to the sno-park and he required me to call his cell the minute I got back as they wouldn't leave the area until they heard from me. While I've been riding solo (at times) my entire snowmobiling life, I truly appreciated this.

Rest in Peace Bob.

**SnoWest Show in Utah; you didn't miss a thing...** Instead of my regular weekend in Puyallup, I decided to go to Utah and check out the competition. I'm talking about the SnoWest Snow Show in Salt Lake City they so rudely scheduled the same weekend as our show. This is the second time they have done this and I'm not sure why. Forcing exhibitors to choose between

shows isn't in anybody's best interest. And for the exhibitors who chose Salt Lake, I'm sorry...

While the Salt Lake show has an awesome venue in regards to location, size and parking, they weren't able to make full use of it. About 1/5th of the interior of the expo hall was empty, and the building isn't as big as our Showplex. They had good displays for Ski-Doo and Polaris. (Yes, at least they did have Polaris...) No Arctic Cat and certainly no Yamaha. Trailer offerings were pretty sparse and it looked to just be one dealer with spendy top-of-the-line enclosed models. They only had a couple of dealers selling gear.

I was there when the show opened on Saturday morning and it was far from a mad rush for people to get in. (The show's first day is Friday afternoon, so maybe they do better business then.) I didn't see a lot of buying going on, but there was some. They did not have a parking lot swap or any other type of swap meet component.

One thing neat from an attendees point of view was the ability to purchase tickets online and use my phone as my ticket. It came with a price... I think it was \$1 service fee. From the show's perspective though, this was a security nightmare; although the ticket had a QR code, nobody was checking them so I could have easily screenshot my ticket and texted it to somebody for their use. And I'm sure the online ticket company was taking a cut from the promoter's profits too. (So no, don't expect to see this in Puyallup anytime soon!)

Over the course of the last five years or so, I've now been to both of the SnoWest shows (Boise and now Salt Lake). Hands down we have the best fall show in the West.

If you are looking for an alternate show to attend, you don't need to leave the state. Head to Spokane! The Spokane show isn't as big as Puyallup, but it is as large or larger than either of the SnoWest shows and enjoys great support from exhibitors across the Pacific Northwest.

**Turmoil at State Parks affects Winter Recreation Program.** You are probably aware Peter Mayer, after only seven months in the State Parks Director position, resigned amid allegations of using foul language and belittling others in the workplace, as well as an anonymous complaint suggesting he pressured staff to award a contract to someone he knew. Regardless of where the truth lies, his leaving had impacts down the leadership chain.

## By Matt Mead, Publicity Secretary



Due to these events, the State Parks Commission has asked retired Director Don Hoch to return to State Parks as the temporary Director for a few months beginning in November. (This is good news as Don was very supportive of our Winter Recreation Program.)

**Timing of the Director's departure wasn't good for the Winter Rec Program** as our Manager, Pamela McConkey, was planning on retiring at the end of the year. With the sudden change at the top, staffing effects trickled down, and it was clear there wouldn't be a smooth transition of the Winter Recreation Program on the original set timetable. The good news for all of us is the fact Pamela has agreed to stay through the majority of the season and has extended her retirement date to April 1st. (Sorry Pamela...)

**Thanks Lake Wenatchee Rec Club!** For hosting our October WSSA Meeting. What a great venue they have! The club's vice president, Marilyn Mylius, made sure our needs were met, starting on Friday evening for those of us who camped over. Thanks to Matt Kensrud, District 2 South Rep, for arranging everything and treating us to a great fire on Friday night. It's been years since I've snowmobiled that area and in fact only did it in conjunction with WSSA events. I think my daughter Ryan and I need to get up there this season!

**Interested in a peek at British Columbia snowmobiling back in '77?** I came across a YouTube video of a group riding in the Monashee Mountains. What's cool is the fact it is really a pretty typical trip; people having fun and snowmobiles acting up! Check it out at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i\\_8lsVi1cIY&t=107s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_8lsVi1cIY&t=107s). (You'll want to skip to the 1:40 mark to start.)

**Looking for a stocking stuffer?** The American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) annually sells a raffle calendar. The calendars are \$20 each. Winners are drawn for daily cash prizes with the minimum win being \$20. There are much bigger cash prizes available as well! Funds raised support ACSA, and ACSA is to the Nation what WSSA is to the state; we need them! How do you get a calendar? Track down Florence Mohler; she has all the details. You will find

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Bob and I on the 2010 Winter Rendezvous Monday Ride.



# Matt's Misc. Continued...

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her in the WSSA booth at the Spokane Snow Show, Snowfest in Leavenworth, and at any upcoming WSSA meeting.

**Want new Wilderness? Release Wilderness Study areas (WSA)!** This is what Montana Senator Steve Daines is offering to Montana Senator Jon Tester in reference to the long-stalled Blackfoot-Clearwater Stewardship Act. Tester's bill would designate 79,060 new acres of Montana Wilderness. Daines' bill would revoke WSA status from 300,000 acres in Montana, allowing them to be managed as they had previously. (WSAs are routinely managed as de-facto Wilderness, meaning no motorized/mechanized recreation allowed, regardless of previous traditional uses.) It's unlikely this deal will be taken given the fact democrats are in control in D.C. But we can hope.

**Shoshone National Forest unveils proposed Travel Plan affecting wheeled and over-snow motorized recreation.** The Shoshone, America's first National Forest, spans elevations from 4,600 feet to 13,804 feet across five Wyoming counties. The proposed The 470 page document details the proposed roads and trails for motorized use as well as areas where snowmobiling would be allowed.

If approved, the Travel Plan would regulate motorized use across the 2.44 million acre Forest. A 30-day comment period started on October 19th and is currently underway. The agency has labeled 'Alternative 4' as the preferred proposal. It is being touted as the best choice for the motorized community. I honestly don't have enough information or have been following close enough to see if this is the best choice for snowmobilers. If you ride this area or are just interested, you can find all the Travel Management info at this website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/shoshone/home/?cid=stelprd3846526>

Comments on the Travel Plan should be submitted in writing by sending an e-mail to SM.FS.shonfcomment@usda.gov with "Shoshone NF Travel Management Planning Project" in the subject line or by writing a letter to Mark Foster (environmental coordinator), Shoshone National Forest, 808 Meadow Lane Avenue, Cody, WY 82414.

Oh, one other interesting item regarding this; during a previous comment period, the Forest Service received over 6,500 comments, but they only recognized 450 as original, ignoring the others which it classified as 'conservation group form letters'. (Remember, this swings both ways; it's im-

portant for us to not use form letters when commenting and make unique comments to ensure they are counted.)

**Why do I want one of these?** Have you seen them? The MoonBike? An electric snowbike... err... snowscooter. A neat piece regardless. Full suspension, one-third the weight of a snowmobile, 26 mph top speed, range of up to 40 miles on battery pack and



you can easily bring two. Born in the French Alps and they are taking pre-orders now. Oh, here is the catch... and the likely reason they won't take over the world; price starts at \$8,500. Pretty steep for you and me, but might be justified for a grooming contractor as a bugout machine if a groomer breaks down far from civilization. Lots of videos on YouTube and their website. Start here: <https://moonbikes.com/en-US/products/moonbikes>

**I'm in love!** What is better than a classic Porsche 356? A Porsche 356 converted to a snowmobile! Ooh la la!

Racer Renée Brinkerhoff is preparing for the final stage of the 'Project 356 World Rally Tour' taking place in December. This charity event has already taken the amateur racer and her Porsche to six continents. The last



leg is the most extreme, taking her to Antarctica in a 456-mile race across the Union Glacier. As you can see, the 356 has been

prepped with snowtracks and skis, along with a special suspension. I can't find any pics or video of it actually performing on snow, but I suspect there will be some shortly. I'll post them in an upcoming Snoflyer if I find any.

**Another option...** The E-Trace, developed by French entrepreneurs, is a recumbent electric-assist tricycle-style snow-bicycle. It has a Camso snowmobile-style rubber track in the rear and two steerable polyethylene skis in front. A rear sprocket wheel spins via a chain routed through the



vehicle's aluminum alloy frame as the rider pedals. A 250-watt electric motor powered by a 48-volt lithium battery augments the rider's pedaling effort. Motor-assisted top speed is reported to be 16 mph and the range is reported as 28 miles per charge. Kinda cool! I'd try one!

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