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Brad Wilks Paris, Idaho
member of Bear Lake Rim Riders
& Franklin County High Markers



Business of the Year - Shore Lodge
of McCall, Mark Wood



Youth Snowmobiler of the Year
Kailee Abramowski



Dealer of the Year
Northstar's Ultimate Outdoors - Preston, Idaho



Family of the Year
Justin, Randi, Madlynn
and Kailee Abramowski

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Snow Bizness from the ISSA Officers



President ... Pat Minegar **Dean's List**

I am very proud to be elected once again to the Presidency of the Idaho State Snowmobile Association. For those that don't know I was President of the Boise Snowmobile Club back in the early 90's and eventually ran for the presidency of the ISSA in 1996. The experience and knowledge I gained was tremendous. Since then, I have worked behind the scenes with Sandra Mitchell for the past twenty years keeping an eye and ear open to the association I love.

I want to thank our Past President Gary Cvecich for the years he served in the leadership of the ISSA. Gary has been involved in the ISSA since I was President in 1996 and his experience and passion was evident in the wonderful job he did for our association.

We had an amazing convention this year in conjunction with the Snow West Snow Show. It was kind of a cool set up at the Idaho Fair Ground buildings. We had serious business going on in one building and serious play going on in the other. It's amazing how much has changed in my twenty year absence from snowmobiling.

Although snowmobiles have changed dramatically in twenty years, our fight to keep public lands open for recreational activity has not. We live in one of the fastest growing states in the nation and unfortunately most coming in don't share the same love of snowmobiling as we do. The opposition is growing while our membership is becoming increasingly stagnant. We can't do anything about the opposition, but we can do something about the membership. We all know that one person or family member that shares the same passion as we do, yet is not a member. Please take a moment with them; find the time to express how much their support is needed, how important it is that they get involved. Ask those local businesses that make a living off of our sport to join the Association. If you find those that are already members, support their businesses! At the very least, thank them. Without our members, without the support of our community, we are nothing more than an acronym with letterhead.

There's a fun little snowmobiling life lesson I have used for many years; while preparing for a snowmobile race in McCall, my buddy and I were testing the track the day before. When we stopped after our first ride, he flipped his snowmobile over on its side and started to make some chassis adjustments, I on the other hand lifted my hood to adjust my Dial-A-Jet. He turned to me and asked if I was able to run full throttle around the track? I said "Um well, no of course not." He then said perhaps I should keep adjusting the suspension until I could, because having more power wasn't going to do a thing for me. It was then that I realized that he was right; the journey we make is only as good as the support system we have. Power is nothing without good traction. And without sufficient suspension, all you will end up doing is run your machine into the ground. Our Association needs more support. We need better traction. I challenge each and every one of you to focus on growing our Association. Increase our numbers. Grow our community. Let's gain some traction here, folks. Then, and only then, will we be able to win this race.



President-Elect ... Larry Laxson

Convention this year was a great opportunity to share ideas and visit with good friends. It is always amazing to me how quick our members are to jump in to help.

I am looking forward to the New Year, and working with our President, Pat Minegar, in promoting the Idaho State Snowmobile Association and working to keep our public lands accessible. I serve on the Boise Forest Coalition, was re-elected to the steering committee for the Payette Forest Coalition, and am the co-lead on the Payette Lands Allocation Committee. We are always having to defend motorized use on the Forests, and we don't dare pause for a moment! I am very appreciative of the counsel and work of Sandra Mitchell in helping us to maneuver through the legal minefields.

The snow is finally here and we are gearing up to start grooming soon. Be careful out there! Be safe and have fun!



Region 1 Director ... Joe Wuest

Snow has fallen and the wood is in the warming huts. It amazes me all the preparations that go into these programs making sure club members and visitors have a great time on the trails. The Clubs have made their plans for bar-be-cues, trail rides and parties. At the Sandpoint Winter Riders Club meetings they have great representation from the area Dealers. Sandpoint is already planning next year's events. They are also going through their Winter Travel Plan which some of the rest of us hope to learn from. The St Joe Snow Riders are planning their winter rides and their Memorial Shrimp Peel the end of December. At Priest Lake Trails and Snowmobile Club they are booked up this year on events and rides. The Club has 2-vintage races set for January 5th and February 9th, also there is 4-day WSSA ride. The Cd'A Snowmobile Club has also planned their season with local rides and out of town rides. They also are planning their annual Chili Feed at their rebuilt Trail Shelter. One of the best things about winter is the beauty. I encourage you to share pictures with others to enjoy and have a great season.



Region 2 Director ... Gene Riggs **Dean's List**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all you snowmobilers out there. I hope you've already had a chance to get out on your sleds. Hopefully you've pulled out those beacons and changed the batteries and done some drills with your family and riding buddies. I can look out the window right now and see snow on the Blues and on Waha so things are looking up here in Lewiston. I won't be able to enjoy the snow for a while since I'm scheduled for a knee replacement December 14th but hopefully I'll be out there early in 2019.

Carolyn and I attended the 2018 ISSA Convention in Boise the weekend before Thanksgiving. It was scheduled during the SnoWest's Snow Show this year which worked out well for the most part. It was a great time to catch up with old friends-- good times/good food/good friends. Next year's convention will be back in McCall at the Shore Lodge so think about attending.

One thing discussed at the convention this year was improving communication with each ISSA member so be watching for emails from ISSA this year. We will attempt to get more information out on what's going on. We are so fortunate to have our own lobbyist (Sandra Mitchell) who does an amazing job. You may be receiving information from Sandra on current public land issues.

Think snow and I'll see you on the mountain.



Region 3 Director ... Terri Klanderud

As I got up early this morning to write my article, we have our first snow of the season, and it covered the ground!!! I can't help but be excited- winter isn't just coming- it's HERE!!!!

The ISSA Convention was held this year in Boise at the SnoShow. It was a great success on many levels. Past President, Pat Minegar, is once again at the helm as our current President, and is ready to lead us into a very exciting year. I have great faith that our Organization is poised to become even more relevant today than we have been in the past. I reflect to a quote I've heard Sandra Mitchell use many times, "We don't all have to do everything, but everyone has to do something". I think of this often. What is your "something"? Make it happen this year!

It always amazes me to find out how many avid riders out there are not members of our Organization. It's up to all of us to make sure that they understand that they are enjoying this great sport because of those within the Idaho State Snowmobile Association that work hard to keep public lands open to riding. Pat Minegar pointed out at the General Meeting, that for your \$20.00 membership, we have a lobbyist who fights continually for us to be able to ride in some of the most beautiful places on earth. Where else can you get that for \$20.00?

'It's a small price to pay to enjoy our incredible sport! Get the word out-it's up to everyone of us to recruit fellow riders so that we aren't sharing the burden alone.'

Region 4 Director ... Justin Harrison **Dean's List**

Growing up in Butte Valley CA just south of Klamath Falls Oregon, we farmed and ranched, at the age of 10 I was running the swather. Dirt roads meant 3 wheelers to change water and that's where my passion for power sports started.

In High School, I was class president, 4-H club president, student body vice-president and on the debate team.

My mom's family was born and raised in Idaho. My dad spent many years as a guide in the back country of Idaho. He gave me my passion for hunting at a young age. We flew to Idaho each fall to hunt with his friends.

In 1990 I moved to Boise working as a mechanic, soon after becoming a certified master mechanic in auto, truck and heavy equipment. My daughter Cheyenne was born in 1995. I bought sleds in the mid 90's. I was a board member of the Owyhee Motorcycle Club for many years, racing bikes and quads on the flat track. I began coaching softball, was president of the PTO and got into boating and wake-boarding.

In 2004 I started working for Idaho Water Sports, where I am now the General Manager. I have fought the federal government on boating restrictions at Lake Lowell and spent time at the capital defending wake-surfing when Parks and Rec tried to outlaw it.

I met the love of my life in 2011 and we decided to get back into snowmobiling. The winter is my only time to get outdoors and play, with summers being so busy at work. In 2014, I achieved my pilots license, that being my other passion.

I once ran for City Council in Nampa and I am currently on the Idaho Waterways Improvement Fund committee for grants.

As the President of the Boise Snowmobile Club, I am committed to growing the club and ISSA, protecting our rights to ride and helping the community. I plan on sledding until I am no longer physically capable. Trying to bring like-minded folks together and meeting new friends will be long lasting goals.

Well there you have it a snap shot of my life. Please get involved, have an opinion and solve problems. Let's be the solution.



Region 8 Director ... Lin McKay

The annual convention in Boise was enjoyed by all those who attended. Thanks goes out to those who put in the time and effort to put it together. I would like to congratulate those from our Region 8 who received ISSA awards; Dealer of the Year, Northstars Ultimate Outdoors and Snowmobiler of the Year, Brad Wilks. It's a compliment to those in our area for their contribution to snowmobiling.

We have had some good early storms and many are out riding here in southeast Idaho as I am writing this. The clubs in the area have held fall activities and have plans in the works for their winter activities. The sport of snowmobiling is facing many challenges and we all need to stay involved to continue enjoying the sport we all love. We need to be involved and support the clubs and organizations in our area. Everyone's input and involvement is critical. We are looking forward to seeing everyone out riding and hope you all have a happy and safe holiday season.



Charity ... Carolyn Riggs **Dean's List**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I can't believe 2018 is nearly over. I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday. By the time you are reading this Snow Biz chances are you've been out on the mountain. As your club plans activities for the season, please remember to add service hours and community service hours to your agenda each meeting. In the spring I will be forwarding a link to a survey monkey site where you will submit all your clubs' community service hours directly rather than sending the information to me. Remember to keep track of any monetary donations too. Let's see if this new method of submitting your club's information will show a more accurate picture of the amazing service that the snowmobile clubs across the state provides for their communities. If you have any questions on the kind of things that can be included don't hesitate to contact me at criggs@tds.net. Best wishes for a great 2019.



Snow Biz Editor ... Warren Wilde **Dean's List**

Sorry that this issue of Snow Biz is late getting to our website, but I have not been able to get a list of the award recipients from anyone until a week after the dead line.

As I look out my office window I see snow on the ground. I live at 5,200 feet and now have 6 inches of snow on the ground. The hills above me has 32 inches and more in some locations. I have my sled primed and ready to go, so let it snow more and more. I will be checking snowmobiles in my area for 'Certificate of Number' again this year.

Thanks to the 'Friends of Snow' that hosted the ISSA Convention in Boise on 16-17 November. It worked very well as the Convention was in conjunction as the Sno-West Snow Show. With our meeting in the big room just through the door it made it very convenient to visit the exhibits at the Snow Show. We also have a new ISSA President, a new Region 4 Director and several new Committee Chairs.

There are several members of our Board of Directors that are not sending their reports to me so I can put them in Snow Biz. These reports satisfy the requirement of Region Directors reporting to the ISSA President.

The 'Wilde One' sez: "So long for now, I will be riding' on up the trail hopin' to see some of you along the way". Let's stop and chat for a while so I can check your sled for a 'Certificate of Number'. You know that we need to be legal!

Remember: 'Treasure love for your family, love for your spouse and love for your friends. Treat yourself well. Cherish others. *Steve Jobs, CEO of Apple*



Membership ... River McKay

Hello Everyone! My name is River McKay and I'm new to this game. I'm excited to take over the role of membership chair. I grew up in southeastern Idaho with an avid love for snowmobiling. I began riding at the age of five and have not stopped since. I now attend school at Utah State University and study Outdoor Product Design and Development. Thru this major I have been able to learn and grow and have begun to explore how gear can be improved to help our sport. I have been associated with the Idaho State Snowmobile Association since the age of eleven, and I have been active in two local clubs. I have traveled to Washington, D.C. twice in the last few years to lobby for our sport and public lands. I strongly believe in the mission of the ISSA and fighting to keep our lands open for future generations



Region 9 Director ... Bob Stantus **Dean's List**

Time to drag out the riding gear and get the sleds ready for another season. But first it's time to party. Many clubs will be having their Christmas Parties in the next few weeks and it's a great time to remind members to get their dues paid and sign up for ISSA membership. The Fugowee's will be having their Christmas party on 1 Dec. Watch for information on the Fugowee Night Out. Also, put the 3rd Sat in January on your calendar for the Moody Powder Pushers Scoot and Shoot.

The season has arrived in Fugowee country with 9 inches of snow on the ground and more forecast soon. If all the stars align correctly, grooming should start sometime around Christmas. The Fugowees, in conjunction with Fremont Parks and Recreation, are working with the Sawtooth Avalanche Forecast Center to explore the possibility of providing avalanche warning forecasts for the Idaho side of the Centennials which is urgently needed in light on last years tragic fatalities in the mountains. They are also donating funds and exploring funding sources to place an additional three beacon checking stations at major tail heads leading to the high country.



Scholarship ... Sharla McKay

The annual convention was held in Boise in conjunction with the SnoWest snowmobile show. I personally thought this was a great idea. I really enjoyed the change from previous years. A big THANK YOU to those Friends of Snow that stepped up and put it all together in a short time.

Congratulations to Dillon Pfof of Caldwell, Idaho for receiving the ISSA scholarship. He was also awarded a Bud Hoffbuhr Memorial scholarship. Congratulation to River McKay from Mink Creek, Idaho for receiving a Bud Hoffbuhr Memorial scholarship as well. This is the last year that this scholarship will be awarded. We would like to send a big THANK YOU to Pam Hoffbuhr and her family and friends for this wonderful gift they have given many college students over the last twenty years.

Now it's that time to start collecting and organizing information for next years scholarship. You will want to review the essay early. The applications are on line. Look at your high school career to this point and put all the information together concerning school activities, church and community activities and any service provided. All this information will be needed for just about any scholarship application that you complete. As always if you have any questions please contact me via phone or e-mail.



Social Media ... Jeanine Harrop Hansen

I NEED YOU!!!! I need you to help me IMPROVE COMMUNICATION for EVERYONE who is involved in the Idaho State Snowmobile Association. Social Media is a great tool to utilize these efforts, and I need you to please tell me what you would like to see on our Facebook page! Personally, I'd like to see some conversation going on between all of us. What a neat way to get to know each other a little better and come to a common understanding on those most important public land issues, find out the latest about sled certificates of numbers, and so much more! It's a great place for the clubs to post their upcoming activities, rides and events! If we do this altogether, we can see our Facebook page come alive with new and exciting things! A place where people will be waiting for the next post! I'd like to invite you to get with me about your ideas and what you want posted. Together we can help unite us through social media!!

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I would like to invite you to the Moody Powder Pushers 29th Annual Scoot n' Shoot, slated for the traditional 3rd weekend in January. We'd love to have any of you come and spend the day with us while shooting at targets, throwing darts, laughing, spending time with family and friends, all while you get to do it on what we all LOVE to do on the most enchanting, magical ride there could be: pure driven horse power plowing through the snow so effortlessly as you find the freedom in that exhilarating feeling on being on your snowmobile!

Have a Warm & Fuzzy Happy Holiday Season....



Search & Rescue ... Warren Wilde **Dean's List**

There has been no reports of any Search & Rescue activity this year to date.

Ride safe so you or your group don't get lost or caught in an Avalanche.

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History ... Warren Wilde Dean's List

ISSA SNOWMOBILER OF THE YEAR

Date	Name	Club Affiliation	City
1982	Stephan Boller	Sawtooth	Bellevue, ID
1983	Del Kerr	Coeur d'Alene	Coeur d'Alene, ID
1984	Ed Obenchain	Idaho Snowriders	Mtn Home, ID
1985	Ula Carr	Cougar Mountain	Boise, ID
1986	Bob Walker	Cougar Mountain	Boise, ID
1987	Ray Brandt	Cougar Mtn & Boise	Boise, ID
1988	Leona Riese	Idaho Snowriders	Mtn Home, ID
1989	Bob Lechot	Idaho Snowriders	Mtn Home, ID
1990	Dick Trudeau	Boise	Boise, ID
1991	Ken Roberts	Cougar Mountain	Nampa, ID
1992	Jack Cole	Lewis-Clark Snodrifters	Lewiston, ID
1993	Bruce Thomson	Cougar Mountain	Boise, ID
1994	Al Beauchene	Coeur d'Alene	Coeur d'Alene, ID
1995	Nancy Monk	Sawtooth	Bellevue, ID
1996	Naomi Cole	Lewis-Clark Snodrifters	Lewiston, ID
1997	Larry Waddell	Coeur d'Alene	Dalton Gardens, ID
1998	Bob Miller	Pocatello Pathfinders	Pocatello, ID
1999	Lois Jones	Boise	Boise, ID
2000	Reed Lewis	Mt Harrison	Burley, ID
2001	Lee Wilson	Mountain River SnoRiders	Idaho Falls, ID
2002	Craig Tarbet	Cougar Mtn & West Mtn	Meridian, ID
2003	Donna Rae Allen	Cougar Mtn & Boise	Boise, ID
2004	Neal Permann		
2005	Chris Freelove	Pocatello Pathfinders	Pocatello, ID
2006	Missy Stuart	Mt Harrison	Paul, ID
2007	Bill Freelove	Pocatello Pathfinders	Pocatello, ID
2008	Warren Wilde	Franklin County Highmarkers	Preston, ID
2009	Gary Cvecich	Salmon River	Stanley, ID
2010	Royal Kingsley	Lewis-Clark Snodrifters	Lewiston, ID
2011	Lauren Frei	Lewis-Clark Snodrifters	Lewiston, ID
2012	Justin Abromowski	Magic Valley Snowmobilers	Twin Falls, ID
2013	Jason Fisher	Magic Valley Snowmobilers	Twin Falls, ID
2014	Jeremy Ernest	Magic Valley Snowmobilers	Twin Falls, ID
2015	Bryan Baird	Sawtooth Snowmobile Club	Stanley, ID
2016	Terri Klanderud	Cougar Mountain Snowmobile Club	Boise, ID
2017	Greg Davis	Boise Snowmobile Club	Boise, ID
2018	Brad Wilks	Bear Lake Rim Riders Club and Franklin County Highmarkers Club	Montpelier, ID Preston, ID

Idaho History Facts

At around 7,900, Idaho's Hells Canyon is the deepest gorge in the United States, even deeper than the Grand Canyon.

The Fosbury Flop, a high jumping technique, was invented by Dick Fosbury from Ketchum in high school.

The first alpine chairlift was used in Sun Valley in 1936, for 25 cents per ride

Idaho's Shoshone Falls is known as the 'Niagara Of The West'. It drips 212 feet, actually beating out the 'Niagara Falls Of The East' by 45 feet.

Idaho has 3,100 miles of rivers, more than any other state in the country.

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Region 6 Director – Bryan Baird	Fundraising — Clint Hansen
Region 7 Director – Jason Fisher	



Awards ... Clint L. Hansen

Winter Greetings to everyone! As we start the new season, I have a new hat to wear for ISSA as Awards Chairperson and I am stepping into a great pair of shoes to fill! At this time, I wish to thank John Traska for his many years of service and commitment that he offered and provided to this great organization.

Here in Idaho where we have the greatest snowmobiling in the west. The ISSA awards program was put in place to recognize and thank the people, the dealers, the businesses and families that raise the bar to new levels every season. All the categories have a great many possibility of recipients.

As we start the 2018 - 2019 snowmobile season, I would like to remind everyone to watch for and to be mindful of all people and businesses that go above and beyond. Every club in ISSA has members who fall into these categories which set new achievements every season.

I will be contacting all our regional directors and club presidents in the next few weeks regarding these awards nominations. Let's recognize those that make our trails, clubs and businesses the best in the west! Be thinking about who you want to nominate for next year's convention!

Winter first.....Always with Family.

PS: Please note that the "L" in my email is easily overshadowed between my first and last name and tends to get left out in an email. My correct email is: clinthansen@yahoo.com



Convention ... Gary Cvecich

At convention this year, I declined to run for president of the Idaho State Snowmobile Association for a third term. Great, now I don't have to worry about writing my report for Snow Biz. Then I find myself nominated to be the Convention chair and here I am, once again writing.

I'd like to thank the Friends of Snow for the effort they put forth in getting this year's convention assembled, given the short time they had to prepare. I'd also like to thank Boondock Nation for choosing our convention to pre202mier their show on public land use.

The good news is that Mark Wood announced that next year's convention will be held in McCall, thanks to the McCall Area Snowmobilers. Hopefully, we'll be able to announce the details in the near future.

I'd like clubs to take the time now to think about hosting convention 2020. It's a major advantage to the clubs, to announce convention a year ahead of time, giving them the opportunity to arrange everything and to have a registration table at the current convention.



Safety Chair ... Warren Wilde Dean's List

WHERE TO WEAR YOUR AVALANCHE TRANSCIVER

While some outerwear companies are meeting and setting safety standards for carrying a beacon, a harness is still the best method for carrying an avalanche transceiver. Here's why:

- **Locating the avalanche transceiver high on your chest puts the transmitting antenna closer to your airway.** If you're buried in an avalanche and searchers are locating your transceiver, you want the probe strike and subsequent shoveling to bring them to the vicinity of your airway as quickly as possible.
- **If you're ever in an avalanche, you will be quite focused on protecting your head, neck, and chest.** If your transceiver is on your chest, you will therefore also end up protecting your transceiver as you fend off trees and rocks.
- **If your transceiver is on your chest, it will be kept warmer and will be less prone to getting knocked around as you move through the mountains.** A transceiver in your pants or jacket pocket is more likely to hit things as you ski/board.
- **The manufacturer's harness is more robust than a clothing pocket.** Clothes can be ripped off in an avalanche.
- **You can still access the transceiver quickly when it is in a chest harness.** The plan is to never pull out your transceiver for a real search, by using good terrain selection and paying attention to the local avalanche bulletin. However, if you do need to pull out your transceiver, most harnesses are made to easily access it in the event of an avalanche or for doing a group transceiver check at the trailhead.

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Interference from electronics (GPS, radios, cell phone, headlamp, heated gloves, and socks, etc.) can sometimes affect the performance of a searching avalanche transceiver. Symptoms include random distance and direction readings and/or loss of receive range. Keep all sources of interference at least 50cm (20 inches) away when you're in search mode. When searching, do not have any blue-tooth, wifi or wireless functions enabled on your phone or any other electronic devices. For safekeeping, if you need to make an emergency call during a search, make sure you're at least 25m away from the search area when you're calling on your cell phone. While most cell phones don't create harmful interference from this far away, there can be lots of variation between units, especially if a unit has been damaged.

In transmit mode, the effects of nearby electronics are minimal. However, many of these devices are metallic and metal objects can sometimes influence a transmitting beacon signal. While this will never ruin a search, nearby metal can slightly affect a transceiver's transmit range and it can sometimes cause the transmit unit to use more power to send out its signal. Most manufacturers (including BCA) recommend keeping all electronics and metal objects 20cm (8 inches) away from your transceiver when in transmit mode.

Many shell jackets have a radio pocket on both the right and left side of the chest, and most harnesses put your transceiver on the left side of your chest. I wear my transceiver high on the left side of my chest to gain the recommended 20cm separation from my radio, and I put my cell phone in a pants pocket or in a right jacket pocket. Analog VHF radios seem to interfere less with avalanche transceivers than other electronics, but there should still be at least 20cm separation. Digital radios are becoming more common; be very careful to test the transmit and search functions of your transceiver and look for any signs of interference if you're using a digital radio for communications. To date, BCA has not seen effects on any brand of transceiver in close proximity to the BC Link radio.

Watch out for slippage in your transceiver harness, and ensure it is located high on your chest. This will decrease the chances of injury to your hips, stomach, and ribs if you're bent forward while skiing/boarding or in an avalanche. If you're a snowmobiler, consider the Float MtnPro Vest, which has a dedicated, insulated transceiver pocket located above your vital organs.

Safe Riders! video chapters are up and running on the ISMA Website!

HASLETT, MI, October 31, 2018: The snowmobile manufacturers are pleased to announce that the **Safe Riders! You Make Snowmobiling Safe®** safety campaign is celebrating its 24th year of helping to educate snowmobilers to keep safety at the top of their minds while out riding. The campaign will continue to feature the **Safe Riders!** poster series, safety brochures, decals, and Snowmobiling Fact Book that we distribute free of charge to safety instructors throughout North America.

We are excited about the expansion of the **Safe Riders!** program with the addition of the new **Safe Riders!** video chapter series featuring 13 separate video chapters on snowmobiling lifestyle and safety related guidelines and practices. The chapters are each 1-3 minutes in length and can be viewed or downloaded from the ISMA website www.snowmobile.org. The chapters can be viewed from our website through our YouTube channel, or, if needed you can download the segments to be used off your own computer.

The video chapters cover the following subjects:

1. Snowmobile Lifestyle
2. Getting Started in Snowmobiling
3. Impaired Riding
4. Snowmobile Avalanche Preparedness
5. Snowmobile Operation
6. Hand signals while snowmobiling
7. Snowmobiling on Trails and Respecting Private Property
8. Snowmobile Preparation
9. Snowmobile Apparel
10. Snowmobile Clubs and Associations
11. Locating Snowmobiling Riding Areas
12. Trailering for snowmobilers
13. Snowmobilers Ethics

The new video chapter series is very inclusive and is available for use immediately.

The **Safe Riders!** program has positively influenced, educated, and informed hundreds of thousands of snowmobilers around the world and we have distributed millions of posters, decals, brochures, and Fact Books to the snowmobile community throughout the 24-year history of the campaign.

We are now distributing **Safe Riders!** information to clubs, associations and safety trainers. If your club or association would like to obtain our free collateral materials, please contact the ISMA office at ISMASue@aol.com to get a copy of our order form. Just fill it out and fax, email or snail mail it back to the office and we can send you the items you are interested in for your use this snowmobiling season.

Snowmobiling 2018-2019 Special Events Planned

HASLETT, MI, November 20, 2018: There have been a few nips in the air and snow in the Rockies, so that can only mean that winter is on its way - hopefully bringing lots of snow, cold weather and great snowmobiling. On behalf of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association members - Arctic Cat, BRP, Polaris and Yamaha Motor Corporation, we are excited to announce the continuation and expansion of the **Safe Riders! You Make Snowmobiling Safe** safety campaign. The **Safe Riders!** materials include our updated snowmobiling fact book, brochures, posters, **A NEW SAFETY VIDEO SERIES** (Coming in December 2018), and decals for snowmobilers to use in supporting their safety campaign activities.

We invite all snowmobilers to participate in the International Snowmobile Safety week - January 19-27, 2019. This is a great time for clubs and associations, safety trainers, etc. to take time to teach snowmobilers about safe riding. Many dealerships also support and help by putting on seminars, showing customers how to maintain their sleds to keep them running in top condition, and also promoting safety related activities. Visit the www.snowmobile.org website and download the Safety Week Campaign Action Manual which contains ideas on how to promote safety week and gives ideas for putting on safe events throughout the winter. Also, if you hold a Safe Riders! event during International Snowmobile Safety Week, let us know by placing it on our Facebook Page at www.Facebook.com/GoSnowmobiling. We will send one Safe Riders! long sleeve shirt per event posted. Please provide us with your mailing address and shirt size.

The Go Snowmobiling/Take a Friend Snowmobiling Campaign continues to grow as more people visit the website www.gosnowmobiling.org for information on how to get started in snowmobiling. The website is a great information source for all snowmobilers with links to other snowmobile related websites, state and provincial associations, and more. We encourage you to check out the www.gosnowmobiling.org site. You may wish to join in the Go Snowmobiling effort and ask some friends to go snowmobiling. Many people have tried snowmobiling for the first time with the experience resulting in the purchase of a snowmobile. That new snowmobiler can then become a club member, an association member, and expand your friendship - all because you asked them to come along and try out your winter recreation of choice.

The 10th Annual Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week is scheduled for February 9-18, 2019. You can grow your organization by partnering with local businesses and Chambers of Commerce to encourage your non-snowmobiling friends to join us for a time of fun. For information and ideas on holding a Take a Friend Snowmobiling event, visit www.gosnowmobiling.org. The Campaign Guide contains many great ideas.

We are looking forward to a great year and thank you for your support. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please visit our two websites: www.snowmobile.org and www.gosnowmobiling.org

You can send us an email message and check out our latest releases. We also encourage you to "Like" our Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/GoSnowmobiling. We are expanding our Social Network and our Facebook page is growing! We hope you join us for fun snowmobiling interaction.

We will be recognizing individuals and clubs who hold Go Snowmobiling/ Take a Friend Snowmobiling events by sending a Go Snowmobiling long sleeve shirt to those who post their event on our Facebook page and then send us their mailing address. We will send **one shirt per event posted so include your shirt size.**

We are looking forward to a great safe snowmobiling season!



Public Land Update ...

By Sandra Mitchell

Again with Region 1's policy of managing areas Recommended for Wilderness as Wilderness! I thought you might be interested in exactly what that means. Here is a chart I put together that spells it out.

In Region 1 there are two types of Wilderness;
Congressional Designated and Administratively Created

Idaho:	Acres
Congressionally Designated Wilderness:	4,796,559
Existing Recommended Wilderness Areas managed as Wilderness:	392,919

Only two Forests in Idaho are in Region 1; the Panhandle and the Nez Perce-Clearwater

The largest contiguous Wilderness in the lower 48 is in these two forests. (The Selway-Bitterroot, Gospel Hump, and the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness)

The Nez Perce Clearwater Forest is in Forest Planning and additional acres may be designated RWA.

Montana:	
Existing Congressionally Designated Wilderness:	3,501.410
Existing Recommended Wilderness Areas managed as Wilderness:	866,000
Existing Montana Wilderness Study Areas managed as Wilderness:	100,000

Another 130,000 is proposed to be designated as RWAs in the Gallatin Forest Plan Revision

Another 500,000 is proposed to be designated as RWA's in the Helena Lewis-Clark National Forest

Talking about issues that never seem to go away, here is another one: the **Fairfield Winter Travel Plan**. If you recall, many years ago at the request of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the Fairfield Ranger District closed about 13.1 miles of groomed trail from Couch Summit to Fleck Summit because it ran beside an elk feeding ground.

ISSA made many attempts to convince the Forest Service the closure wasn't necessary but the answer was always, "no, it's staying closed". Fast forward many years, the wolves discovered the area and the elk decided a free meal wasn't worth it, so they moved on. Leadership in the Regional Fish and Game Department changed and they recommended the trail be opened to the general public. Because there is a great deal of private land beyond the trail, private property owners and their guests have been allowed to use the trail. The Forest issue a ROD recently that opened the 13.1 miles of trail and closed 85K+ acres. Those acres to be closed are currently open for snowmobiling in the Forest Plan. Although they are not a high use area they provide some amazing boondocking for the intermediate to advance riders. So the reason for the closure? Lynx, wolverine and mountain goat. There is no science that documents a negative impact on any of these critters from snowmobiling.

ISSA filed an objection. The Objection hearing was held in November and a decision should be out in January. The next step is litigation.

Snowmobilers voted to support **state legislation** at the State Convention in November that would provide the opportunity for a two-year sticker, reduce the number of stickers from 2 to 1, and to increase the price of a sticker to \$47.50 because of increased costs. The last increase was about 10 years ago.

Will have draft legislation out to everyone soon! Please let me know if you have questions or want more information.

Idaho Snow Biz Tidbits of Information...

Numerous studies have concluded that wildlife species are disturbed more by cross-skiers and people on foot, than by snowmobiles.

Engine fogging oil is an excellent rust-inhibiting lubricant. It works well in many other applications than just fogging engines. Anywhere you need a lubricant in an area that is prone to rust and corrosion, grab your fogging oil and give it a shot.

A Norwegian man has set a new world distance record for traveling over water on a snowmobile, after a 131 mile run down the Darasjoka and Tanaelva rivers in Norway. Morten Blien had been planning to travel 155 miles, but his Polaris RMK 800 snowmobile unexpectedly choked in the middle of the river after 131 miles. Despite not reaching his goal of 155 miles. Blien is pleased with his new world record that took more than four hours to complete.



Mark Wood, President of the McCall Snowmobile Club accepting a check from the UTV Takeover President for McCalls help with their outing. The McCall Club will donate the \$1,500 to the ISSA Legal Fund.

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Good Friends at the Convention -- Warren Wilde, Jeanine Hansen and Lauren Frei



Sandra Mitchell having fun at the ISSA Convention



Convention Fun

Disabled Veterans Snowmobile Ride Request for Help

By Josh Callihan

We are seeking volunteers who own snowmobiles and Disabled Veterans who are interested in participating in the 2019 Disabled Veterans Snowmobile Ride.

Veterans must be at least 30% service connected disabled, as rated by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Disability does not need to be combat related in order to participate. Veterans will be chosen on first-come, first-serve basis. Transportation to the mountain will be provided for those who need it. Ride also includes lunch, snowmobile and guide at no cost to the veteran. Veterans must have own cold weather clothing.

Volunteers will be riding coaches/guides to a disabled veteran(s) and be willing to bring two snowmobiles or more to the ride; one for the volunteer and one for a veteran(s). Volunteers would be paired with a disabled veteran throughout the day and be able to offer them riding assistance, coaching, moral support, etc. so that they have an enjoyable day on the mountain. The volunteers' snowmobiles should be fairly new, in good operating condition and full of gas/oil and ready to go. The more volunteers that sign up, the more disabled veterans we can take snowmobiling! If you as a volunteer are representing a business or organization please let me know so we can include your logo on the ride poster and t-shirts.

The ride date is March 9th, and we will be riding from Francie Wallace trailhead in McCall, Idaho. Lunch will be provided free of charge to all participants. Please call to sign up and for any questions you have. This is a great event each year and we have a lot of fun. Please consider participating if you are willing or interested.

If you have participated in the past, thank you, and if you have never, please consider. It will be one of your best experiences on snow—I promise...Sandra Mitchell





American Council
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Recreational Trails Program

Ever wonder where the Federal Highway Gas Tax goes every time you fill your sled? It goes into a special fund - the Recreational Trails Program. Based on a formula, these dollars get sent back to each state for distribution to trails.

U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar from Minnesota recently introduced the RTP Full Funding Act of 2018 (S. 3604). This legislation will require a study to determine the best available estimate of the total amount of non-highway recreational fuel taxes. The Coalition for Recreational Trails, of which the ACSA is an active participant, requested the legislation as a step toward increasing the federal funding for trail construction and maintenance. The coalition is encouraging other senators to cosponsor this bill.



National Snowmobile Organization Formed

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 12, 2018: We are pleased to announce the formation of a new national organization that will focus its efforts and resources on the needs of the snowmobile community at the local, state and national levels.

The United Snowmobile Alliance goals will be accomplished through strong communication and experienced leadership coming from the states involved. Modern business and financial practices, along with transparent accountability, will be the backbone of the group which is built on a ground up foundation. The member states are committed to the success of this organization by their commitment to transparent and professional management of the organization.

With well over 100,000 state association members the United Snowmobile Alliance represents the majority of state association member snowmobilers in the United States.

Our purpose will be to utilize a proactive and collaborative approach to support and grow snowmobiling throughout the US and to be a resource to each other and those in a position to further snowmobiling initiatives throughout the world.

Our strength will be based on a reciprocity of vast knowledge, depth of leadership, internal and external networking, legislative grassroots skills, and building a national alliance that represents all aspects of the snowmobile community.

We invite state snowmobile associations to partner with the USA and actively participate in building a national organization with purpose and a vision

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5 Things Sledgers Should Do Right Now

By Marty Anderson, Sept 2018

Summer is gasping its last breath, and for us sledgers this means we are getting revved up for a new season. Many of us are looking for the next great performance mod or perhaps some new riding gear. We are probably also planning to master a new maneuver or a trick that has been eluding us. While these plans and goals are easy to get excited about, there are some important housekeeping items you really should do first. Some of these will help you achieve your goals anyway, so why not get started early. Here are 5 things sledgers should do right now.

1. Find a Snowmobile Show or Event and Make Plans to Attend

There are all kinds of events to choose from depending on where you live, from trade shows to movie premieres. These events are always fun and can give you some great ideas on what you need for snowmobile or gear upgrades. As an added bonus you get to spend some time talking to other sledheads about our passion.

2. Purchase a New Sled Movie or DVD

Whatever kind of riding you like (yes even the snow bikers in the crowd) there is a movie out there that will satisfy you, from climbing chutes or tree hustling to jumps and freestyle. Sure there is some content available for free, but a full length DVD or digital download that is available to play anytime—without streaming and burning up data—is simply better. (I play them in the background while working in the shop instead of only listening to music). These filmmakers work their tails off to bring us top quality entertainment and push the limits of our sport—the least we can do is support them.

3. Join a Club

Even if you don't ride your local club's traditional trail network or areas, join anyway. Clubs are constantly working in the background to keep riding areas open and to further the safety and quality of our sport. One of a club's biggest hurdles is showing the powers that be that we have large enough numbers to take our sport seriously. Getting your name on a club's roster is a tremendous help even if you have no plans on attending a meeting or club event—they are still fighting for your areas to ride.

4. Talk to a Newbie About Snowmobiling

The larger the world of sledding is, the greater its viability is. We need a constant influx of new riders and sledheads to help us keep moving forward. Make plans to take someone out who hasn't ridden before—whether it's your spouse, a friend, a buddy from work—anyone who you think may enjoy all of the benefits that snowmobiling has to offer. You may even end up with a new riding partner out of it!

5. Book an Avalanche Training Course

Avalanche safety courses have quickly become one of the most important tools in our safety arsenal. If you have already taken your AST1 then maybe it's time for a refresher course. Or consider upgrading to a Managing Avalanche Terrain or even the AST2 course if you live in Canada. For those in the United States, check out the AIARE courses for snowmobilers. If you're like many people, you have been saying "I'm taking an avy course this year!" for five or ten seasons now. Quit procrastinating and book it.

While you are waiting for the snow to arrive, these actions will help you to get ready for a safer, more enjoyable snowmobile season. The added bonus is that you will be helping our sport continue to thrive. It's a winning combination that will ensure that everyone can continue to enjoy what snowmobiling is all about for many years to come!

EDITORS NOTE: Plan to attend one of Idaho Parks & Recreation free Avalanche Classes in your area this winter. They are FREE!

Planning for Multiple Use Winter Recreation

Excerpts from Facts and Myths About Snowmobiling and Winter Trails (2014)

Snowmobiling...

PLANNING FOR MULTIPLE USE WINTER RECREATION

MYTH:

Snowmobiling creates conflicts, so it is best managed by reducing or eliminating snowmobile access on public lands.

FACTS:

Public land managers are sometimes reluctant to expand or even continue snowmobiling access due to concerns about 'conflicts' between winter recreationists. However oftentimes these situations can be addressed with better multiple-use management rather than by closing areas to snowmobiling.

Since trailheads and parking areas are where

conflicts between snowmobilers and nonmotorized winter recreationists most typically begin – if they are going to occur – addressing conflicts at their origin is the single best management tool for land managers and recreationists to consider.

Parking is truly the 'root stressor' for winter recreation. While a nonmotorized family of four can easily park their vehicle in about 20 feet or less, a motorized family of four needs close to 60 feet of room to park their 4-place trailer and

tow vehicle. Plus they need extra room for loading and unloading their snowmobiles, as well as room to pull in and out with their extended length vehicle. And some snowmobilers travel with even longer trailers – for six or more snowmobiles – which increases their needs for adequate parking and maneuverability even more.

The result is that, if parking is not designed and managed well, winter recreationists (motorized and nonmotorized alike) can begin to become

stressed the minute they turn into poor parking areas. And their stress and 'conflict' can build from that point on, for the remainder of their outing, due to their initial hassle getting parked.

Winter 'conflicts' oftentimes are really just a need for 'more and better winter parking,' which typically requires project-specific NEPA analysis to address. This type of conflict can also sometimes be addressed by simply separating uses for only a short distance out of trailhead areas.



Photo by Kim Raap

THE FOLLOWING PLANNING PRINCIPLES CAN BE INSTRUMENTAL TOWARD ADDRESSING WINTER CONFLICT ISSUES WHERE THEY MOST OFTEN ORIGINATE – IN THE PARKING AREAS:

- ❖ When space allows, it can be beneficial to provide separate parking areas for motorized and nonmotorized recreationists to eliminate interaction between the groups while loading and unloading. When this is done, good on-the-ground signing is critically important to help guide recreationists to the staging area appropriate for their recreation choice. If possible, egress and ingress routes should also have some degree of separation between user groups to minimize interaction versus immediately placing them together in the same areas or onto the same trail routes.

- ❖ If available space does not allow for separate parking areas, staging areas should be zoned for nonmotorized and motorized parking areas. Again, good on-the-ground signing is critical to help guide recreationists to their designated parking zones.

- ❖ When designing and/or zoning winter parking and staging areas, it is critical to remember that the space required for maneuvering, parking, and unloading vehicles with trailers is significantly more than the space required by most nonmotorized users – so parking zones should be arranged and allocated accordingly.

- ❖ If possible, have motorized and nonmotorized egress/ingress routes depart from separate sections of parking areas, correlating to the separate parking zones. If topography or ultimate destinations for

both groups make it necessary to depart staging areas from the same location, still designate separate motorized and nonmotorized routes and delineate them with on-the-ground snow poles and signing – and enforce it.

- ❖ If feasible, it is often advantageous to route nonmotorized users along or slightly into the tree line (if adjacent to open areas), while simultaneously routing snowmobile traffic either along the opposite side of openings or through the middle of open areas. If access routes must be located entirely within woods, consider cutting two trail routes with a degree of separation between them if possible.

- ❖ When designing or zoning staging areas for snowmobilers, it is important to recognize the need for snowmobile 'warm-up' areas close to parking areas. Oftentimes, older snowmobiles that have been hauled any distance on trailers tend to have their carburetors 'load-up' (flood), which requires that the machines be run a bit to clear their engines. While newer sleds with fuel injection have fewer problems with this, cold weather conditions can still create needs to warm up all snowmobiles. It is therefore important to have either open areas or extra trail space adjacent to parking areas so snowmobiles can be properly 'warmed up' prior to groups departing.

Did you know...

Poor parking is the root stressor for winter recreation.



12 WAYS TO STAY ON THE SNOWMOBILE GROOMER OPERATOR'S GOOD SIDE

1. Headlights

When approaching a groomer from the front or back at night please turn down your lights! Just like driving a car on the road, when passing somebody you dim your lights. So why not do it when meeting a groomer? Many people do this, it gets blinding when you have a long line of sleds coming at you.

2. Passing a Groomer

Wait for the groomer to stop or give you a sign to pass. Make sure the groomer sees you. They will usually turn off their rear work light when you can pass safely at night. Do not just pass any time and wide open.

3. Following a Groomer

Keep a distance when coming up on a groomer, don't ride right up to the drag or tiller with your skis almost touching it. You don't know when the groomer will stop.

4. Meeting a Groomer on the Trail

When you pass a groomer that has just laid a fresh new trail try not to run on it right away. Keep as far to the right as possible, in fact you should always keep right and not ride the center of the trail stay off the newly groomed section of the trail as long as you can.

5. Don't Dog the Groomers

When you are riding and you see the groomer doing the local trails, don't follow the groomer around. Go somewhere else to ride!

6. Riding on the Edge

Please don't do this! Do not ride the edge of the trail. Some will ride the very edge for fun. They ride their left ski on the trail and the other half of the sled in the powder packing the edge. Doing this makes the groomer operators lose their reerende marker. When there's fresh snow and the trail is covered we need them to keep the groomer on the trail. This is very important later in the season, especially in areas that have oo9ts 9f sno9w with big thick trail base. If few can't see it properly we could go off the trail and get sucked in and then few are stuck. Besides creating the risk of breaking the groomer or bust a track trying to get the groomer out, it also wrecks the trail.

7. Power Takes Offs

Don't do power take offs. Why do people still do this? The worst are the small humps left at the edge of the trail, when grooming fresh snow they're hidden under the snow and frozen solid. You hit one with the groomer track or blade and it's like hitting a rock. Try to explain to new riders not to do this and to ease on the throttle when taking off.

8. Stopped Groomer on the Trail

If you see a groomer stopped on the trail slow down and use caution. You might not see it as the operator could be cleaning snow off the machine, cutting a tree or removing a rock and you could hit the operator. If you see a groomer with its hood open or tools out stop and ask if he needs help. How many times riders would go by and not stop and ask to help, sometime all the operator needs is an extra pair of hands.

9. Be nice to the Groomer Operator

Don't get mad at us. We know you're there, wait till we find a good safe spot for you to pass.

10. When entering a curve try not to turn it wide open.

Some riders think that the only way to turn a in sharp turns is to come in hot, break hard then fill open throttle. Slow down before, coast into it and gradually get back on the throttle.

11. Keep to your side

Stop riding in the center of the trail, it creates a depression and it's hard to cut with the blade. Stay to the right like you are supposed to and everyone will be happy.

12. Broken down Snowmobiles

If you break down on the trail and you have to leave your sled there, please move it off the trail. This is good for two reasons: One, it will be safer and avoids other riders driing into it causing an accident; two, when a groomer comes to a sled on the trail and can't pass it, the operator has to move it so someone doesn't hit it and cause an accident.

What You Should Know About Groomers On The Trail

TRAIL GROOMING OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of snowmobile trail grooming is to provide smooth trails that are suitable for all levels of rider experience. This can mean many things: establishing a trail base at the beginning of the season, having to re-establish a trail after heavy snowfall and/or winds have obliterated it, or having to work a heavily moguled trail back into a smooth surface (also called 'restoring' the trail).

WHERE'S THE GROOMER?

Snowmobilers often, mistakenly, comment that 'the groomers can't be doing their job because I've never seen one'. If snowmobilers do not see grooming equipment on the trails, that is generally a good thing. Groomers generally work at night or when snowmobile traffic is the lowest to ensure that grooming efforts are the most effective and that there is proper time for the freshly groomed trail to re-freeze and set up. Trail grooming is very expensive so every effort should be made to ensure that, when grooming occurs, it will be effective and create trails that are as durable as possible.

Groomers work mainly at night so you can have better trails the following day. Give them a break and please do not follow them when they are working whether day or night.

Idaho Gems

A Country that forgets its past has no future!

Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many.

Spending time with children is more important than

The Snowmobile Manufacturer members of the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable Welcomes Final Release of First-Ever Government Statistics on Industry's Contribution to U.S. Economy

Report Formally Recognizes Outdoor Recreation Among Nation's Largest Sectors

HASLETT, MI.: The Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR), on October 20, 2018, welcomed the final report on the first-ever government statistics recognizing the outdoor recreation industry as a significant contributor to the U.S. economy.

The report, federally funded by the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture and Commerce, was released by Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). The new measurement is called the Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account (ORSA). It finds that the outdoor recreation industry had a U.S. GDP contribution of 2.2 percent and annual gross economic output of \$734 billion. This economic contribution level is greater than other key economic sectors, including the mining, utilities and chemical products manufacturing industries. In addition, with 4.5 million jobs, the outdoor recreation sector generates similar employment as other major job creators in the United States, including hospitals, transportation and warehousing, and educational services.

The release was the final, revised report, following prototype statistics released last February. The updated report reflects expert comments and feedback solicited by BEA and submitted by a wide range of organizations in the outdoor recreation economy.

The release of the data is a significant milestone for the outdoor recreation industry, which has long called for its sector to be formally included in government economic analysis. To mark the announcement, ORR organized a Capitol Hill briefing with key federal officials, including Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, Bureau of Economic Analysis Director Brian Moyer, Department of Interior Senior Advisor Rick May, and a video message from Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT).

"The report provides official government recognition of the outdoor recreation industry as a powerful force in the American economy," said Ed Klim, Board member of ORR and President of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association. "As one of the nation's largest economic sectors, it is critical that our national leaders do everything they can to keep the economic engine running at full speed. That includes common sense policies to expand public access, modernize infrastructure and remove barriers to efficient and effective public-private partnerships. We thank the teams at the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account for their tireless work in making today's report possible."

The BEA's analysis also found outdoor recreation to have a strong wage growth rate of 4.3 percent, which surpasses the overall U.S. wage growth of 2.7 percent.

"The outdoor recreation industry contribution to our nation's GDP has more than pulled its weight, and we've been a major engine behind the recent economic growth rate. Due to its importance to the overall economy and especially rural communities, outdoor recreation deserves to be a priority at national and state levels. ORR looks forward to working collaboratively with leaders to implement growth-oriented policies that will ensure our industry remains a strong GDP contributor and jobs generator for years to come," said Klim.

ORR strongly supports continuing and expanding ORSA. Senate legislation funding the Department of Commerce operations for fiscal year 2019, beginning October 1, 2018, specifically includes on-going funding for ORSA and its expansion to generate state-level projections. ORR has called upon the House to follow the Senate's lead on ORSA and thus implement the Congressional direction contained in the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act of 2016.

Mototrax now distributed by WPS

Mototrax is proud to announce a brand-new distribution relationship with WPS (Western Power Sports, Inc), the leader in powersports parts and accessories distribution in the United States. As part of the new agreement, WPS will distribute the Mototrax lineup of snow bike conversion systems throughout the United States.

"We are very excited about the upcoming snow season and the partnership with Western Power Sports. Our collaboration with WPS is going to help bring this year's updated and improved system to even more locations," says Greg Ragsdale, General Manager of Mototrax. "To better serve our customers we have consolidated all processes to our location in Spokane, Washington. This will help streamline the build process and ensure better quality control of all products. We have made some great improvements to our system this year and we can't wait to share it with everyone," Ragsdale explained.

"We are pleased to add Mototrax as a valued vendor of quality products that our dealers are asking for. The Mototrax snow

bike system provides a high-level of quality and performance to the consumer and we think being paired with the WPS sales force and dealer network is a perfect fit for the emerging brand. We look forward with anticipation to much success together, now and in the future," says Tim Piver, WPS Snow Sales Manager

Mototrax specializes in the design, development, manufacturing and sale of the most advanced snow bike conversion systems for dirt bikes. Since the company's inception in 2014, Mototrax has been refining the single shock, rising rate suspension track design to be the new standard in dirt to snow conversion system setup. The Mototrax 120" and 129" track length systems,



available in countries all over the world, are considered to be one of the world's leading snow bike conversion systems in the industry today.

WPS is now shipping available Mototrax systems to all dealer locations.

STATE OF THE SPORT – UPDATE ON SNOWMOBILES IN NORTH AMERICA

From - ISMA (International Snowmobile Manufacturing Association)

HASLETT, MI, November 2, 2018: Snowmobiling is a catalyst for winter economies in the snowbelt of North America that generates over \$26 billion in annual spending by participants and providing jobs, taxes and recreation when many hibernate. Over 2 million recreationists enjoy snowmobiling in the US and another 700,000 in Canada each year.

The players are many and diverse, but they are all integral in moving the sport forward. They include:

- Individual Riders
- Clubs
- State and Provincial Associations
- American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) and Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations (CCSO)
- International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA)

ISMA's role is one of leadership from the four Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM's) on issues that affect the sport, especially in the areas of laws and policy with governmental units on the manufacturer of products, and also with access and protection. Below are some of the ways the four OEM's are involved on a daily basis through ISMA:

- The manufacturers collectively helped establish and are significant supporters and contributors to the American Council of Snowmobile Associations and the Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations. These are the true activation arms for organization, political, and funding issues in their respective countries.
- ISMA's members, along with ACSA and CCSO, support clubs and associations in efforts to expand and protect trails, riding areas and other organized club activities. Financial support through grant programs and industry expertise and knowledge is available to support staff and volunteers.
- The ISMA Safe Riders program, sponsored by the manufacturers, began in 1995 and continues today. The program support materials are available free of charge to clubs, dealers, associations and safety trainers. The campaign includes, posters, brochures, safety videos and other materials.
- ISMA's Avalanche safety education and outreach support began ten years ago. Three years ago, ISMA partnered with Ascender 360 to make education access even easier through an online program. ISMA supports and communicates on a regular basis with the American Avalanche Association, Avalanche Canada and the US Forest Service Avalanche safety training teams.
- ISMA announced a new Safe Riders video series featuring 13 chapters covering key issues on snowmobile safety September 6, 2018. The series will be available soon to support safety education and market expansion. Clubs and associa-

tions will be encouraged to use the new videos to promote membership as well as safety.

- The manufacturers, in cooperation with ACSA and the CCSO, work closely with land managers regarding trail management, maintenance, mountain riding designation, and proper postings.
- ISMA and ACSA have jointly intervened on behalf of states, clubs, riders and even the US Forest Service over 12 times on land access issues, protecting riders when unnecessarily attacked. Especially in the Western U.S. The most recent example being: Our intervention in the Over Snow Vehicle Plan in the Lassen Forest in California within the past year.
- ISMA and ACSA have been involved since 1999 in numerous lawsuits preserving the right to ride in the oldest national park, Yellowstone – to assure the precedent set there is one of inclusion.
- ISMA has sponsored scientific studies that have proven no detrimental effects of snowmobiling on soil, vegetation, or wildlife.
- ISMA continually sponsors economic impact studies to show the importance of winter recreation to towns, counties, and states in the snow-belt region.
- The manufacturers continue to develop snowmobile engines that are clean. New snowmobiles have EPA certified engines, which insure clean air and water and healthy recreation.
- Sound levels and emission levels continue to decline in snowmobiles with new state-of-the-art exhaust and related sound systems. All snowmobiles pass a rigorous set of safety tests - including sound and emission testing. The tests are conducted by a recognized independent third-party testing laboratory.
- ACSA and CCSO, with support from ISMA, organize a Fly-In every year to Washington DC and numerous receptions in Ottawa to personally visit the law makers and Ministers from snowmobiling states and provinces – reminding them of the importance of snowmobiling and giving them updates on snowmobiling activities in their states and provinces.

While the manufacturers play an important role, our sport is dependent on volunteers to make it work. ISMA encourages all snowmobilers to support the sport in some small way whenever possible – no matter if you live in Alberta, Colorado, New Brunswick or New York, there are many other snowmobilers volunteering on your behalf. Make your voice heard too by joining a local snowmobile club, a State or Provincial Association, and ACSA or CCSO – even if you can only contribute with your dollars. It all truly helps!

International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association

From Ed Klim, President

Hello Snowmobile Community, the snowmobile manufacturers are happy to announce that the new Safe Riders! video chapter series has been completed and is now available for download on the ISMA website www.snowmobile.org.

The video series consists of 13 separate chapters covering snowmobile safety issues and lifestyle issues. The chapters were created to support snowmobile safety instruction and information.

The lifestyle and club and association chapters were created to help promote the snowmobile community, club membership and invite outdoor enthusiasts to join us in snowmobiling.

Please check out the videos, and help us distribute this information far and wide.

The videos can be downloaded onto your computer or viewed through our website and the YouTube Channel.

Can You Survive The Night?

Do you have these with you?

1. Fire starting material - (matches, flares, etc.)
2. A means of Communication:
 - a. Cell Phone
 - b. Radio - (FSR, Ham Commercial)
 - c. GPS Unit
3. Extra Food - (trail mix: energy bars etc.)
4. Liquids - (water, sports drink, etc.)
5. Extra clothes - (gloves, socks, etc.)
6. Avalanche Transceiver (Beacon)
7. Shovel and Probe Pole
8. Knife, axe or saw

Have you left word with someone as to where you are going, the parking lot you're leaving from and an approximate return time?

Remember - 'Hydrate or Die'

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY TIPS

- ❖ Never travel alone.
- ❖ Tell someone your destination, route, and when you plan to return. That will ensure that someone will be looking for you if you don't return on time.
- ❖ Don't drink and drive
- ❖ Slow down, especially at night.
- ❖ Keep to the right when riding on trails
- ❖ Watch for other users of the trail -- skiers, snowshoers and dogsleds.
- ❖ Use caution when crossing lakes and streams.
- ❖ Respect private and public property.
- ❖ Dress appropriately and wear a helmet.
- ❖ Never wrap yourself in a space blanket or plastic 'tube tent'. This will cause condensation of moisture to soak your clothes. Use the space blanket to sit or lay on, or as a reflective heat shield. A space blanket reflects back approximately 80% of the heat that hits it. Be sure to place the shiny silver side towards you... Reinforce space blanket when necessary using a sheet of plastic.
- ❖ Avoid getting wet from snowmelt or from overheating and perspiring, as this can cause hypothermia to set in.
- ❖ Be familiar with your snowmobile; carry extra spark plugs, drive belt, tool kit and a tow rope.
- ❖ Carry a survival kit with map, compass, GPS, flashlight, extra food and water, sunglasses, first aid kit, pocket knife, waterproof matches, candles or other firestarters, space blanket and folding saw, extra clothing (put your extra gloves and socks in a sealed plastic bag to keep them dry) in case you have to spend the night out in the cold.
- ❖ On those cold, windy days, when you stop for lunch, place your gloves on top of the engine (not on the muffler) and close the hood. When you are ready to go your gloves will be warm.
- ❖ Carry avalanche equipment -- beacon (transceiver), probe and shovel and know how to use them.
- ❖ Carry a means of communicating -- cell phone, two-way radio, signal mirror.
- ❖ Have a basic first aid kit.
- ❖ Carry extra fuel if going a long distance.
- ❖ Ride within your personal limits.
- ❖ Watch for trail grooming equipment.

Keep Your Body's Tank Filled

Courtesy of the American Legion Magazine

Year-round hydration is key to good health for reasons we sometimes overlook.

"Driving when you're just 1 percent dehydrated, for instance, can lead to pretty dangerous behaviors behind the wheel, like lane drifting or late braking," Men's Health reports. "Plus, if you're 2 percent or more dehydrated, your athletic performance might take a hit."

Also, if you're running in lower temperatures and wearing multiple layers, such as when you are snowmobiling, it can be tougher to remember to stay hydrated. "But you should," the magazine continues. "When you don't supply your body with enough fluids, you reduce functioning in every system, including our cells, tissues and organs."

Here are some signs of dehydration:

- Muscle cramping, especially in the legs - When you're exercising and losing fluids, you're creating an imbalance of electrolytes like sodium and potassium in your muscles. "Not only does that up your odds of cramping, but it also increases your chances of feeling next-day soreness post-workout."
- Craving sweets - Organs like your liver use water to function. Among those tasks is the release of glycogen, the molecule that stores sugar. "If the liver can't get fuel, it cannot release glucose and other energy stores," says Robert Segal, medical director of LabFinder. "Sweet foods are especially attractive when this happens."
- Dizziness - "When you're lacking in fluids, your blood pressure tends to lower, and that can lead to dizziness and lightheadedness."
- Less urinating and fewer bowel movements - If your fluids are significantly depleted, you'll have a dropping urine frequency. "That can be particularly dangerous, because it means that your body isn't getting rid of toxin as quickly as it should." Also, without enough water, stools can harden, leading to constipation.

As you plan your snowmobiling trips remember to Stay Hydrated, so you don't experience the above problems.

Idaho's Billion Dollar Motorized Recreation Industry



Idaho's motorized recreation industry is BIG business, contributing nearly **\$1 Billion** combined in equipment, fuel, food, lodging, and more. There is an additional **\$543 million** value added through employment. Because of these activities you add an estimated **\$543 million** in value added increases.

Local **taxes, benefits, and labor income** see a contribution of well over **\$250 million**. The outdoor recreation industry is among the **nation's largest**

economic sectors from the smallest rural town to the largest city. This **economic powerhouse** creates **billions** in spending and millions of good paying **jobs**.

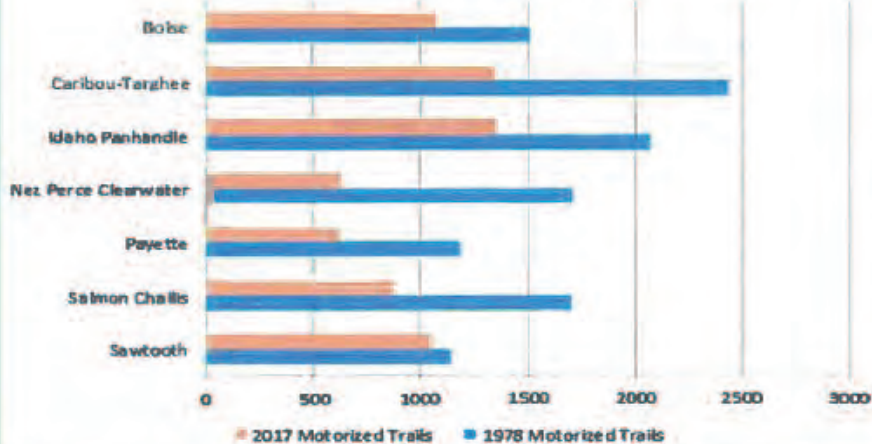
When we invest in the foundation of recreation economy, our public lands, waters, and mountains produce a compounding return in the form of healthier communities, healthier economies and healthier people. Motorized outdoor recreation is a **powerful force!**

Our public lands and waters represent the best of America. With recreation now part of the US GDP (\$646 billion total spending, 6.1 million jobs and \$80 billion in tax revenue*), it is more important than ever.

The outdoor recreation economy depends on **access to public lands**, which contribute to the growth of our economy and ensure we have beautiful places to recreate.

*Source: Outdoor Industry Association, Nov 2016

Idaho National Forest Motorized Trail Changes Between 1978 and 2017

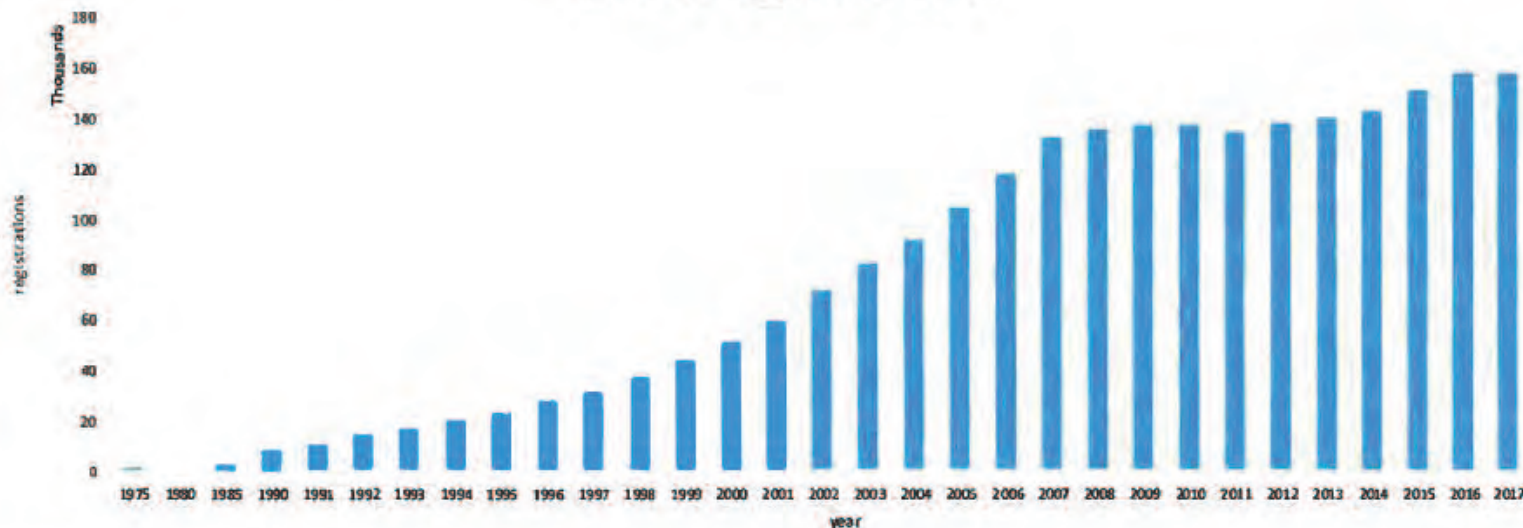


Issue: Access Denied

Motorized recreation continues to grow in popularity in Idaho. In contrast to this increased demand, is a loss of access on all federal lands.

Preservation of our recreational opportunities protects the economy, business and communities.

Idaho OHV Registration Growth



There's No Business Like **SNOW Biz-ness!**

Recreation Trips & Expenditures by Vehicle and County

June 2017 Economic Impact and Importance of Recreational Vehicles throughout Idaho

	OHV			Snowmobiling			Power Boating		
	Trips Taken	Expenses (fuel, food, parts)	Capital Expenditures	Trips Taken	Expenses (fuel, food, parts)	Capital Expenditures	Trips Taken	Expenses (fuel, food, parts)	Capital Expenditures
Ada	49,000	\$ 35,300,000	\$ 40,000,000	132	\$ 9,954,372	\$ 14,095,635	21,545	\$ 18,212,483	\$ 42,171,417
Adams	31,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 1,000,000	3,801	\$ 3,091,126	\$ 120,895	4,069	\$ 1,242,942	\$ 121,699
Bannock	26,000	\$ 10,200,000	\$ 20,000,000	2,940	\$ 5,047,801	\$ 3,125,617	1,575	\$ 1,786,681	\$ 2,572,289
Bear Lake	19,000	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 2,000,000	4,309	\$ 1,999,808	\$ 255,932	7,102	\$ 3,112,397	\$ 336,501
Benewah	24,000	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 4,000,000	719	\$ 2,116,667	\$ 298,871	27,684	\$ 3,041,904	\$ 568,479
Bingham	13,000	\$ 8,470,000	\$ 10,000,000	1,179	\$ 2,246,427	\$ 2,275,135	3,999	\$ 1,605,663	\$ 709,722
Blaine	17,000	\$ 2,800,000	\$ 2,000,000	3,924	\$ 5,358,475	\$ 1,953,438	5,205	\$ 2,036,741	\$ 589,731
Boise	54,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 2,000,000	6,111	\$ 1,460,963	\$ 93,072	6,044	\$ 1,900,483	\$ 166,895
Bonner	38,000	\$ 9,500,000	\$ 5,000,000	11,419	\$ 6,857,143	\$ 1,154,795	40,749	\$ 32,596,209	\$ 6,697,112
Bonneville	41,000	\$ 24,100,000	\$ 16,000,000	6,131	\$ 5,926,474	\$ 4,905,587	20,269	\$ 8,048,495	\$ 4,087,655
Boundary	16,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	2,808	\$ 1,170,003	\$ 134,844	3,432	\$ 1,289,984	\$ 553,632
Butte	8,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,000,000	496	\$ 277,567	\$ 36,183	45	\$ 11,554	\$ 9,526
Camas	9,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -	6,531	\$ 1,280,015	\$ 105,766	536	\$ 53,106	\$ 21,731
Canyon	14,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	45	\$ 3,978,350	\$ 4,006,638	9,233	\$ 6,643,267	\$ 5,924,312
Caribou	22,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 2,000,000	3,841	\$ 1,790,579	\$ 219,740	3,928	\$ 1,567,081	\$ 265,926
Cassia	15,000	\$ 3,300,000	\$ 7,000,000	4,125	\$ 2,584,615	\$ 1,112,205	7,208	\$ 2,530,475	\$ 1,302,638
Clark	11,000	\$ -	\$ -	972	\$ 196,544	\$ 5,900	22	\$ 8,459	\$ 9,876
Clearwater	32,000	\$ 4,700,000	\$ 3,000,000	4,002	\$ 1,590,367	\$ 96,210	20,202	\$ 6,958,350	\$ 608,486
Custer	21,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 2,000,000	5,812	\$ 2,674,495	\$ 49,791	9,903	\$ 2,908,379	\$ 62,468
Elmore	33,000	\$ 2,900,000	\$ 2,000,000	7,587	\$ 4,436,376	\$ 515,049	21,782	\$ 5,665,459	\$ 729,194
Franklin	10,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 3,000,000	6,623	\$ 2,611,278	\$ 1,461,739	6,629	\$ 2,150,072	\$ 220,925
Fremont	39,000	\$ 4,800,000	\$ 3,000,000	37,008	\$ 27,810,664	\$ 1,323,480	17,128	\$ 5,583,830	\$ 367,882
Gem	13,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 3,000,000	185	\$ 218,310	\$ 79,509	3,794	\$ 1,618,904	\$ 199,133
Gooding	6,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 4,000,000	29	\$ 676,087	\$ 113,195	3,012	\$ 794,096	\$ 127,395
Idaho	45,000	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 6,000,000	7,738	\$ 2,799,280	\$ 1,056,485	7,282	\$ 3,191,697	\$ 633,172
Jefferson	13,000	\$ 6,200,000	\$ 6,000,000	369	\$ 1,496,478	\$ 1,247,353	1,956	\$ 1,018,782	\$ 577,678
Jerome	4,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 6,000,000	53	\$ 823,943	\$ 862,801	1,266	\$ 495,010	\$ 1,432,860
Kootenai	53,000	\$ 17,500,000	\$ 22,000,000	5,449	\$ 6,167,927	\$ 5,572,702	55,474	\$ 50,485,355	\$ 39,330,892
Latah	19,000	\$ 4,900,000	\$ 3,000,000	1,436	\$ 1,387,021	\$ 156,166	270	\$ 520,701	\$ 1,173,697
Lemhi	22,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 3,000,000	982	\$ 227,783	\$ 324,331	1,676	\$ 1,201,703	\$ 82,264
Lewis	6,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	10	\$ 232,196	\$ 46,852	764	\$ 302,411	\$ 100,111
Lincoln	2,000	\$ -	\$ -	28	\$ 162,506	\$ 71,050	22	\$ 9,016	\$ 59,433
Madison	13,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	2,060	\$ 1,879,936	\$ 3,772,966	770	\$ 590,314	\$ 587,179
Minidoka	9,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	126	\$ 1,325,022	\$ 669,123	5,713	\$ 1,973,976	\$ 418,605
Nez Perce	11,000	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 13,000,000	811	\$ 2,262,696	\$ 1,044,973	16,354	\$ 9,198,883	\$ 5,080,777
Oneida	4,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 2,000,000	72	\$ 53,415	\$ 187,040	2,146	\$ 462,859	\$ 96,126
Owyhee	55,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,000,000	511	\$ 98,130	\$ 27,506	9,708	\$ 2,239,050	\$ 238,976
Payette	5,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 2,000,000	39	\$ 859,217	\$ 1,383,288	1,416	\$ 515,379	\$ 692,956
Power	6,000	\$ 700,000	\$ -	583	\$ 449,663	\$ 161,507	7,596	\$ 1,702,365	\$ 57,137
Shoshone	44,000	\$ 4,700,000	\$ 7,000,000	8,785	\$ 4,199,275	\$ 514,972	625	\$ 501,366	\$ 881,665
Teton	5,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,000,000	2,787	\$ 1,593,393	\$ 690,501	787	\$ 301,227	\$ 291,513
Twin Falls	19,000	\$ 6,100,000	\$ 14,000,000	3,751	\$ 3,778,546	\$ 4,623,189	13,973	\$ 4,969,701	\$ 1,933,318
Valley	58,000	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 2,000,000	33,481	\$ 36,370,631	\$ 1,471,826	28,608	\$ 16,360,098	\$ 1,472,707
Washington	4,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,000,000	880	\$ 230,547	\$ 191,822	10,056	\$ 3,953,608	\$ 399,191
Totals	958,000	\$ 185,870,000	\$ 250,000,000	190,680	\$ 161,752,111	\$ 61,615,679	411,557	\$ 211,360,515	\$ 123,964,881

Source: Idaho State Parks & Recreation, Economic Impact and Importance of Snowmobiling, off-highway vehicle and Power Boating in Idaho, 2016 & 2017

Idaho's Snowmobile Industry

Where recreation creates jobs



Snowmobiling

Snowmobiling provides a major recreational opportunity in Idaho given the State's climatic conditions and mountainous terrain. In addition, it generates significant impacts in employment and economic activity in many counties and for the State as a whole.

The economic impacts from expenditures on snowmobiles themselves, trailers, parts, and related equipment and as well as from spending that occurs when snowmobiling trips are made.

Snowmobile owners spent over **\$197.5 million** on snowmobiles, related equipment, fuel, lodging,

food, and other retail during the 12-month period of July 2015-June 2016. The sales of the retailers increased and, as a result, the **employment, income, and sales of local output increased.**

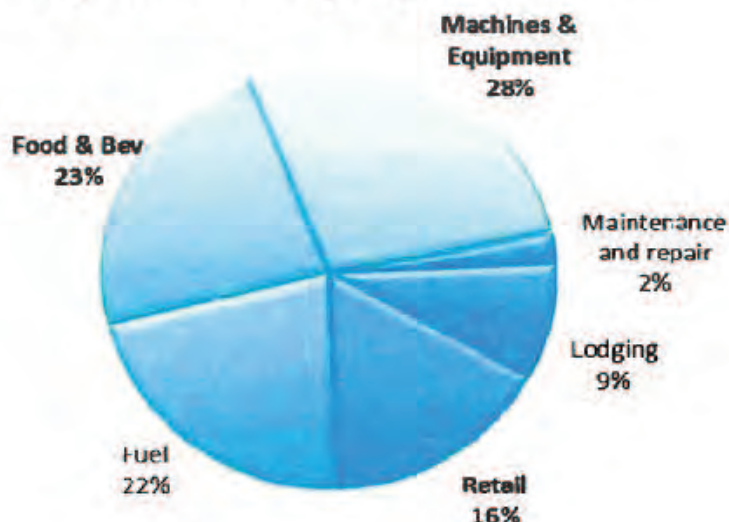
The retailers and their employees were then able to increase their spending, thereby generating additional economic activity. Thus, the total economic impact of the \$197.5 million in spending by snowmobile users on employment, income, and output is greater than the impact of just the spending by snowmobile owners.

- Employment increase of **4,062**
- Labor income increase of **\$108 million**
- Value Added increase of **\$160 million**
- Local Output increase of **\$157 million**

"About establishing snowmobile opportunities in federal wilderness areas, back in 1977 I suggested the establishment of an experimental snowmobile trail through the Gospel-Hump Wilderness in Idaho. The trail would have followed a route used by snowmobilers prior to the area's designation as wilderness.--I intend to work in the future for opening designated parts of wilderness areas for snowmobile use."

—Frank Church
September 15, 1980 letter to
Snowmobile Magazine

Capital and Trip Expenditures



Quick Facts:

- There are over 5,000 miles of snowmobile trails in Idaho; all being open to other recreationists like cross-country skiers, snowshoes, and more.
- Snowmobiling produces hundreds of millions in income, much of it going to rural areas. This keeps businesses open, jobs intact and tax revenues flowing.
- Numerous scientific studies have concluded there are no detrimental effects to soil or vegetation with responsible use.
- Snowmobile sound use has been reduced as much as 94% as compared to early models.
- After years of studies conducted in Yellowstone National Park, scientists concluded that snowmobiles had no detrimental effect on wildlife.
- Snowmobile clubs are active within their communities and typically represent the volunteer workforce to maintain access.
- Snowmobilers have lost millions of acres once opened to sledding because of lawsuits, wilderness bills and new Forest Plans.

Source: Economic Impact and Importance of Snowmobiling in Idaho (June 2017), Black, Fragkias, Hansen, Holley, Humphrey, Lowe

There's No Business Like **SNOW Biz-ness!**

Spending on snowmobile related products by County (where spent)

County	Snomobiles, Trailers, Equip & Parts	Maintenance and Repair	Storage	Snomobile and Vehicle Fuel	Campsites/ Overnight Lodging	Food, Beverage, Restaurant	Other Retail	Total
Ada	14,095,635	811,012	145,959	3,221,072	118,069	2,897,586	2,760,675	24,050,008
Adams	120,895	72,000	1,080	807,388	220,666	1,020,846	969,146	3,212,021
Bannock	3,125,617	323,114	23,227	1,158,959	272,798	940,377	2,329,326	8,173,418
Bear Lake	255,932	63,404	-	799,890	238,613	482,793	415,107	2,255,739
Benewah	298,871	52,955	-	637,785	66,454	611,057	748,415	2,415,537
Bingham	2,275,135	154,880	1,803	1,076,106	-	639,658	373,980	4,521,562
Blaine	1,953,438	163,801	2,953	967,250	208,880	1,402,677	2,612,914	7,311,913
Boise	93,072	34,712	4,378	523,778	107,386	563,741	226,968	1,554,035
Bonner	1,154,795	183,390	13,235	2,264,960	703,086	2,569,858	1,122,615	8,011,939
Bonneville	4,905,587	508,727	26,212	2,387,753	53,652	1,573,445	1,376,685	10,832,061
Boundary	134,844	24,043	-	509,364	18,290	472,971	145,335	1,304,847
Butte	36,183	7,875	-	129,406	-	113,690	26,596	313,750
Camas	105,766	34,605	-	362,808	61,131	582,697	238,773	1,385,780
Canyon	4,006,638	226,955	1,242	1,392,276	239,480	1,139,366	979,032	7,984,989
Caribou	219,740	83,970	-	835,023	27,204	630,172	214,210	2,010,319
Cassia	1,112,205	83,030	6,038	708,953	38,204	736,086	1,012,305	3,696,821
Clark	5,900	-	-	111,218	-	78,264	7,061	202,443
Clearwater	96,210	16,464	630	497,186	93,128	673,836	309,124	1,686,578
Custer	49,791	42,261	2,931	869,776	553,673	977,454	228,399	2,724,285
Elmore	515,049	139,648	12,202	1,492,882	909,486	1,152,191	729,968	4,951,426
Franklin	1,461,739	95,065	-	1,346,913	36,626	816,336	316,338	4,073,017
Fremont	1,323,480	181,141	17,051	6,931,317	7,165,856	9,429,215	4,086,083	29,134,143
Gem	79,509	18,635	-	111,032	-	63,882	24,762	297,820
Gooding	113,195	84,347	-	227,612	-	180,270	183,858	789,282
Idaho	1,056,485	143,712	9,980	619,667	79,729	1,356,620	589,571	3,855,764
Jefferson	1,247,353	185,271	17,886	589,423	16,399	371,478	316,021	2,743,831
Jerome	862,801	68,961	1,245	262,057	-	215,406	276,274	1,686,744
Kootenai	5,572,702	412,649	59,485	2,375,955	207,977	1,340,659	1,771,203	11,740,630
Latah	156,166	44,661	911	521,718	69,220	387,413	363,098	1,543,187
Lemhi	324,331	22,039	-	88,754	-	73,348	43,642	552,114
Lewis	46,852	12,164	-	87,442	-	65,881	66,709	279,048
Lincoln	71,050	17,912	926	75,108	-	24,151	44,408	233,555
Madison	3,772,966	154,688	23,320	726,647	32,813	537,870	404,598	5,652,902
Minidoka	669,123	72,616	2,354	491,935	109,082	489,745	159,290	1,994,145
Nez Perce	1,044,973	123,281	182	843,763	50,236	615,708	629,526	3,307,669
Oneida	187,040	-	-	13,859	-	32,623	6,934	240,456
Owyhee	27,506	7,063	-	12,083	-	10,212	68,773	125,637
Payette	1,383,288	40,533	15,200	303,882	5,818	249,524	244,259	2,242,504
Power	161,507	39,990	1,240	185,032	-	166,931	56,470	611,170
Shoshone	514,972	60,196	2,791	1,118,002	153,508	1,292,770	1,572,008	4,714,247
Teton	690,501	79,660	14,125	512,717	64,866	704,886	217,139	2,283,894
Twin Falls	4,623,189	365,659	15,701	1,306,418	76,481	982,669	1,031,618	8,401,735
Valley	1,471,826	221,602	32,128	8,868,242	7,424,854	12,461,186	7,362,619	37,842,457
Washington	191,822	12,377	-	106,044	-	102,004	10,121	422,368
Totals	61,615,678	5,491,069	456,414	48,479,455	19,423,666	51,229,551	36,671,957	223,367,790

Source: Economic Impact and Importance of Snowmobiling in Idaho (June 2017), Black, Fraglias, Hansen, Holley, Humphrey, Lowe

Facts About Snowmobiling - 2018

From ISMA (International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association)

Haslett, MI, 2018: As we begin the 2018-19 snowmobiling season, we thought you may be interested in the following facts while you are preparing to go ride this season:

1. Snowmobilers come in all ages. The average snowmobiler however, is 45 years old.

2. The average snowmobile snowmobiler last season rode 1,250 miles / 2,012 kilometers. The number of miles ridden, on average, is dependent on snow cover, so we will see if Mother Nature brings us more days of snow for riding this season.

3. 60% of snowmobilers belong to a club and participate in many of their club's events. If you do not belong to a snowmobile club, I recommend you consider joining! Clubs hold great riding events, great parties, and are made up of wonderful people that become great friends. Join a club and have a great time!!!

4. About 49% of the people that snowmobile, trailer their snowmobile to their riding area. The other 51% ride from their home or cabin.

5. Snowmobiling is a family friendly activity. Most of all those responding to surveys report that they snowmobile with family and with friends and with club members.

6. Snowmobilers are outdoor recreationists all year around. Following is a list of recreational activities that snowmobilers participate in when they aren't out riding:

- 59% go ATV Riding
 - 56% go Camping
 - 56% go Fishing
 - 52% go Boating
 - 44% go Hunting
 - 33% go Hiking
 - 32% go Motorcycle Riding
 - 26% go Golfing
 - 24% go Personal Watercraft Riding
 - 19% go Downhill Skiing
 - 13% do other recreational Activities
- Yes, we are a year around active group!

7. Approximately 82% of the snowmobilers are male.

8. Snowmobilers are a big part of the winter economic engine by spending an average of \$2000 each year going snowmobiling, traveling to their snowmobiling spot, and food, gas, and lodging. In many places of North America, snowmobilers pay the bills for many people involved in the Winter Tourism Industries and related businesses.

9. To help snowmobilers promote their sport, the snowmobile manufacturers have created a number of supporting communication tools.

- a. We have created a Dropbox where interested individuals can access the most current family friendly snowmobile photos. (Just click on this link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/kjcb8kcpv6vlaos/AADSnxI8H8V-ZhV1KO51dGIna?dl=0>) We encourage people to use these photos in the development of trail maps, advertising pieces, or just flyers supporting a snowmobiling activity. The photos are free and can be used in promoting recreation family snowmobiling.
- b. Also, ISMA has created a Facebook page www.Facebook.com/GoSnowmobiling . If you are on Facebook and want to see snowmobiling posts,

please FOLLOW our page. You can also share your snowmobiling pictures, events, etc. on our page and they will be viewed by followers from around the world!

- c. We have two websites: www.snowmobile.org and www.gosnowmobiling.org that contain a lot of information, links, downloadable materials, etc. to help support you and educate you on key issues related to snowmobiling and help you better know the activities going on. Our websites are connected to other websites around the world including all of the United States and Canadian State and Provincial Snowmobile Associations.

Trail Quality and Trail Set Up Time

- ❖ Trail grooming requires that 'set up' time be allowed for the freshly groomed trail to re-freeze. Set up time will vary depending upon temperature and moisture content of the snow. Two to six or even more than ten hours may be needed for the freshly groomed trail to set up to where it is durable and will hold up to heavy snowmobile traffic.
- ❖ Try to avoid riding a snowmobile on freshly groomed trails for at least two hours after the groomer passes by choosing an alternate route to help improve the quality and durability of snowmobile trails. And never follow behind a groomer because it immediately destroys the trail.
- ❖ If you come upon a groomer and you must use that route, try to minimize impacts to the trail. Slow down and try to stay off the fresh grooming if the trail is wide enough to safely do so. Operate only at the outside edge of the fresh grooming. Ride in single file on the fresh grooming and do not purposely fishtail or power through the soft snow.
- ❖ Understand that aggressive riding styles can impact the quality and smoothness of the trails you ride on. Fast starts and stops, powering through curves, paddle tracks, carbide runners, traction devices, and powerful engines can all combine to destroy the smoothness of a trail. So the next time you hit the brake or throttle, think about how you may have innocently contributed to destroying the trails you would really prefer

WHAT SHOULD COME FIRST? AVALANCHE AIRBAG OR EDUCATION?

by Curtis Pawliuk Nov 2018

I absolutely love the idea of avalanche airbags. They are an amazing safety tool that has been shown to save lives by reducing the chance of a full burial in an avalanche. I fully recommend wearing one. But where do they realistically land on the list of mountain preparedness must-haves? And what should come first: an avalanche airbag or education? Ideally both...right? Too bad that often isn't the case.

What Should Come First? Avalanche Airbag or Education?

This is the avalanche safety gear priority checklist—transceiver, shovel, probe...then airbag...right?

But what good is a transceiver, shovel or probe if we do not know how to truly use them? Or better yet, possess some understanding of how to avoid having to put them into action alto-

gether? The same holds true for avalanche airbags.

Recently I was invited to help instruct at two avalanche awareness seminars being offered at BRP dealers throughout Western Canada. In total we worked with over 100 people during two evenings. The attendees were asked to bring their gear with them so we could practice some hands-on training exercises. I was in charge of the gear and companion rescue instruction portion of both evenings.

Of the attendees who brought their gear along with them, I would say that 75% of their packs were avalanche airbags. This is awesome to see such an investment in safety gear. But when I asked the same group how many individuals had taken a formal Avalanche Skills Training (AST) 1 course, very few hands went up.

We all have to start somewhere and a great place to start is purchasing the proper safety gear, for sure. But it's not just beginner riders who are more likely to own an airbag than possess basic avalanche training. The priori-

zation of airbags over education is surprisingly prevalent. But why is that? The cost of participating in an AST 1 course is roughly one-quarter to one-third the cost of purchasing an avalanche airbag. So clearly, the decision to not enroll in an avalanche course is not based on cost.

Avalanche Airbags Are a Useful Tool

Yes, I am a huge fan and advocate of airbags, and have not ridden without one for several years. But I look at the airbag on my back in the same way I do the airbags in my pickup truck. It's just another tool to decrease the likelihood of harm in the event that something goes wrong. What I really want to do is use the skills I learned while getting my driver's license to avoid an accident in the first place. In our mountain sledding world, these skills come from an AST course.

To reiterate: the benefits of an education may prevent you from needing to use your airbag at all.



The most common tools we have available for mountain safety are:

1. The avalanche bulletin
2. Your local weather reports
3. ATES ratings for your riding area
4. Discussions with mentors or peers about local conditions
5. And most importantly, real-time observations while out in the field

A formalized avalanche education helps lead us to making informed backcountry decisions, as opposed to rolling the dice and just sending it.

So, what should come first? Avalanche airbag or education? I think you know my answer.

Ride Safe, Curtis

Video of an Actual Avalanche Rescue

FROM THE EDITOR: This is a great video on avalanches. It proves the need to be prepared with a beacon, probe, shovel and know how to use them.

Copy and paste into your browser.

http://www.outdoorresearch.com/blog/stories/video-avoid-one-of-the-deadliest-types-of-avalanches?utm_source=Outdoor+Research+Newsletter&utm_campaign=5036b3b8e0-USProUTAHAvySafety_2-11-14&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_186f957d25-5036b3b8e0-225009133&mc_cid=5036b3b8e0&mc_eid=67433f8ca7

Idaho Chuckles

I changed by car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.

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Of course I talk to myself; sometimes I need expert advice.





## Snowmobile based Avalanche Awareness and Companion Rescue Clinics

| Date & Time:        | Location:                                             | Course Type:         |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| October 5th at 6PM  | Meridian - Redline Recreational Toys                  | PowerPoint (2 hours) |
| October 9th at 6PM  | Boise - Dennis Dilion Powersports                     | PowerPoint (2 hours) |
| October 12th at 6PM | Meridian - Redline Recreational Toys                  | PowerPoint (2 hours) |
| October 20th at 4PM | Ontario - Edge Performance Sports                     | PowerPoint (2 hours) |
| October 24th at 7PM | Mtn. Home - Elmore County S&R bldg.                   | PowerPoint (2 hours) |
| October 25th at 6PM | Meridian - Redline Recreational Toys                  | PowerPoint (2 hours) |
| November 6th at 6PM | Meridian - Redline Recreational Toys                  | PowerPoint (2 hours) |
| January 3rd at 7PM  | Boise - Cougar Mtn Snowmobile Club Mtg at Idaho Pizza | PowerPoint (30 min)  |

| Date & Time:         | Location:                                  | Course Type:            |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| January 4th at 6PM   | McCall - Mile High Powersports             | PowerPoint (2 hours)    |
| January 5th at 9AM   | Adams County - Upper Elevation parking lot | Field Session (6 hours) |
| January 18th at 6PM  | Boise - IDPR HQ (5657 Warm Springs Ave.)   | PowerPoint (2 hours)    |
| January 19th at 9AM  | Idaho City - Whoop Em Up parking lot       | Field Session (6 hours) |
| February 8th at 6PM  | Twin/Burley - Action Cycles N Sleds        | PowerPoint (2 hours)    |
| February 9th at 9AM  | Mt. Harrison/Pomerelle warming hut         | Field Session (6 hours) |
| February 22nd at 6PM | Pine/Featherville - Senior Center          | PowerPoint (2 hours)    |
| February 23rd at 9AM | Trinity warming hut                        | Field Session (6 hours) |

Please register at [reced.idaho.gov](http://reced.idaho.gov)

Since avalanches are the number one cause of snowmobile fatalities in the west, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation is presenting a **free** Snowmobile based Avalanche Awareness course. The class is geared to familiarize the winter backcountry enthusiast with hazard recognition and techniques for safe travel in avalanche terrain.



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# Free - Snowmobile based Avalanche Awareness and Companion Rescue Clinics



## Southeast Idaho

| Date & Time:         | Location:                               | Course Type:            |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| November 7th at 6PM  | Idaho Falls - IDPR Region Office        | PowerPoint (2 hours)    |
| November 19th at 6PM | Soda Springs - Soda Springs High School | PowerPoint (2 hours)    |
| December 6th at 6PM  | Preston - Robinson Building             | PowerPoint (2 hours)    |
| December 28th at 6pm | Island Park - Ponds Lodge               | PowerPoint (2 hours)    |
| December 29th at 9AM | Island Park - Big Springs parking lot   | Field Session (6 hours) |
| January 11th at 6PM  | Preston - Robinson Building             | PowerPoint (2 hours)    |
| January 12th at 9AM  | Preston - Copenhagen parking lot        | Field Session (6 hours) |
| February 1st at 6PM  | Idaho Falls - IDPR Region Office        | PowerPoint (2 hours)    |
| February 2nd at 9AM  | Bone Road snowmobile parking lot        | Field Session (6 hours) |
| February 15th at 6PM | Salmon - TBD                            | PowerPoint (2 hours)    |
| February 16th at 9AM | Salmon - William's Creek parking lot    | Field Session(6 hours)  |

## Southwest Idaho

| Date & Time:           | Location:                                                                   | Course Type:           |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| October 20th at 4:30PM | Ontario - Edge Performance Sports                                           | PowerPoint (2 hours)   |
| October 24th at 6PM    | Mtn. Home - Elmore County S&R bldg.                                         | PowerPoint (2 hours)   |
| October 25th at 6PM    | Meridian - Redline Recreational Toys                                        | PowerPoint (2 hours)   |
| November 6th at 6PM    | Meridian - Redline Recreational Toys                                        | PowerPoint (2 hours)   |
| January 2nd at 7PM     | Boise - Cougar Mtn Snowmobile Club Mtg at Idaho Pizza, 7100 W Fairview Ave. |                        |
| January 4th at 6PM     | McCall - Mile High Powersports                                              | PowerPoint (2 hours)   |
| January 5th at 9AM     | Adams County - Upper Elevation parking lot                                  | Field Session(6 hours) |
| January 18th at 6PM    | Boise - IDPR HQ                                                             | PowerPoint (2 hours)   |
| January 19th at 9AM    | Idaho City - Whoop Em Up parking lot                                        | Field Session(6 hours) |
| February 8th at 6PM    | Twin/Burley - Action Cycles N Sleds                                         | PowerPoint (2 hours)   |
| February 9th at 9AM    | Mt. Harrison/Pomerelle warming hut                                          | Field Session(6 hours) |
| February 22nd at 6PM   | Pine/Featherville - Senior Center                                           | PowerPoint (2 hours)   |
| February 23rd at 9AM   | Trinity warming hut parking lot                                             | Field Session(6 hours) |

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And - Companion Rescue



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## North Idaho

| Date & Time:                    | Location:                                         | Course Type:                              |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <del>November 8th at 6PM</del>  | <del>IDPR Region Office (Panhandle Room)</del>    | <del>PowerPoint (2 hours)</del>           |
| <del>November 15th at 6PM</del> | <del>IDPR Region Office (Panhandle Room)</del>    | <del>PowerPoint (2 hours)</del>           |
| <del>November 29th at 6PM</del> | <del>Hells Gate State Park (Welcome Center)</del> | <del>PowerPoint (2 hours)</del>           |
| <del>December 6th at 6PM</del>  | <del>IDPR Region Office (Panhandle Room)</del>    | <del>PowerPoint (2 hours)</del>           |
| <del>December 13th at 6PM</del> | <del>Moscow Revolution Motorsports</del>          | <del>PowerPoint (2 hours)</del>           |
| January 4th at 6PM              | Sandpoint Marine and Motorsports                  | Powerpoint (2 hrs)                        |
| January 5th at 9AM              | Sandpoint - Trestle Creek Parking Lot             | Field Session(6 hours)                    |
| January 11th at 6PM             | IDPR Region Office (Panhandle Room)               | PowerPoint (2 hrs)                        |
| January 12th at 9AM             | TBD - 4th of July Pass/Mullan                     | Field Session(6 hours)                    |
| January 25th at 6PM             | Orofino - Search and Rescue Building              | PowerPoint (2 hrs)                        |
| January 26th at 9AM             | Orofino - TBD                                     | Field Session(6 hours)                    |
| February 8th at 6PM             | Grangeville - SAR Building                        | PowerPoint (2 hrs)                        |
| February 9th at 9AM             | Grangeville - Fish Creek Parking Lot              | Field Session(6 hours)                    |
| February 22nd at 6PM            | IDPR Region Office (Panhandle Room)               | PowerPoint (2 hrs)                        |
| February 23rd at 9AM            | TBD                                               | Snowmobile Operator's Field Class (6 hrs) |

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And - Companion Rescue





If you're looking for something .. they're sure to have it!

# Idaho State Snowmobile Association Business Members

If any information on this page is incorrect please contact the ISSA Membership Chairperson so the changes can be made.

These Business Members Support ISSA, Please Support Them.

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**Action Motor Sports**  
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**All Sport Polaris/Honda**  
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**Arbor Landscaping & Professional Construction**  
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**Bakers Plumbing Co.**  
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**Baum Shelter Too**  
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208-636-4722

**Bird of Prey Motorsports**  
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**Blue Ribbon Properties**  
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254-381-0350

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201 Canyon St.  
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Bob Looper

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**Gage Brothers Motorsports**  
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509-878-2000

**Garage Door 911**  
Melba, ID  
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**Gateway Inn**  
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208-983-1002

**Gateway Trailers**  
1012 Park Ave.  
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**Gold Creek Lodge**  
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208-222-7689

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**High Country Electric, Inc.**  
McCall, ID  
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**Hill's Resort**  
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208-443-2551

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208-629-7447

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**Jim's Drive Train Specialties**  
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**Kesler Construction**  
1381 Steward Ct.  
McCall, ID 83638  
208-871-6404

**L.C. Hess Construction**  
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McCall, ID  
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**Lake City Heating & Cooling**  
Coeur d'Alene, ID  
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**Lakeside Lodge and Resort**  
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**May Security**  
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**McCall Idaho Vacation Rentals**  
McCall, ID  
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**McCall Lake Cruises**  
McCall, ID  
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**Michael R Gurney Agency**  
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McCall, ID 83638  
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Moscow, ID  
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**Mountain Tech Performance**  
McCall, ID  
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**Mountain Village Resort**  
Stanley, Idaho  
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**North Shore Lodge & Resort**  
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Warm Lake, ID 83611  
208-632-2000

**O K Gravel Works LLC**  
11146 ID-55  
Cascade, ID 83611  
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**Performance Motor Sports**  
Ashton, ID  
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**Pine Resort**  
54 E Nester Dr  
Pine, ID 83647  
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**Pinedale Tourism Commission**  
210 W Pine St.  
Pinedale, WY 82941  
307-367-4136

**Professional Construction**  
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**R K Motorworks**  
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**R & L Framing LLC**  
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**Rendezvous Snowmobile Rentals Inc.**  
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**Revolution Motorsports, LLC**  
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**Ride McCall**  
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**Rogers Motors**  
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**Roger's Tire Pro & Auto Care Center**  
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**Sandpoint Marine & Motorsports**  
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Ponderay, ID  
208-263-1535

**Sawtell Mountain Resort**  
Island Park, ID

**Scheffy's General Store and Motel**  
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Avery, ID  
208-245-4410

**Summit Riders**  
Cody & Steffanie Lott  
208-351-1384

**Super 8 Grangeville**  
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Grangeville, ID  
208-983-1002

**Suttons Cabins**  
16 Tee Mont Dr.  
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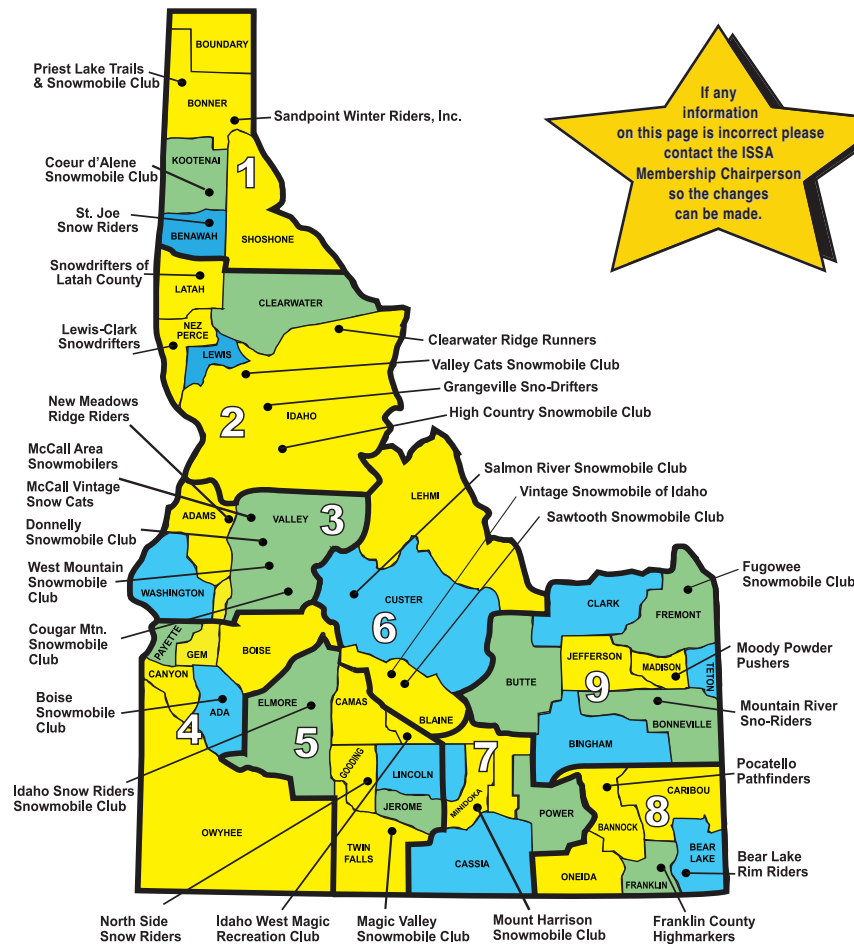
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