

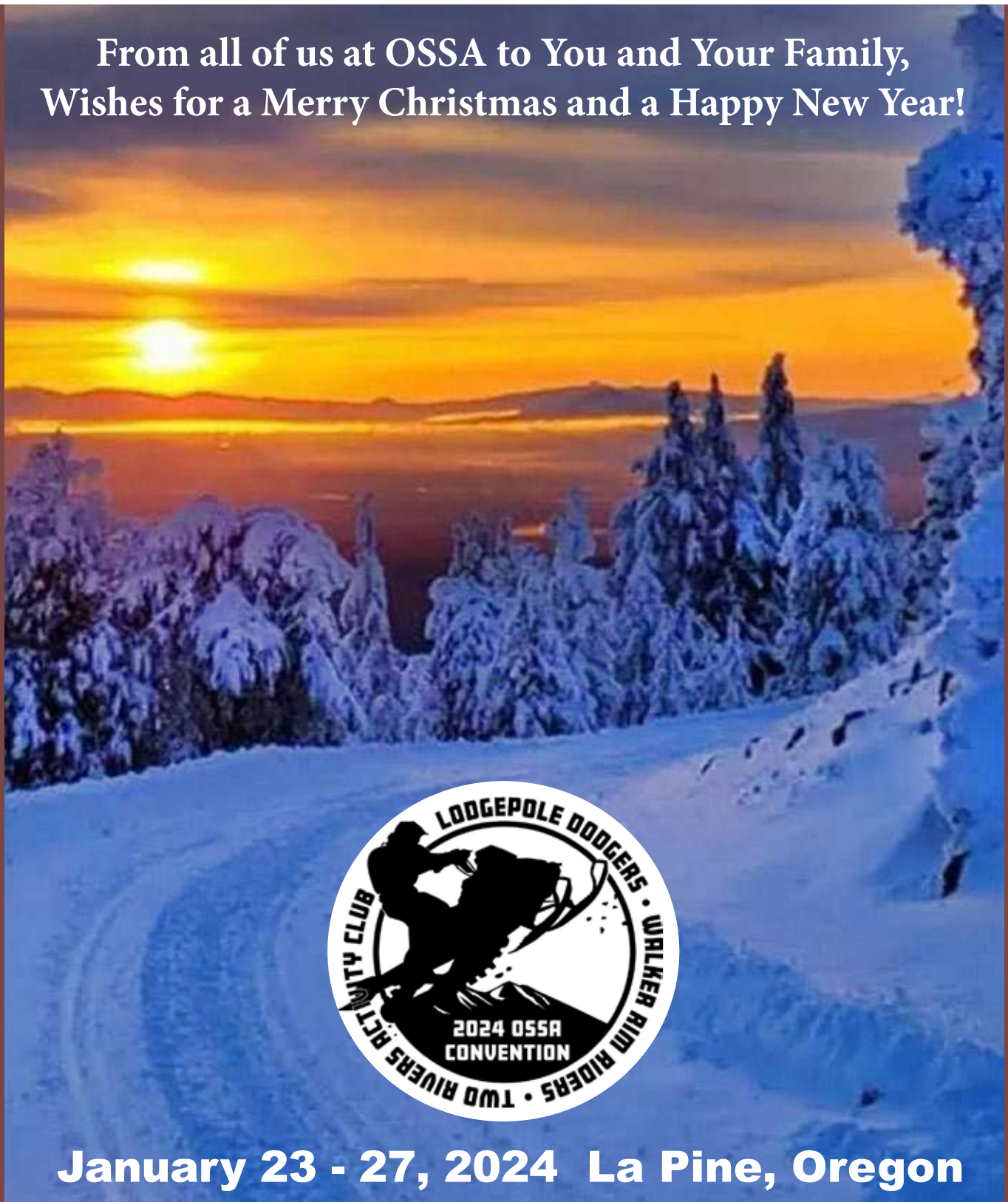


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From all of us at OSSA to You and Your Family,
Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



January 23 - 27, 2024 La Pine, Oregon

Message from our OSSA President, Dennis Jordan



Hello Snowmobilers!

As I sit here tonight, putting this letter together, it's not raining, it's not snowing and it's pretty much foggy in the Rogue Valley. So, I guess that means a late start to our winter season again this year.

I've had the opportunity to attend a couple of club Christmas parties in our local area. It never ceases to amaze me the giving to charities to community organizations that the snowmobilers put out. What a great organization, and what a great group of people.

Just to let everyone know what's going on around the state with OSSA. We have taken delivery of our three new cats. The first one was delivered to Harney County Snowmobile Club. They have two cats over there to groom a very large area of our state grooming program. The next two were delivered on 1st of December. One was delivered to the Klamath Club, and the other to the Rogue Snowmobilers. We also moved the Rogue snowmobile cat up to Burnt River Club and they received a very nice 2013 cat with low hours on it. All these clubs seem very excited to get their season (and their new equipment) started and to get grooming, so I guess it's almost time for a snow dance.

One exciting thing that looks like it could be coming around soon, is in the Detroit Lake area. Most will remember the devastating fire that went through the Detroit Lake area and shut down grooming at McCoy Creek for the last several years due to safety hazards with the trees. The Forest Service is considering reopening a portion of that area and if that happens, the North Santiam snowmobile club will start grooming again in that limited area. It's kind of a wait-and-see as the winter progresses but exciting that we will get some of our snowmobile riding area back.

Another exciting new area that we have ventured into is Avalanche Awareness. We are sponsoring classes and helping with getting instructors into the state to help us with instruction. Chuck Ehlert has done an amazing job getting our Avalanche training off the ground. The folks over at the Wallowa Avalanche Center are also offering classes for awareness and AIARE level certification. One of the most exciting parts of our avalanche awareness is on

the OSSA website. You can go in there to the Avalanche page, and both read what the Avalanche forecast is and also find a place for you the snowmobiler to record observations you may have had during your time on the snow that day in your area. This is a great tool for any of us that are backcountry snowmobilers riding in avalanche prone areas. So, thanks Chuck for the great job on the Avalanche program and the website.

If you have not yet signed up for the OSSA 2024 convention, please do. LaPine Lodgepole Dodgers have a great program for us with rides starting Tuesday January 23 through Friday the 26th with meetings on Saturday the 27th and the awards banquet that evening. If you've never ridden in the LaPine and Crescent Lake area, do yourself a favor, sign up for the convention and go on these guided rides. They have great social events planned Tuesday through Friday. Every evening is a new adventure to meet fellow snowmobilers from across the state.

One very important item I want to mention is the plowing program with ODOT. Please be aware that the funding for ODOT is going down each year along with less plowing operators out on our highways. As we will all see when the winter storms really hit, there will be less plowing which means less Sno Park plowing. So please be patient with the ODOT operators. Also, make sure you contact your local state representative to air your concerns about how much funding is going to ODOT and the Sno Park program.

As I always ask, Please, if you have an opportunity to see one of the great grooming team members, just say thanks for your hard work and dedication to our sport!

In closing, I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and ready for the Christmas holidays.

Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Dennis Jordan
President, OSSA



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January 23 - 27, 2024 La Pine, Oregon

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Registration link:



2024 OSSA Convention La Pine, Oregon - Oregon State Snowmobile Association(oregonsnow.org)

<https://www.oregonsnow.org/2024-ossa-convention-la-pine-oregon/>

• **Events, Meetings, Trade Show, Workshops**

<https://www.oregonsnow.org/2024-ossa-convention-la-pine-oregon/>

- *Tuesday January 23, 2024 – Wetlands Tap house Gathering welcoming snowmobilers to convention Dinner (food trucks) & No host bar
- *Wednesday January 24, 2024 – Vic's Bar & Grill Dinner & No host bar
- *Thursday January 25, 2024 – Moose Lodge Dinner & No host bar
- *Thursday January 25, 2024 – Moose Lodge Dinner, (Location to be determined) Dance & No host bar
- *Friday January 26, 2024 – Parks & Rec pizza dinner
- *Saturday January 27, 2024 – Parks & Rec banquet dinner and Awards

• **Rides Sign Up Link**

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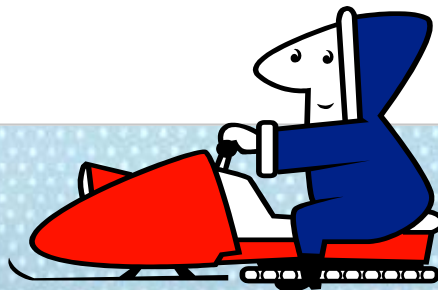
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La Pine Lodgepole Dodger members gathered to join the La Pine Christmas Parade. A total of 9 side-x-sides and snowmobiles decorated for the light parade.

Members in attendance decided we were stepping up our game next year and have already started buying more lights!

January will bring the OSSA Convention to Central Oregon with La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers, Walker RimRiders and Two Rivers Activity Club (TRAC). If you havent signed up yet, you need to. Lots of fantastic prizes from all the big nation wide vendors, rides and learning what our sport has in store for us in the future.

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TJ Reilly
OSSA Vice President



We have two important updates to share!

There is a newly released Northwest Forest Plan Notice of Intent and new details on the next Federal Advisory Committee meeting. Details on both below.

NEW NOTICE OF INTENT:

On December 18, 2023, the Pacific Northwest and Pacific Southwest Regions of the USDA Forest Service published in the Federal Register a Notice of Intent to amend the 1994 Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP) and prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This launches a public comment period and we invite you to become engaged in the public scoping process for this project.

The Forest Service is proposing to amend the direction for the NWFP to address changed conditions and new information. The agency seeks to improve resistance and resilience to fire where needed across the NWFP landscape, support adaptation to and mitigation of climate change in the NWFP landscape, ensure tribal inclusion in developing and implementing plan direction in the NWFP, protect mature and old-growth forests, and support sustainable communities affected by forest management in the NWFP landscape. By strengthening habitat supported by mature and old growth ecosystems, the amendment seeks to enhance habitat protections for listed and unlisted wildlife to the wildlife-focused framework of the NWFP.

Comments can be submitted via web form or hard copy. Information on how to comment is provided in the Federal Register notice (88 FR 87393). Relevant documents, including the scoping letter, and information about how and where to submit your comments will be posted on our website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64745>.

NEXT FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING:

In addition to the comment period associated with the NOI, the Northwest Forest Plan Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) will meet on Jan. 30- Feb. 1, 2024, at the University of Oregon, 1395 University St., Eugene, Oregon.

Details regarding the upcoming meeting, including how the public can provide information to the committee will be posted on the Forest Service's regional website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r6/nwfpfac>. The Federal Register meeting announcement can be found here: Federal Register :: Northwest Forest Plan Area Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting.

Note that registrations for in-person oral comments or written public comments must be submitted by January 24, 2024 (11:59 p.m. PST). Electronically submitted comments strongly preferred. Comments received after the deadline will be provided to the Forest Service, but the Committee may not have adequate time to consider them prior to the meeting. All FAC meetings are open to the public and include opportunity for public comments.

The FAC was established by the Secretary of Agriculture as part of ongoing efforts to amend the Northwest Forest Plan. The purpose of the FAC is to bring together diverse perspectives representing the experiences of communities, experts, Tribes, and other interested parties across the Northwest Forest Plan landscape to inform ways that forest management can effectively conserve key resources while considering social, ecological, and economic conditions and needs.

The Federal Advisory Committee does not replace the public involvement process or the public's opportunity to engage directly with the Forest Service regarding Northwest Forest Plan amendment efforts during the planning process, opportunities such as the EIS scoping process is one such opportunity for engagement and comment.

The Northwest Forest Plan covers 24.5 million acres of federally managed lands in northwestern California, western Oregon, and Washington. It was established in 1994 to address threats to threatened and endangered species while also contributing to social and economic sustainability in the region. After nearly 30 years, the Northwest Forest Plan needs to be updated to accommodate changed ecological and social conditions.

Additional information about the Northwest Forest Plan is available at https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/landmanagementplanning/?cid=fsev2_026990.



Search And Rescue Training

Seven members of the MJSC SAR team trained along with sixteen LCSO SAR Cadre on 16 Dec 2023 for our Annual Winter Training Session. With limited snow but still cold, the training continued using side by sides and 4X4's. The SAR technology continues to expand, LCSO SAR command center operated out of the clubs training room which is wired for TV coverage and radio booster antenna (range up to 10+ miles) to track each MJSC SAR team member in live time while traveling. This allows the LCSO SAR command team the ability to observe where each team is and what areas and trails they have covered. The MJSC team pictured from left to right is Steve Duch (Club SAR lead), Bob Elliott, Randy Stroud (Big Lake), Wyatt Duch, Don Johnson, Christian Sammons (Club Groomer Lead) and Garrett Duch who also trained with the clubs new transport sled, AED, radio procedures to keep current. In the month of November the SAR team was certified to Oregon State SAR standards. The team works directly for the LCSO SAR and can assist State Wide if requested contact Ric Lentz, rlentz@linnsheriff.org.

Article written by Bob Elliott
MJSCSAR POC





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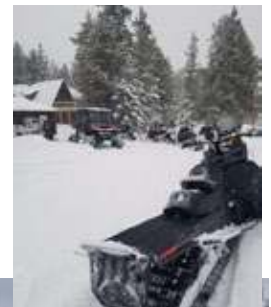
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1/13/23	Don Johnson	TBD
1/20/23	Kelly Fough	TBD
1/28/23	Steve Duch	Brietenbush - EXTREME Ride
2/3/23	Ray Benson	TBD
2/10/23	Open	
2/17/23	Open	
2/24/23	Ray Benson	TBD
2/29-3/3	Steve Duch	Halfway
3/9/23	Open	
3/16/23	Open	
3/23/23	Open	
Summer '24	Summer Barbecue	TBD





roguesnowmobilers.com/winter-event-schedule

Hello everyone! Greg here from the Rogue Snowmobilers,

I am writing to you from our main sno-park up here at Thousand Springs, a few hours after getting to test drive our new snow cat. On 12/1, we took delivery of our brand new **2024 Pisten Bully 400**. Our sister club, Klamath Basin Snow Drifters received their cat on 11/30. The Pisten Bully guys along with OSSA have been quite busy in preparation for this upcoming snow year.

I wanted to thank each one of our fellow Rogue members out there, both now and in the past. Your dedication and support over the years has allowed us to stay with the times and get a new snow cat every now and again. Your support has once again paid off. I've only got a little over an hour of seat time in it from a quick training run and been able to lay down the best trail in my life. It's genuinely impressive what this new machine will do. Truly a next generation machine and I'm sure my fellow groomers just over the hill in Klamath are just as excited as we are.

I can't forget to send out a BIG thanks to our grooming director, Dobe, and OSSA President Dennis, for, not only getting us a new cat, but getting us one with the "dumbo-wings" we've been hearing others rave about. Being able to make our cat a few feet wider or narrower at the push of a button is really going to open some new tricks for us down here in Southern Oregon.

Enough about cats though - At our formal event Tuesday, December 5th at the Rogue Regency Inn in Medford we had an ugly sweater contest (winner received a gift certificate to their local snowmobile dealership of their choosing) along with a Christmas tree ornament exchange program. We all enjoyed the Christmas tree ride on December 9th. We're also happy to announce the internet upgrades up at Thousand Springs have finally been completed and our members will enjoy access to much better internet in the parking lot now.

Thank you and see you all on the snow soon! Here's some pictures of our new snow cat to enjoy in the meantime.

Greg Gulrich
 President – Rogue Snowmobilers
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January	2024	
1	New Years Day HAPPY NEW YEAR	
9	General Club Meeting, 6:00 pm	Rogue Regency/Hybrid
15	MLK Day	
16	Board Meeting 6:00 pm	ZOOM
TBA	Snow Bike Races	Diamond Lake Resort
20-21	Shasta Ride - Taco Feed	Dear Mountain, CA
23-27	OSSA Convention	LaPine, OR





View Our Event Schedule
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Our brand new 2024 *Pisten Bully* 400





Club News & Events

Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club

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See upcoming events for a disclaimer

UPCOMING EVENTS 2023-2024 SNOWMOBILE SEASON

Regular Monthly Meetings (subject to change)

Our meetings are every 3rd Thursdays of each month starting in September. The Club will have our potluck starting at 6:00 PM and our meeting will start at 7:00 PM in case you just want to attend the meeting. Please be sure to bring your own table service and drinks to potluck-meetings. Dates and times are subject to change so please check the schedule each month.

These are the dates for our next meetings.

- * **Thursday December 21, 2023**
- * Thursday January 19, 2024
- * Thursday February 15, 2024
- * Thursday March 21, 2024
- * Thursday April 18, 2024

We have some snow in town. Of course, not enough to groom. We will have a gift exchange (white elephant) for our Christmas meeting on the 21st. Members agreed to up it to \$20 for the gift if you want to participate. It's always a fun event, please try to come. Sherry Brandt is bringing ham and Elaine Livran is bringing the turkey. Everyone can bring what will go with that.

Groomer Report

Still nothing more to report on grooming since we have very little snow.

MERRY CHRISMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Our Poker Run will be on Feb. 17, 2024.

We will be donating to 2 charities this Poker Run. Best Friends of Baker City which is for Pets and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) which is for Children. They are both great charities.



Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club



Here are a couple pictures from Gary Olson and Kathy Reedy group they took from Granite towards Anthony on Dec. 3.

SNOWMOBILING IS A FUN FAMILY ACTIVITY



Join us today!



Well the cold has set in here in Wallowa County, we have the gates opened, poles out, trails opened and cabins cleaned out. We are ready for SNOW!!!!!!

Our Are You Beeping? sign is up and functioning.

We have been holding our monthly meetings, memberships are coming in weekly and we are always looking for more involvement from club members. Event planning has begun, conversations about forest service plans to log our riding area are underway, and groomers are getting groomer ready and trainings completed.

Wallowa Avalanche Center has held Avy Awareness nights in multiple cities in northeast Oregon. This is a great non profit organization to keep you aware of dangers, trainings to read the snow, forecasts to help you prepare for your ride in local areas.

Become a member and help keep this organization going. Definitely attend an awareness night, sign up for a companion rescue and then Level I and then level II AIRE courses.

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Do you want your kids under age 16
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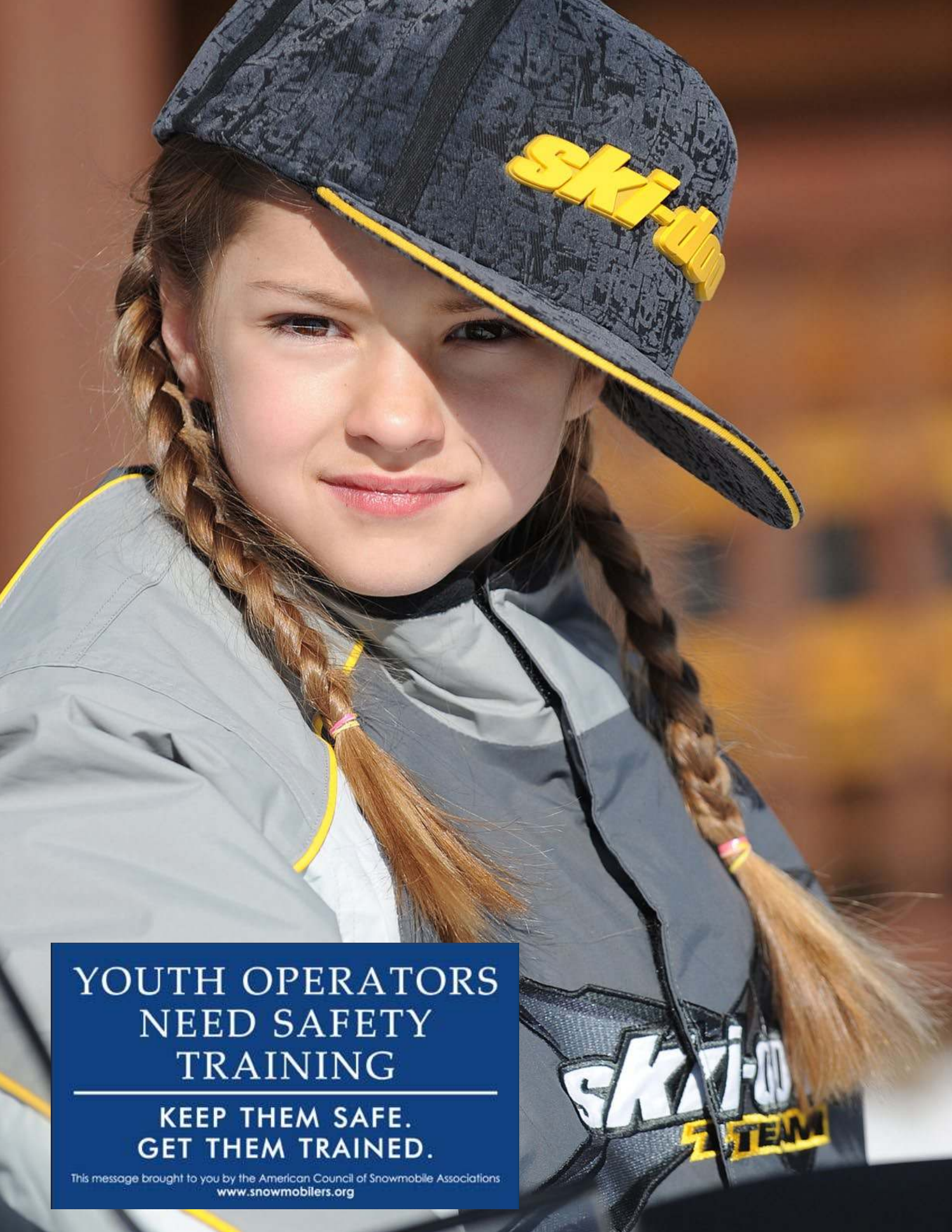
The OSSA Safety Program



Below is a list of current state approved snowmobile safety trainers.

Please contact your local trainer to get your kids 16 or younger without a drivers license trained and obtain their snowmobile safety certificate now.

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Oregon State Snowmobile Association

OSSA Membership

We encourage everyone to join their local snowmobile club which automatically includes an Oregon State Snowmobile Association membership.

You can be a member of OSSA without joining a local club. However, please consider joining the clubs where you ride in Oregon. These clubs groom and maintain the trails that you enjoy riding on.

If you live in another state or for some other reason don't want to join a local snowmobile club you are welcome to become an **OSSA only Member**.

Who Can Join?

Anyone who enjoys the outdoors can be a member including cross country skiers, snow shoers, dog sledgers, snow bikers and of course snowmobilers.

Why should I join?

Our mission is to protect and enhance the sport of snowmobiling. We work closely with the Forest Service and BLM to keep areas open, resolve conflicts, and to provide the quality snowmobiling that Oregon is famous for. We work with local, state, and federal legislators to protect the rights of all snowmobilers. We fight any damaging legislation, and we support legislation that helps our sport. We coordinate with industry, national and international snowmobile groups to share knowledge, provide mutual support, and protect the sport we all love so dearly.

DON'T MISS A SINGLE EVENT, RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

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OSSA Membership

Become a general member online today at <http://oregonsnow.org/about/>. Please also consider joining your local club to further help support our sport. (This is only for OSSA membership. Most club memberships automatically include a membership in OSSA. Be sure to check with your local club. Many of our members have memberships in several clubs. If you are a member of multiple clubs you would only pay OSSA dues one time.)

Use the online form at <http://oregonsnow.org/about/> to join OSSA only.

If you wish to join a local club, please contact your local club directly. Local club membership automatically includes a membership in OSSA. Thank you for your support!

Note: Many powersports dealers give discounts to OSSA Club members.

Some attributes of club membership include :

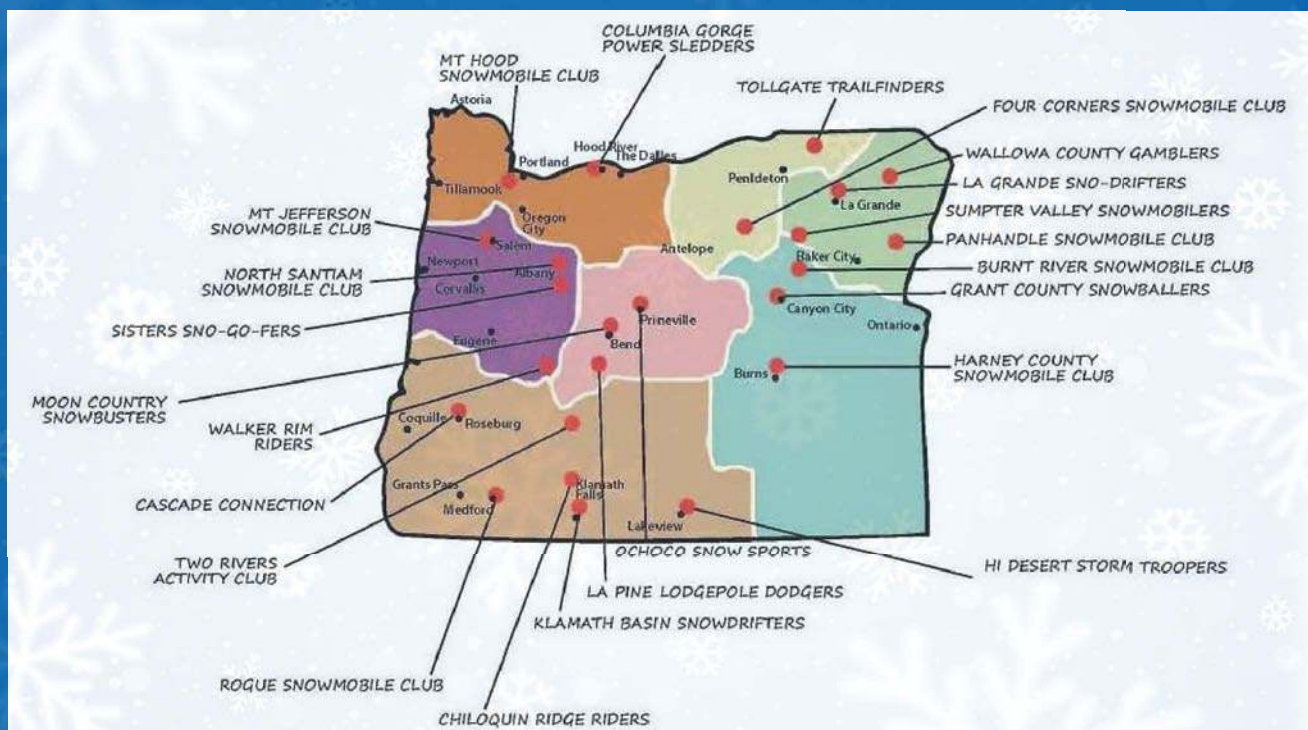
- * Cooperative enjoyment in club activities, rides and play days.
- * Assistance through club membership in formalizing legislation for snowmobiles.
- * Learning new areas to ride and familiarity with areas through joint rides.
- * Strength in state organization through local club organization and input.

- * Opportunity to gain knowledge of snowmobiling through club meeting speakers.
- * Obtaining a feeling of "Belonging" a common bond experience.
- * Meet new people and make new friends.
- * Promote and understand safe snowmobiling.
- * To protect and preserve the rights and freedoms to enjoy the sport of snowmobiling.
- * To help preserve and promote our natural resources.
- * Assist in search and rescue missions.
- * The ability to enjoy snowmobiling activities as a family and at a price reasonable for doing so.
- * Helping provide a trail groomer.
- * Helping to discourage bad snowmobiling practices.
- * Assistance in formulating and conducting youth driver education clinics.
- * Promote sanitation and non-littering in all areas used for snowmobiling.
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Our Volunteers spend hundreds of hours taking care of and grooming snowmobile trails.

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The Oregon State Snowmobile Association provides snowmobile trail grooming in the state of Oregon with a 100% volunteer effort. Our volunteers are out on the snow almost every day grooming the trails to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for snowmobilers, snow shoeing, cross country skiing and other recreationalists.

A typical volunteer grooming day begins with arriving at the grooming shelter before sunrise to get the equipment ready for the day. Not only do our volunteers groom the trails but we also remove fallen trees and obstacles from trails. In addition we provide search and rescue assistance in emergencies. It's not uncommon for our volunteers to put in a 10 or 12 hour day grooming. It takes many many hours of training to become a primary groomer. Our groomers are trained in first aid, CPR, and equipment safety and maintenance.

Be sure to show your appreciation by joining OSSA and your local snowmobile club today!





Snowmobile Avalanche Rescue Course

Feb. 6th 2024
8am - 5pm

Location: Ten-Mile Sno-Park
LA Pine, Oregon

Instructor:
Mike Duffy Avalanche1.com

Avalanche Rescue (Members Only)

February 6, 2024 Avalanche Instructor: Mike Duffy
Avalanche Rescue is a one-day stand-alone course covering the basics of companion rescue as well as the current best practices in rescue techniques and gear. Students will receive professional coaching on their rescue skills and timed practice with realistic scenarios. Thus, this course is intended for those new to the backcountry, but it should also be retaken on a regular basis to keep skills sharp and to stay up to date with advancing rescue techniques and technology. This course is recommended for anyone completing a Snowmobile Rec Level 1 course and it is a mandatory prerequisite for both the Rec Level 2 Avalanche Course and the Professional Level 1 Avalanche Course. We use an internationally vetted curriculum and state of the art knowledge from MountainSafety.info. The course meets the guidelines set forth by the American Avalanche Association.

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Klamath Basin Snowdrifters



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Volunteer hours and miles Are Vital to OSSA

What is a snowmobile club volunteer ?

By Lisa Mahoney, OSSA Executive Director

A snowmobile club volunteer is a special person who dedicates their time, energy, and sometimes money to benefit not only their snowmobile club but others. This person is involved, helpful, charitable, selfless and always humble. Much of the time, the public has no idea what our volunteers do. So, let us share just a few things that they do.

They voluntarily maintain over 31,500 miles of multi-use trail each year. These trails benefit not only snowmobilers but cross-country skiers, snow bikers, snow-shoers, and dog sledgers. In the spring and fall, volunteers are busy cleaning trails and putting up trail markers to get ready for the next season. They cut wood and fill the shelters for all to use. They build bridges, shelters, re-roof existing grooming sheds, and do their own maintenance on their sno-cats. They voluntarily teach snowmobile safety classes and avalanche safety classes. They donate to charitable organizations such as Candlelighters, Wounded Warriors, Hospice, and Meals on Wheels just to name a few.

Our volunteers are the backbone of our organization. We could go on and on about all that they do. So, we want to humbly thank each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication to our wonderful organization.

Volunteer hours/miles = \$\$\$. More \$\$\$ = **the more we can provide for snowmobiling!**

[CLICK HERE FOR VOLUNTEER FORM](#)

Use this form to track your volunteer hours and miles. Please turn in the form monthly.

You can mail to OSSA, PO Box 6255, Bend, OR 97708; email to lmahoney@oregonsnow.org; or fax to (458) 202-1193.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR SNOWMOBILING!



Aging Volunteers in Snowmobile Clubs

The passion of snowmobiling is like no other and the reasons we fell in love with the sport are different for everyone but my friends things must change or we could be facing a breakup. The clubs that maintain the trails and club infrastructure for snowmobilers are facing a challenge: they're aging volunteers.

Many of the volunteers who have been working for snowmobile clubs for decades are now retiring. This is creating a gap in the workforce, as there

are not enough new volunteers to replace them.

The lack of volunteers is having a significant impact on snowmobile clubs. In some cases, clubs have been forced to reduce the number of trails they groom or close trails altogether. Hence the breakup!

We NEED you! Although monetary donations are important to clubs please keep in mind that in most clubs there is a core group of "workers" who do all of the work whether it be contacting landowners, building/maintain-

ing trails, organizing fundraisers and the snow isn't even on the ground yet. Now think about the groomers. These are often the same group of people who began all of the work mentioned above starting in late August and now will begin to lay down the white carpet for you in January. The workload is insurmountable and we need YOUR help! So please don't just reach into your pocket, reach out to your local club ask them how you can help and donate a few hours of your time.

A Tribute to Volunteers Author Unknown

V aluable is work you do,
O utstanding in how you always come through.
Loyal, sincere and full of good cheer,
U ntiring in your efforts throughout the year.
N otable are the contributions you make,
T rustworthy in every project you take.
E ager to reach your every goal,
E ffective in the way you fulfill your role.
R eady with a smile like a shining star,
S pecial and wonderful – that's what you are!



Take-A-Friend Snowmobiling Week

February 10-19, 2024 Take a Friend Snowmobiling, ISMA (International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association)-Information for snowmobilers: snowmobiling trails and safety; facts and trends.



2024 International Snowmobile Congress

June 12-15, 2024, Green Bay, Wisconsin The 56th Annual International Snowmobile Congress, Green Bay Wisconsin, June 13 – 15, 2024 (snowmobilers.org)

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January 2nd Club meeting at Cascade Motorsports starting at 6:00 (pizza, soda and water provided by club)

January 13th Club meeting at Wanoga starting at 3:00 (board meeting will be held at 2:00 prior to club meeting)

January 23rd through 27th is the OSSA Convention Hosted by the La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers (Looking for donations to be offered in an auction basket to go back to the club in profit) Please google "2024 OSSA Convention Lapine Oregon" for conference details and accommodations. We would love to see a great amount of members representing Moon Country Snow Busters.





Eagle Cap Extreme Sled Dog Race is looking for snowmobile riders

January 18-20, 2024

The Eagle Cap Extreme Sled Dog Race (ECX) is looking for experienced snowmobile operators to help support 200 miles of remote trail in Northeast Oregon. ECX is part of the Rocky Mountain Triple Crown and a qualifier for the Iditarod and Yukon Quest. We operate a large remote checkpoint that provides food and shelter to volunteers during the race. The race runs January 18-20, 2024 and starts near Joseph, Oregon.

Trail Boss:

The Trail Boss is considered a race official and has responsibility for the overall marking and condition of the trail. The Trail Boss coordinates with trail groomers during the race to ensure the race course is in suitable condition. Occasionally the trail boss will coordinate with the trail team to pack sections of trail with snowmobiles. The Trail Boss will join members of the trail team earlier during race week to mark the trail using an established method with mile markers, direction signs, and hazard signs. The Trail Boss will have support from our Trail Boss emeritus who served in this position for over 10 years before retiring after ECX 2023. The Trail Boss may recruit other riders, and/or work with returning volunteers. During the race, the Trail Boss will head the point team for the 200 mile race. The Trail Boss coordinates multiple point and sweep teams to ensure a safe event. The Trail Boss also works closely with the Race Marshal and the Ops Chief to ensure the highest level of safety on the trail.

Trail Team Member:

Trail Team members work with the Trail Boss on either point or sweep teams. Food and rest are provided at the Ollokot checkpoint which serves as a hub for several loops that comprise the 100 and 200 mile races. Trail Team members looking for a shorter commitment may consider volunteering for the 31 mile race that is run over 2 days and is about 6 hours on each day with the ability to return to town in between.

Snowmobile Support:

Snowmobile support operators assist in setting up and tearing down the Ollokot Checkpoint. The team travels about 2 hours from Joseph early January 17th and operators help shuttle personnel and equipment about 3-8 miles one way depending on the snow. On Saturday January 18th we have a need for operators to assist in the tear down, returning to town mid afternoon.

Volunteering for ECX is a rewarding experience!

Many volunteers return year after year. If you have a snowmobile and would like to ride for a purpose, please consider helping ECX! We will provide fuel during the race and food for all volunteers on the course. All snowmobile operators must have a snowmobile suitable for riding on groomed trails that occasionally get drifted during storm events, and the ability to transport the snowmobile to the race start. <https://eaglecapextreme.com/>

To register to volunteer:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdOJrler8FY92RYNmZgD4tBOSQb__pgiVOOmlcncwhHqpx8Yg/viewform

Interested volunteers may also call/text Julian Pridmore-Brown 503-709-9109.

SNOWMOBILING IN BAKER COUNTY OREGON

Baker County is a winter playground with more than 900 miles of snowmobile trails. If snowmobiling is your thing, then the Elkhorn and Wallowa Mountains of Baker County is where you want to be.

Sumpter has access to hundreds of miles of groomed trails in the breathtaking Elkhorn Mountains of Eastern Oregon! And...in most cases, you can hit the trails right from your lodging!



Photo: Travel Baker County



Photo: Quiver Ski Co.

In **Halfway**, the main trail heads right up into the Wallowa Mountains north of town and ends at Twin Lakes in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest at near 7,000 feet elevation. From Unity you can explore the Elkhorn mountains while enjoying some of Eastern Oregon's most spectacular winter scenery.

Upcoming Snowmobiling events include vintage snowmobile races in Sumpter January 9th and the annual snowmobile poker runs in Sumpter and Halfway on Presidents Day Weekend.

The Sumpter Snowmobile Poker Run is always the Saturday of Presidents Day Weekend and the Halfway Panhandle Snowmobile Club's Poker Run is always the Sunday of Presidents Day weekend, making this the perfect three-day winter weekend for exploring the Elkhorn and Wallowa mountains of Eastern Oregon on your snowmobile.

For more information about snowmobiling in Baker County Oregon, including latest snow conditions, upcoming events, and trail maps, contact:

The Sumpter Valley Snowmobile Club

Halfway Panhandle Snowmobile Club

Burnt River Snowmobile Club

Or, the **Oregon State Snowmobile Association**



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Walker Rim Rider
Event List
2023 - 2024

Date	Event	Location	Time
12/09/23 - Sat	Christmas Party	Ponderosa Public House - Chemult	5:30 PM
12/31/23 - Sun	Diamond/Crater Lake Ride	Junction Sno-Park	8:00 AM
01/13/24 - Sat	Waldo Lake Ride	Waldo Lake Sno-Park	9:00 AM
01/23/24 - Tues	OSSA Convention	LaPine	
01/24/24 - Wed	OSSA Convention	LaPine	
01/25/24 - Thur	OSSA Convention	LaPine	
01/26/24 - Fri	OSSA Convention	LaPine	
01/27/24 - Sat	OSSA Convention	LaPine	
02/10/24 - Sat	Elk Lake Ride	Junction Sno-Park Warming Shelter	9:00 AM
02/10/24 - Sat	Board Meeting/Dinner Gathering	Odell Lake Lodge	6:00/6:30 PM
02/25/24 - Sun	Candlelighter's Snow Day	Junction Sno-Park Warming Shelter	9:00 AM
03/09/24 - Sat	Ladies Skills Day - All Men/Women/Children encouraged to attend	Junction Sno-Park Warming Shelter	9:00 AM
03/09/24 - Sat	Board Meeting/Dinner Gathering	Odell Lake Lodge	6:00/6:30 PM
04/13/24 - Sat	Scavenger Hunt	Junction Sno-Park Warming Shelter	9:00 AM
04/13/24 - Sat	General Meeting - Voting	Junction Sno-Park Warming Shelter	2:00 PM
05/11/24 - Sat	Trail Work Party	Junction Sno-Park Warming Shelter	9:00 AM
05/11/24 - Sat	Board Meeting/Dinner Gathering	Bigfoot Tavern - Crescent	6:00/6:30 PM
06/08/24 - Sat	Cowboy Dinner Tree Dirt Ride - RSVP Required	Junction Sno-Park Warming Shelter	9:00 AM
07/13/24 - Sat	Diamond Lake Dirt Ride	Junction Sno-Park Warming Shelter	9:00 AM
08/10/24 - Sat	Kayak Float - Wood River - Fort Klamath	Junction Sno-Park Warming Shelter	9:00 AM

Service Department Notes: **TRAILER TIRES**

Trailer tires are often exposed to heavy loads, therefore they do not last as long as truck tires, especially dual-axle trailers. Always check that your axle weight is loaded evenly, has the correct amount of tongue weight, and the air pressure is correct. Periodically check the lug nuts for proper torque.



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Hefty fines for trucks failing to use tire chains in Oregon

Prepare for slippery weather travel now! Oregon law requires all commercial vehicles to carry chains whenever road conditions might require their use during your trip and signs are posted.

Oregon law requires that all vehicles over 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight carry chains whenever their use may be needed or required. You may also be fined for not having an appropriate set of chains for your rig.

Start carrying chains before the weather takes you by surprise. And before every trip, visit TripCheck.com for current road and weather conditions and more on Oregon chain requirements.

Cost of trucks without chains

The estimated cost of delays caused by trucks failing to follow Oregon chain laws is over \$8 million a year — to the motor carrier industry and other highway users. When a truck loses traction, it can not only delay its delivery but also delay everyone else on the road behind a stuck truck.

Keeping Oregon moving is so important to motor carriers and all Oregonians that the Oregon Legislature raised the fine for trucks failing to use chains to \$880. That law took effect in September 2021.

If a truck is involved in a crash where failure to use chains is a factor, there could be other costs for the motor carrier — not to mention other travelers. Don't be the driver stopping miles of traffic behind you! The time it takes to chain up will get you to your destination faster and reduce the chances of a costly delay.

ODOT



Article from ACSA newsletter

Wolverine Listed as Endangered

Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is committed to deciding what needs Endangered Species Act protection by the end of FY 2024.

This week the FWS listed the Wolverine as Endangered. The Wolverine was listed as Endangered in 48 states. The listing does not include wolverines in Alaska and Canada, which number in the thousands.

This will impact many trails and riding areas. Snowmobilers were not granted any protection in the listing.

There will be a 60-day comment period. We will need to get all snowmobilers involved in submitting comments. We will work on suggested talking points in the coming days.

OSSA Public Lands Chairman
John Vogel / jvogel@oregonsnow.org





Club News & Events

Meetings will be held at the West Salem Wallery's Pizza Parlor at 6pm the 1st Wednesday of every month. The **ONE** exception to this is the January meeting (after the busy holiday season) where the meeting will be held on the 2nd Saturday in January at the Detroit City Hall.



OSSA Safety Chairman
Kelly Fough / kfough@oregonsnow.org

Safety First

Determining Group Ride Order and Spacing

- The most knowledgeable and experienced rider takes the lead. Trail leaders:
 - Guide the direction, pace, and length of the ride.
 - Alert the group to changing conditions and warn of potential hazards.
 - Avoid unnecessary risk by placing safety first.
 - Do not allow reckless behavior such as “horseplay” or passing within the group.
- The last position of a group, called a “trail sweep,” is critical in maintaining proper spacing and leadership on the trail. This rider should be as experienced and knowledgeable as the trail leader.

Group Ride Spacing

Stay a safe distance behind the snowmobile ahead of you.

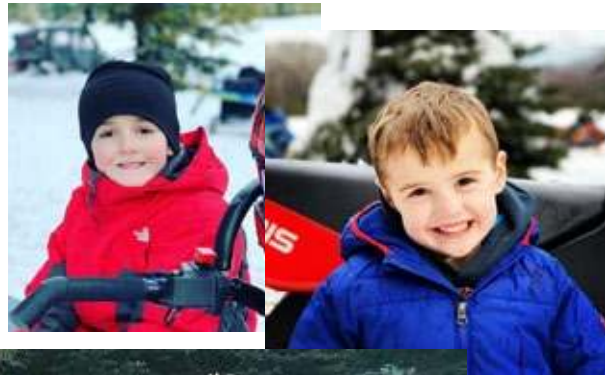
- Proper spacing is determined by speed, reaction time, distance, and the need to maintain visual contact.
- As a rule of thumb, calculate spacing distances using a reaction time of three seconds. As the snowmobile in front of you passes an object, count one-thousand-one, one-thousand-two, one-thousand-three. If you pass that same object in less than three seconds, you should allow more space.

Group Communication

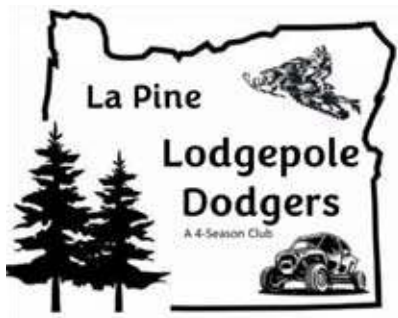
- Group riding requires good communication and visual contact.
- Visual communication requires proper spacing.
- To keep the group together, the trail leader should slow down or wait on the opposite side of a crossing when a stop is required. After crossing, the leader stops or slows the group to ensure that everyone knows the correct route.
- Hand signals should be used at all times when riding. When riding with a group, you give hand signals to the person behind you.
 - Before letting go of the handlebar to signal, make sure you will be able to maintain control of your snowmobile.
 - Don't make sloppy signals.
 - Make sure the person behind you can see your signals.
- Two-way headsets installed in helmets are useful for voice communication and are an effective way for the trail leader and the sweep to communicate. Several companies like BCA 2 way radios designed for snowmobilers' are very effective and a lot of folks are using their combination Garmin GPS and radio systems.

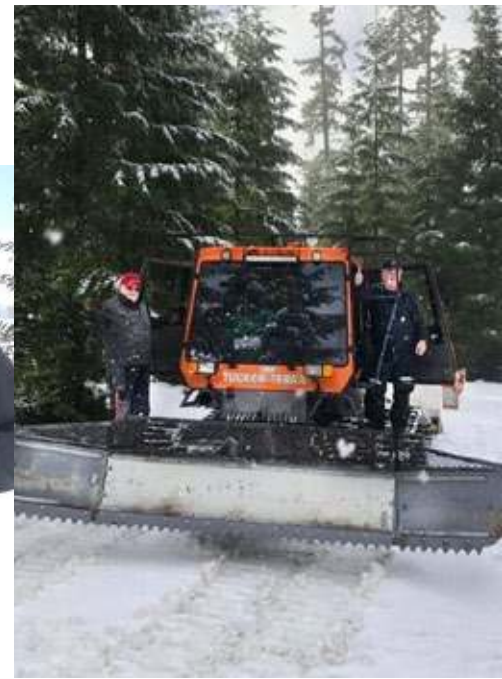


Four Corners Club



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Harney County Snowmobile Club

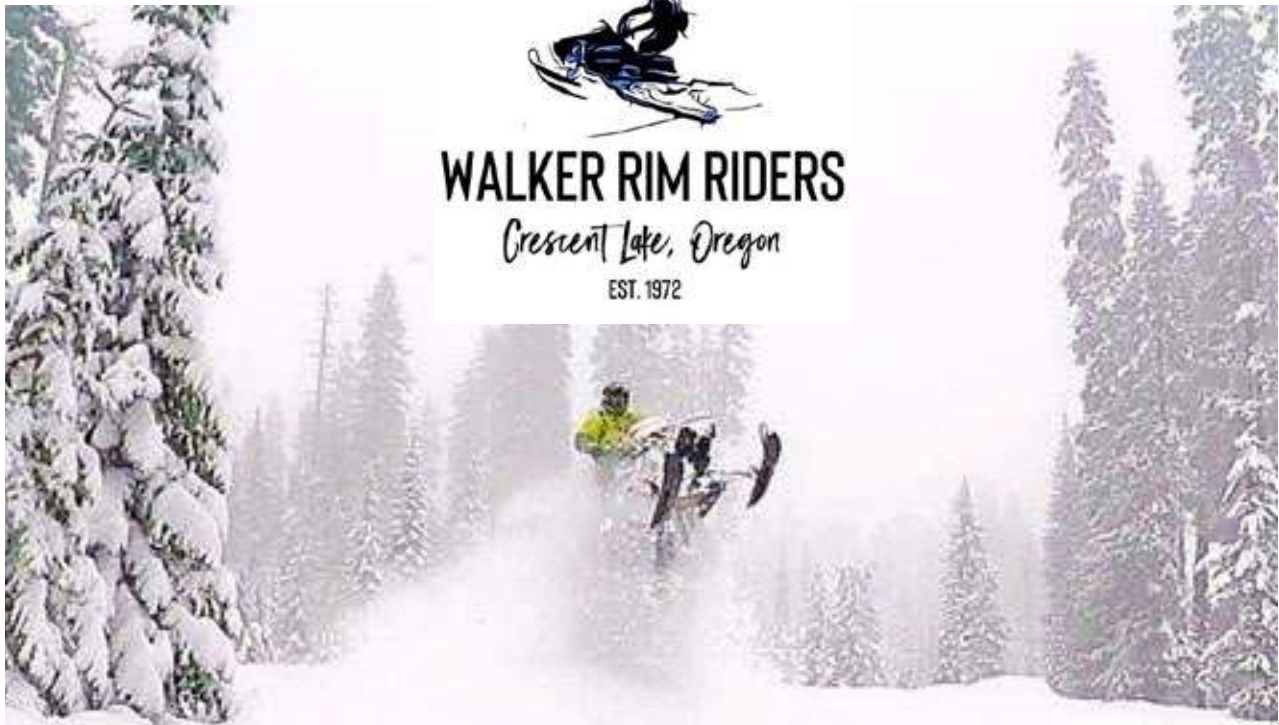






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Oregon State Snowmobile Association

The Oregon State Snowmobile Association is a non-profit organization formed in 1972 by a small group of snowmobilers working to find a way to provide a groomed statewide trail system and to assure continued access to our public lands. We are currently an organization with twenty-five member clubs and a trail system of 6,410 miles of multi-use snowmobile trails. We promote safe and responsible snowmobiling, represent snowmobilers as an organized group and promote proper recreational use of our land by working together with the Forest Service, BLM and other land managers to develop and maintain a quality trail system and winter recreation opportunities. Our mission, briefly stated, is to protect, promote and enhance the family sport of snowmobiling.

Our Mission

Our mission is to protect and enhance the sport of snowmobiling. We work closely with the Forest Service and BLM to keep areas open, resolve conflicts, and to provide the quality snowmobiling the Oregon is famous for. We work with local, state, and federal legislators to protect the rights of all snowmobilers. We fight any damaging legislation, and we support legislation that helps our sport. We coordinate with industry, national and international snowmobile groups to share knowledge, provide mutual support, and protect the sport we all love so dearly.

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