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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year





Dennis Jordan
OSSA President

Oregon State Snowmobile Association



Lisa Mahoney
Executive Director



Good day everyone,

Looking ahead to the 2025–2026 snowmobile season, A few highlights as we gear up for the season:

We're proud to welcome two new grooming cats to Oregon's fleet: a Tucker Sno-Cat in Halfway and a Pisten Bully at Lake of the Woods on the Klamath trail system. Both were purchased with Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funding, which means OSSA only paid 20% of the cost while the remaining 80% came from the federal gas tax grant. This partnership helps keep our amazing volunteer groomers equipped with safe, modern, and reliable machines.

Next, I want to remind everyone about the 2026 State Snowmobile Convention, which will be held at Lake of the Woods and the Running Y Resort just outside Klamath Falls. This year's event is jointly hosted by the Klamath Basin Snow Drifters and Chiloquin Ridge Riders—and I can tell you firsthand, they've put together an incredible program! Highlights include Levi LaVallee as our keynote speaker and Luke Youngburg, a professional snowmobile athlete from right here in Oregon. Both will also be leading rides during the week. If you attended the convention four years ago at Lake of the Woods, you'll remember the bar was set high—but these two clubs may have just raised it even higher.

As many of you know, our grooming program faced significant funding cuts last year. Naturally, that raised questions about whether we could accept donations to help offset grooming costs. After working with legislators and attorneys over the spring and summer, I'm pleased to share that we now can. We've created a donation option within our membership sign-up system. This new program is still being fine-tuned, but one thing is certain: your donations will go directly to support the grooming program.

In closing, I want to thank the OSSA Board for their continued hard work and dedication to keeping our clubs strong and our volunteer grooming program one of the best in the nation. A special thank-you as well to our executive staff— Lisa M, Lisa B, and Amber—for their efforts in keeping our members informed and supported every day.

Wishing you and your families a safe and joyful holiday season, Merry Christmas. I look forward to seeing many of you out on the snow this winter—please ride safely and enjoy every moment.

Dennis Jordan

President,
Oregon State Snowmobile Association
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2026 OSSA STATE CONVENTION

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OR

JAN 28-31 2026

GUEST SPEAKER
LEVI LEVALLEE



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RIDE SCHEDULE

JAN 28TH: MEDICINE LAKE

JAN 29TH: ANNIE CREEK

JAN 30TH: LAKE OF THE WOODS
LEVI LEVALLEE RIDES

JAN 31ST: POKER RUN
LAKE OF THE WOODS

JAN 29TH 30TH 31ST: MOUNTIAN SKILLS RIDES
Medicine Lake| Annie Creek| LOTW
Luke Youngberg

SOCIAL SCHEDULE

JAN 29TH: BRATS & BREWS
Lake of the Woods

JAN 30TH: SNOWCAT/CASINO NIGHT
Lake of the Woods
Running Y Resort

JAN 31ST: CONVENTION DINNER NIGHT
Guest Speaker: Levi Levallee

MEETING SCHEDULE

JAN 30TH 4:00 PM BOARD MTG
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JAN 31ST 9:00AM GENERAL MTG
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- ❑ **Location:** OSSA Snowmobile Convention
- ❑ **Date:** January 31st 2026
- ❑ **Grand Prize Drawing:** Saturday Night at the Convention Dinner

HOW TO ENTER

Every time you participate in a convention event, you earn an entry!

- ❑ Go on a daily ride — get an entry
- ❑ Attend a workshop — get an entry
- ❑ Join a group activity — get an entry

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THE PRIZE

One lucky convention-goer will take home a brand-new snowmobile!

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□□ DRAWING DETAILS

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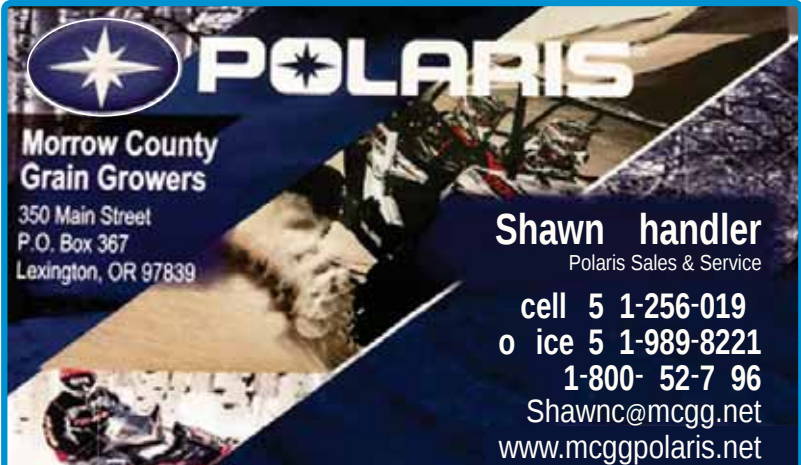
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MONTHLY SCHEDULE		
DECEMBER		
06 Bill Scholer 12pm-7pm	13-14 Breakfast w/ Santa & Sleigh Ride 9am-11am Cost Disposition 12pm-7pm	20 Tension Defeat 12pm-7pm
24 Christmas Eve Grand Buffet 12am-6pm	25 Christmas Day Brunch Buffet 9am-12pm	27 Sleigh Ride Buffet 9am-12pm
31 NYE Party 10pm-12am Special Menu	MONTHLY SCHEDULE	
JANUARY		
10 Featuring Mary Cernie (Up Next) 12pm-12pm	17 Dave Brendlinger and Friends 12pm-7pm	24 Cost Disposition 12pm-7pm
31 Bill Scholer & Eve Miller 12pm-7pm	31 Adam Miller Band 12pm-7pm	
**Reservations during event days are recommended		

Holiday Hours:

Thanksgiving Eve 3pm-8pm
*Regular Dinner Menu

Thanksgiving 11am-7pm
*Reservations Required for Grand Buffet in dining area

Christmas Eve 11am-7pm
*Reservations Required for Grand Buffet in dining area

Christmas Day 9am-3pm
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Arctic Cat Has Deep, Strong Cross-Country Team for 2025-26

(THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN December 9, 2025) – Throughout the Snowbelt and across various rider classes, a talented group of Team Arctic racers aboard their Arctic Cat ZR 600 R-XC snowmobiles will be vying for points championships on various cross-country circuits this winter. This group includes past champions, rising stars, returning veterans and more – all aiming for personal glory while also providing invaluable feedback that pushes forward the excellence of Arctic Cat snowmobiles of today and tomorrow.

Cross-country racing has always been vital because it closely mirrors how consumers utilize their own snowmobiles – weaving on twisting trails, pounding in ditches, zooming on laketops, zipping down firelanes and more – except in hyper-competitive situations. Team Arctic's rich history in cross-country racing is reflected in the ultra-capable machines it designs and builds to this day.

A broad and deep group of Team Arctic racers will be chasing trophies on the Arctic Cat Catalyst-based ZRs in all major classes on the Cor PowerSports circuit in the Upper Midwest. Team Arctic Pro class riders include **Matt Feil, Jesse Hallstrom, Zach Herfindahl** and **Ben Langaas**, plus **Gabby Hallstrom, Rachel Wimpfheimer** and **Frankie Omang** in Pro Women's. Look for them to be particularly competitive when the going gets rough.



In the Semi-Pro division on the Cor circuit, returning riders **Kegan Houser, Derek Kloety, Austin Kody** and **Brady Wadena** will be joined by last year's Sport Stock champion **Elliot Clark** and Sport Stock third-place rider **Braden Sillerud**. Returning Team Arctic racer **Marcus Moldashal** will compete in the new Semi-Pro Improved class. Team Arctic Sport class rider **Kyle Quesenberry** will be joined by former Juniors class riders like **Trig Anderson, Rielly Clark, Brady Wimpfheimer** and **Axle Amsdon**. Look for **Braden Diesen** moving up to Juniors and Expert classes and **Kynsie Diesen** returning as a force in Jr Boys and Girls classes. Masters class champ **Todd Seaverson** and multi-class racer **Jon Arneson** are also back for another season.

In continued support, the factory Arctic Cat race trailer will be available to offer support to all of Team Arctic at every Cor PowerSports race this season.

Cross-country racing isn't exclusive to the Upper Midwest – and neither is Team Arctic. In the Northeast, look up front this winter to find the Arctic Cat ZR 600 R-XC sleds of Pro class riders **TJ Leach, Adam Levi, Ken Murphy, Ian Smith, Brock Young** and **Michael Young** leading the way. In fact, you'll see supported Team Arctic racers tackling the terrain on circuits from Quebec and eastern Canada all the way to the rugged Alaskan outback, including the team of **Wyatt Halek-Hooper** and **Adam Stafford** in the Iron Dog Pro class. Some Team Arctic cross-country stars will also contend in enduro and oval sprint races at the sport's biggest events this season.

"We have a strong group competing in all classes on the Cor PowerSports circuit this season, and a good schedule to chase," said Mike Kloety, the Team Arctic Race Manager. "With this early start to winter and a lot more snow expected this season, we should have more full-terrain races. That is where the lightweight and agile Catalyst chassis ZRs can really showcase their unique advantages.

"Also exciting are the up-and-coming XC race circuits out East, with the Adirondack series taking center stage," Kloety continued. "We have a strong group of racers in place out East as well, and I am hoping we can help continue to grow that circuit."

Get out and cheer on the Team Arctic racers this winter. Their success today helps drive innovation to make you a leader on your machine tomorrow.

About Arctic Cat Arctic Cat has been a leader in the offroad industry since 1962. Arctic Cat markets its Snowmobile, ATV and SXS products through a network of independent dealers located throughout the United States and Canada and through distributors representing dealers in Europe, South America, the Middle East, Asia and other international markets.



John Prusak
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Benham Wins In Triumphant Return To Arctic Cat

(THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN December 16, 2025) – Arctic Cat kicked off the 2025-2026 snocross racing season the right way with a thrilling victory by Daniel Benham Jr. upon his return to Team Arctic at Ironwood, Michigan, on December 12-13.

The Deer River, Minnesota, native grabbed the lead early on his Frattalone Racing Arctic Cat ZR 600 R-SX on a rugged ski hill course and then dominated a star-studded field to earn an impressive victory on the world's top snocross circuit.

For Benham and Team Arctic, it was the culmination of a grand reunion. Growing up in a family of lifelong Arctic Cat super-enthusiasts, last year he found himself on a different brand after his then-current race team abruptly shuttered just before the season opener.

"The team I ended up on last year was fantastic and there was no reason for me to leave other than my passion for Arctic Cat," Benham said.

"I bleed green, it's where I belong.

And the timing of this win was really good – there's a lot of excitement around the Arctic Cat brand right now."



Combining his Saturday victory with strong showing in heat races both Friday and Saturday at Ironwood, Benham now holds first place in Pro class points after two rounds of racing.

Benham wasn't the only Team Arctic Pro class racer putting in strong performances in Ironwood. Jacob Yurk was on the gas all weekend on his Kylo Racing Arctic Cat and currently sits sixth in points.



In the Pro Am Plus 30 class, Tyler Oomen scored podium finishes both nights on his Hayes Racing Arctic Cat. He sits third in class points, with fellow Team Arctic racers Rob Boussum and Devin Denham sixth and seventh.

Meanwhile, the personable Jordan Biese scored his first-ever Pro-Lite podium finish on Friday after leading the vast majority of the final on his Beson Racing Arctic Cat. Fellow Team Arctic racers Eric Downs (Frattalone Racing) and Linus Pettersson (Green Mountain Racing) also made the Pro Lite finals both nights.

Cerissa Blessum carried the Team Arctic flag to top five finishes both nights in the Pro Am Women division.

Young riders proudly leading the way for Team Arctic included Ryder Harnois, who scored a victory in Junior 14-15, and Isaac Otto, who double-podiated in the Transition 9-13 class.

"What an exciting way to start the SX season, having both Daniel and the Frattalone team back on Cat and then opening the season like this," said Mike Kloety, Arctic Cat Snowmobile Race Manager. "It will only make them hungrier for more success. And Jake Yurk looked really good, too. He feels good and his Kylo Racing team has his sleds working really well. I think we'll be hearing from both groups a lot this winter."

Whether on the racetrack, the trail or the backcountry, people all over are returning to Arctic Cat and finding success! The racing season continues this weekend for Team Arctic, with the season-opening Gerald Dyrda Memorial Pine Lake 200 cross-country race in Gonvick, Minnesota.

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Construction Update



The Lodge Renovation and Restoration

We're excited to share that the lodge renovation is wrapping up for winter. Since taking ownership in April, the overhaul has included a ground-up restoration of the main lodge and welcome desk, a refreshed seating area with 2 wood-burning stoves, new general store, and a fully rebuilt kitchen (and with it a new chef!). We also installed a brand-new metal roof and insulation. With more than 20 contractors working throughout the summer to bring this project to life, we appreciate everyone's patience along the way. Cabin updates are also underway to bring you an even better lakeside experience including all new furniture, mattresses, and other upgrades. Next year, in addition to cabin renovations we'll shift our focus to the septic system with a goal of protecting the lake's water quality.

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Latest Updates

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Overnight stays begin December 19th
Your winter getaway AWAITS! Cozy cabins, snowy views and that signature mountain stillness we all love.

New Kitchen & Seasonal Menu Launch
With a completely renovated kitchen, our new Chef Gil brings you an updated menu featuring local brands and ingredients, and all your past favorites. Our winter cocktail list makes a debut too! [Updated hours >>](#)

Office Parties | Corporate Events | Groups
We offer many options for winter events at the lodge including private transport for up to 16 guests on our new PistenBully 400 snowcat or up to 5 guests in our new 2026 CanAm snow tracked vehicle. Plan your office party, snowmobile trip, or family vacation today!

[Winter Event Information](#)



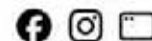
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As new owners we thank you for being part of the Elk Lake community and we look forward to seeing you up here... please say hi and share your story!
-Michael & Ken

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snowmobile.org/index.html

These are great events to sign up new club members, build relationships with the local snowmobile dealer and taking new people out on rides to experience all the fun of snowmobiling.



January
10-18

International Safety
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January 10-18, 2026

This week aims to promote snowmobile safety and awareness among riders and the general public. ...

February
7-16

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February
14

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March
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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.
- * Serve as a catalyst in service to state and federal agencies in providing new snowmobiling trails and parking facilities.
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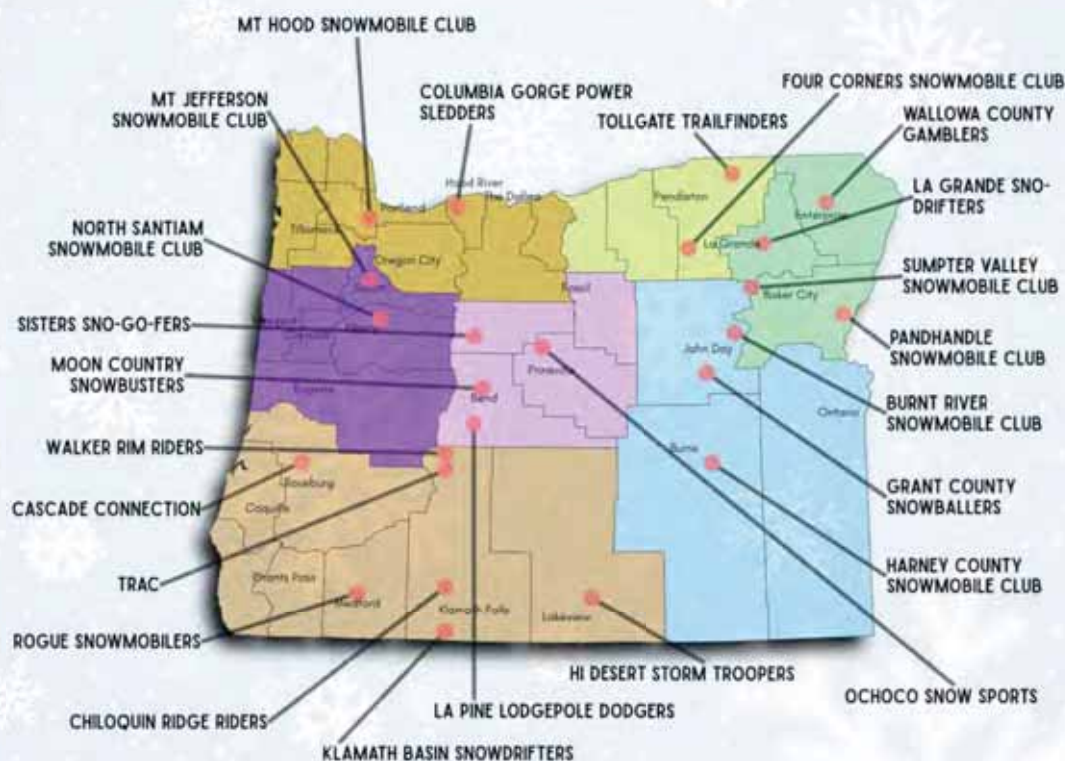


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JOIN OSSA TODAY

membership signup link. <https://www.oregonsnow.org/become-a-member/>

Please hit the QR code above and renew your membership or join for the first time!
There is a lot of effort that goes on behind the scenes to make these winter trails work,
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#6,400 miles
of volunteer
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A Day in the Life of a Volunteer Groomer

Did you know that OSSA has 24 clubs in Oregon and that all 24 clubs volunteer to groom the snowmobile trails?

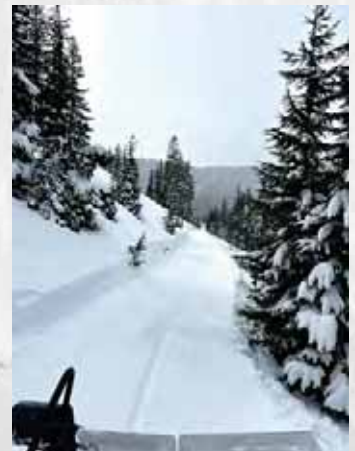
Typical Grooming Day:

- 5:00 am** Wake up.
- 6:00 am** Drive 90 minutes up to the mountain.
- 7:30 am** Prepare the Grooming Machine for the day.
- 8:00 am** Begin Grooming the trails.
- 8am to 6pm** Groom the trails, remove fallen trees, remove moguls, make roads through snow drifts.
- 6:00 pm** After grooming 50 to 60 miles return to Groomer Barn and begin refueling and cleaning the Groomer.
- 7:00 pm** Head for home.
- 8:30 pm** Arrive home and crash.

Did you know that the best way to ***"THANK YOU"*** to a groomer volunteer is to renew your membership every year?

Many OSSA members join every club in every area that they ride just to say, ***"THANK YOU!"***

Oh yeah, if you see a Groomer Volunteer be sure to shake their hand and say ***"THANKS"***.



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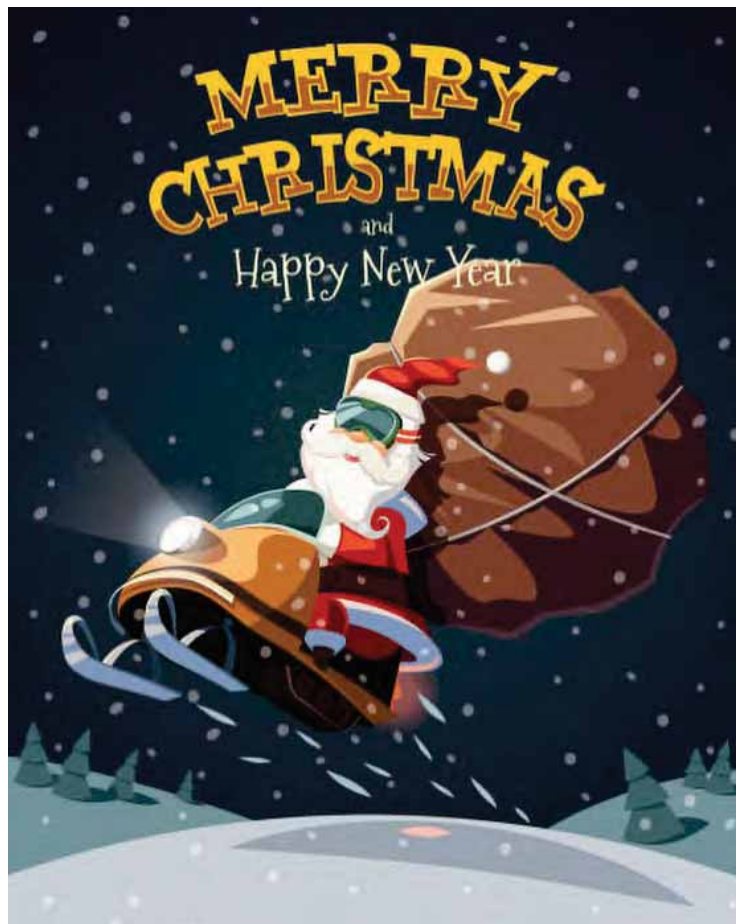


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Introducing the 25/26 PistenBully North America Photo Contest, open December 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026

This season, we are looking for your most stunning photos featuring PistenBully machines. Whether it's a sunrise, a massive park build, your fleet in a wild location, or a legendary operator, we want to see what you've got. Show us unforgettable shots with newer-model PistenBully machines. Winners will be announced in April 2026 on @PistenBullyNorthAmerica social channels. Winners will also be contacted directly via email.

The Prizes:

1st Place: A trip to the incredible PistenBully Headquarters in Laupheim, Germany

2nd Place: A trip to PistenBully North America Headquarters in Reno, Nevada

3rd Place: \$500 Fan Shop voucher

How to Enter:

- Submit your entry via email to chat@PistenBullynorthamerica.com
- Include your full name, location, and a short description of your photo. Please indicate which PistenBully model is featured.
- Large files should be submitted via Dropbox link.
- Entries must be received by March 31, 2026 at 11:59 PM PST.
- Newer PistenBully models will be prioritized in the judging process.

Terms & Conditions:

The contest runs from December 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 at 11:59 PMPST. Entries submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

Must be 18 years of age or older to enter. Must be a legal resident of the United States or Canada. Employees of Kässbohrer All Terrain Vehicles, Inc., its subsidiaries, affiliates, and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate. Contest is void where prohibited by law.

By entering the contest, participants grant PistenBully North America and Kässbohrer All Terrain Vehicles, Inc. a perpetual, worldwide, royalty-free license to use, reproduce, modify, distribute, display, and publish the submitted content in any media for marketing, promotional, and editorial purposes. Participants retain copyright to their work.

Travel dates will be determined by PistenBully North America in coordination with the winner. Travel and accommodation arrangements (including flights, lodging, and select meals) will be provided at the discretion of PistenBully North America. Prizes are non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash or alternatives. Winners are responsible for any additional expenses not expressly covered by PistenBully North America.

Kässbohrer All Terrain Vehicles, Inc. is not responsible for technical issues affecting file submission, travel delays or cancellations, or injury or damages arising from participation in the contest or the use of prizes. Participants agree to release and hold harmless Kässbohrer All Terrain Vehicles, Inc. from any claims or liabilities arising from the contest.

Winners will be notified via email and announced on @pistenbullynorthamerica social channels in April 2026. If a winner does not respond within 7 days, PistenBully North America reserves the right to select an alternate winner.

Trail Conditions/Grooming Reports

<https://members.oregonsnow.org/grooming>

Be sure to always
check avalanche
conditions before
you ride!

<https://www.oregonsnow.org/avalanche-safety/>



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!



Tracks That Define the Trail: Husky & Bison Trail Groomers

For snowmobile trail grooming operators, track choice is one of the biggest factors in trail quality and grooming efficiency. Prinoth's Husky and Bison trail groomers are engineered with multiple track configurations to match the real-world demands of snowmobile trail systems—from tight, wooded corridors to deep-snow and early-season conditions. Narrow and medium-width track options prioritize maneuverability and fuel efficiency, making them ideal for narrow, winding, or wooded club trails and high-traffic networks. Wider track setups process more snow in a single pass, increase flotation and stability, allowing operators to stay on top of soft or unconsolidated snow while protecting the trail base.

Track material and tread design further fine-tune performance. Durable all-season rubber tracks are ideal for low snow conditions, trails that cross roads, and clubs that use their machines on rocky terrain. Open profile steel and closed profile aluminum tracks provide added strength for hardpack, icy conditions, and freeze-thaw cycles. If your trails are steep, steel and aluminum ensure the machines climb easily.

There are also a variety of track widths, allowing custom configurations that fit your trails, bridges and garages. Husky track widths range from eight to eleven feet, and there's a corresponding Master blade to make sure your machine fits where it needs to go. For larger trail networks with more snow to process, the Bison can be as wide as 14 feet.

Combined with the Husky and Bison's power, efficiency, and zero-degree turning radius, the right track configuration helps operators groom more miles per shift while delivering the consistent, high-quality trails riders expect.





Focus on Features: **NEW SELECT STEERING**

After years of engineering and refining a highly robust hydraulic steering system for our large groomers, we are proud to introduce the next evolution of steering performance in the 2026 326HP Trail Boss. This model significantly reduces the number of traditional steering components, resulting in a cleaner, more efficient, and more reliable system.

The redesigned platform allows operators to seamlessly select front steering, rear steering, or full crab steering, providing exceptional maneuverability in challenging trail and grooming environments. These steering modes enhance precision, reduce operator effort, and improve overall machine responsiveness.

We invite you to book a demo this coming winter to experience firsthand how our advanced steering system elevates performance and sets a new benchmark in groomer control and capability.





Service Department Notes: **SPROCKET ALIGNMENT**

On Tucker Sno-Cat® vehicles, proper alignment isn't limited to sprockets alone—the arrows on rubber tracks and the alignment buttons on steel track sprockets must also match. These indicators show the correct engagement point between the track and the drive system. When the arrows or buttons are misaligned, the track may not seat properly on the sprocket teeth, leading to uneven pulling forces and increased wear. Ensuring these visual markers are correctly aligned helps the track run true, maintains consistent load distribution, and preserves the engineered relationship between the sprocket and track components. This simple step is one of the easiest and most effective ways to promote long-term reliability and prevent avoidable damage.



The WORD GROOMER



A Big Storm dropped letters everywhere! Help the Groomer groom out the hidden words listed on the left from among the letters below! See the bottom for your score!

SKIDOO
INTERSECTION
CORRIDOR
VAST
SOCIALDISTANCING
PISTENBULLY
HELMET
GLITTENS
SCORPION
LIQUIDCOOLED
LONGSEASON
DEEPSNOW
ENDLESSWINTER
WINTERSTORMWARNING
GREENMOUNTAIN
STUDS
HOTDOGS
SNOW
GPS
DRIVEBELT
SKAGS
TWOSTROKE
SNOWMAN
FREEZE
TRAILER

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0 WORDS: Leave the keys and get the heck out of the Groomer

1-5 WORDS: Hey, keep it between the trees!

6-14 WORDS: Grooming Apprentice

15-24 WORDS: Mogul Master

25 WORDS: King of the White Carpet! You have Hydraulic Fluid in your veins.

25 WORDS + Finding the Mystery Snowmobile Club: You are the Legendary "Chosen of the Frozen" of Groomer Lore!



Rogue Snowmobilers, a southern Oregon club, and Diamond Lake Resort, the Gem of the Cascades, have joined together to co-host Oregon's Premier Snowmobiler-Snowbike annual event.

Come join Rogue Snowmobilers in the largest event of its kind in the western states. Invite all yoursnowmobilers and snowbike friends to Diamond Lake Resort.

The annual Mt. Bailey \$5,000 Poker Run
 Date: Saturday, February 14, 2026
 Time: 8:30 AM - 9:00 PM
 Location: Diamond Lake Resort,
 350 Resort Drive, Diamond Lake, Oregon.

Your Registration fee includes a tour around Southern Oregon's most Awesome Snowmobiling and Snow Biking country through the mountain terrain surrounding the Diamond Lake area.

EVENT DETAILS

Online pre-registration is available on Rogue Snowmobilers' website. www.Roguesnowmobilers.com

In-person pre-registration & Registration packet pick up.
 Date Friday, February 13, 2026 Time 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
 Location: In the Diamond Lake Resort Lodge

Rider Check-in & Registration Packet Pickup.
 DATE Saturday, February 14, 2026
 TIME 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
 Location Diamond Lake Resort, Activity Center (across from the Marine Park lot)

Rider's Meeting & Safety Briefing

Time: 10:00 AM

Location Diamond Lake Resort, Activity Center
 (across from the Marine Park lot)

Poker Run begins @ 10:15

Poker hand: Riders draw a hand of cards at checkpoints along the course to compete for prizes.

Checkpoint 5

Time: 2:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Note: No hands or extra hands will be expected or sold after 4:30 PM

Location: Diamond Lake Lodge

Dinner & Raffle, Awards Banquet

Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

No Early Seating Available

Seating Available at 4:15 PM

Location: Mt. Thielsen Room Upstairs in the lodge.

Mt. Bailey \$5,000 Poker Run Dance

Time: 8:15 PM - 11:30 PM

Location: Diamond Room Lounge 21+ Event

Book Diamond Lake Resort lodging online



OSSA encourages everyone to check out this group and like their page.

Next Gen Riders

<https://www.facebook.com/share/189bsb3k14/?mibextid+wwXlfr>

Why should I register my snowmobile?

Did you know that registering your snowmobile helps fund the groomed snowmobile trails in Oregon?

The Oregon State Snowmobile Association (OSSA) receives money from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). The money comes from the state gas tax, snowmobile registration fees and snowmobile title fees. It is put into a fund managed by ODOT. OSSA has a contract with ODOT to facilitate trail maintenance which includes grooming the many miles of snowmobile trails in the state of Oregon. The percentage is based solely off of how many snowmobiles are registered in the state of Oregon. The more snowmobiles that are registered the more money OSSA gets to groom the trails. So, if you enjoy riding your snowmobile on the many miles of groomed trails in the state of Oregon. Please register all of your snowmobiles, whether they run or not.

Registration for a snowmobile is only \$5 per year for 2 years.

A fine for no registration is \$115.

** Please register your snowmobile and help keep our snowmobile trails groomed for everyone to enjoy.*

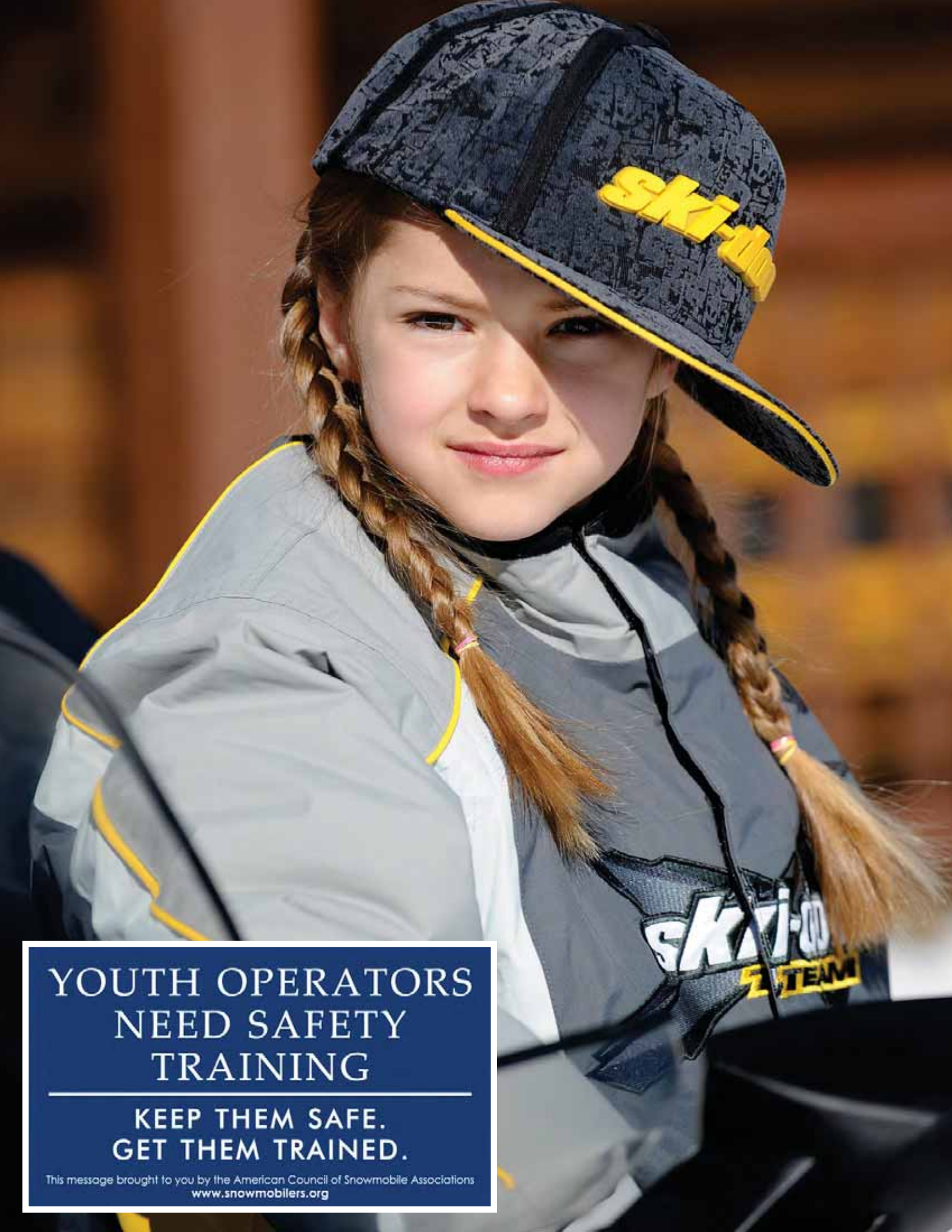


Thank you

T.J. Reilly, OSSA Vice President

Groomed vs Ungroomed





YOUTH OPERATORS NEED SAFETY TRAINING

KEEP THEM SAFE.
GET THEM TRAINED.

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

Are You New to Snowmobiling?

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASSES



Do you want to learn how to ride Safely?

Do you want your kids under age 16
to be able to ride Legally?

Oregon Snowmobile Law says:

ORS 821.150 drivers license or permit required. Class D Fine up to \$250

**We can CERTIFY kids 16 and under
without a driver's license.**



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.

Medford Area

Dennis Jordan (541) 821-6570

Portland Area

TJ Reilly (503) 804-2075

Roseburg Area

Glenn Shirek (541) 784-6405

Salem Area

Maria Sammons (503) 569-5552

Klamath Falls Area

David Miller (541) 891-9706

Boring Area

Brent Younker (503) 695-2911

Hood River Area

John Vogel (541) 490-8114

John Day Area

Lyle Klenski (541) 620-2793

Enterprise Area

Randy James (541) 426-3854





OSSA College Scholarship

Deadline approaching



Do you know a high school senior heading to college or a current college student who will be enrolled next year?

The Ken Haevernick Scholarship application is now LIVE on our website!

■ Application deadline: January 15

■ Don't wait — please help us spread the word!

✈ *The scholarship recipient will also be forwarded to the ACSA Scholarship for additional consideration.*

👉 Visit our website to apply today: <https://www.oregonsnow.org/scholarships/> or attached is the PDF.

KEN HAEVERNICK OREGON STATE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

OSSA scholarship is available to either graduating high school seniors or a person currently enrolled in a college or trade school full time (12 semester credits), either physically or online. Scholarships will be given to the winners regardless of other grants or scholarships that the students may receive.

Requirements are as follows:

1. The applicant or immediate family must be a paid member of Oregon State Snowmobile Association.
2. The applicant must submit the completed application form.
3. The applicant must submit a cover letter. This letter must include the student ID number and college/trade school name and the address to which a scholarship check would be sent.
4. The applicant must submit a resume detailing his/her involvement in snowmobiling as well as extra-curricular/volunteer activities.
5. The applicant must include an essay (essay subject on the application form). The essay **MUST** follow the format below to be accepted and should be sent in Word or Google Docs:
 - a. Minimum of 2 pages – typed.
 - b. Double-spaced.
 - c. Font – Times New Roman.
 - d. Font size – 12 point.
 - e. Margins – set to 1 inch for all margins (top, bottom, left side, right side).
 - f. Page numbers (if included) should be .5 inch from the top of the page (not within the 1" margin).
 - g. A header (for example, the essay question) can be added 1 inch from the top of the first page, and then enter a double space to begin your essay.
 - h. Do NOT use bold-faced type or other special settings.
 - i. If work is cited, add an additional "work-cited" page at the end of the essay. This information will NOT be counted as part of the 2-page minimum.

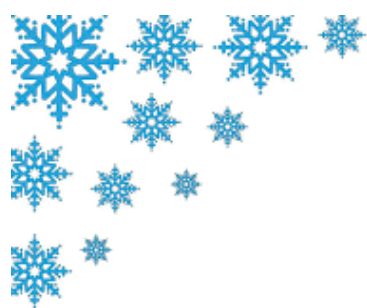
The applicable documents must be received via email at the OSSA Office by January 15, 2026. Please email to Lmahoney@oregonsnow.org using a subject line of OSSA Scholarship Application.

The scholarship winner will be announced at the 2026 OSSA Convention January 31, 2026. The winner's application will be forwarded onto the ACSA Scholarship for consideration.

6. **Any entry that does not meet ALL of these requirements will be disqualified. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Additional rules:

1. Students must use the scholarship within one year of receiving it.
2. All scholarship checks will be written directly to the college and not to the student. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**



Where is the snow?

Hopefully you are all doing your snow dances and getting your machines ready cuz we know it is coming just a matter of when. Wallowa County is ready, have all our preseason maintenance and woodcutting done, trails cleared, signs down or up and we are fueled up and ready to go.

POKER RUN is scheduled for January 17th. Can't wait to see you all here. It is always a fun time with memories made. **AND** who knows it might be your year to win the big pot.

Can't stress enough the importance of volunteering and leading a helping hand. Pay your dues, get involved and be safe out there.





Poker Run January 17th, 2026

**\$1500 GUARANTEED PURSE
\$50 lucky winner @ each stop**

HANDS are \$5 each

**SOLD Friday at Outlaw Motor Sports 8am-5:30pm SOLD -
Saturday at Salt Creek Parking Lot at 8am-11am**

Run Begins at 9am at Salt Creek Summit Snow Park

**Hands returned by 5:30pm at Salt Creek Parking Lot
Winners announced at 6:30ish Parking Lot**

**Questions call Outlaw Motor Sports 541-426-3491
or Lorien James 208-310-1727**



Hello Mount Jefferson Snowmobile Club Members!

We can feel it in the air—winter is knocking on the door, and we are more than ready to answer. While we wait for that deep base to build up on Santiam Pass, the club has been busy celebrating our community and prepping the trails for an epic season.

Here is what we've been up to and why you absolutely need to be at our meeting this month.

RECAP: Annual Movie Night Was a Blockbuster!

On November 20th, we took over the Northern Lights Theater in Salem for our annual Movie Night, a club tradition we've proudly kept running since 2011.

It was an absolute blast! We had a fantastic turnout of members enjoying great food, cold drinks, and some adrenaline-pumping snowmobile films. The energy was high, and the raffle prizes were next-level this year. A huge congratulations to everyone who walked away with new gear, including the lucky winners of the GoPro cameras and the 50/50 drawing!

A Massive Thank You to Our Sponsors

We have to give a special shout-out to SK Northwest, our premier sponsor. They rolled up with a trailer full of brand-new sleds for us to drool over. Seeing that new iron definitely got everyone itching to ride. Thank you to SK Northwest and all our sponsors who contributed to the raffle—your support makes nights like this possible.

TRAIL REPORT: Clearing the Way for the White Gold

Just two days after the movies, on Saturday, November 22nd, we traded the popcorn for chainsaws.

Club member Steve Duch led a dedicated crew on a “work party/ride” using ATVs and Side-by-Sides. The mission: clear the cross-district trail between Ray Benson Sno-Park and Three Creek Sno-Park (near Hwy 242/McKenzie Pass).

The crew did an amazing job bucking downed trees, and we put the Bobcat brusher to serious work clearing miles of overgrowth. This was our final push to get the trails dialed in before the snow flies for the season. A huge thank you to everyone who showed up to put in the sweat equity—the trails look prime and ready for grooming!

December General Meeting (Santa & CASH Giveaways!)

December 17th at Pietro's Pizza (Hawthorne Blvd, Salem) was a holiday blowout, and we pulled out all the stops with gifts and great food.

The Club bought pizza and soft drinks for all members—and prospective members who came to see what MJSC is all about.



\$100 Holiday Giveaway!

As a special Christmas gift to our members, we gave away TWO \$50 Visa Gift Cards as door prizes! (perfect for stocking stuffers or gas for the sled!).

Special Guest Appearance!

The man in the big red suit is made a pit stop at Pietro's. Santa has joined us in the past, and the tradition will continued this year! Many family's and future sledders snapped a fun picture with Santa. Free pizza, cash prizes, Santa, and snowmobile talk—what more could you have wanted?

Think Snow!

The Mount Jefferson Snowmobile Club





www.MtHoodSnowmobileClub.org

Oregon State Snowmobile Association and Mt. Hood Snowmobile Club are working hard to keep snowmobiling alive and thriving in Oregon!

Together, they:

- Maintain and groom trails – Ensuring safe, smooth, and accessible routes all winter long.
- Advocate for rider access – Fighting to keep public lands open for snowmobiling by working with state and federal agencies.
- Protect riding areas – Preserving the future of our sport through responsible land use and environmental stewardship.
- Organize events and community rides – Bringing riders together to build a stronger snowmobile community.

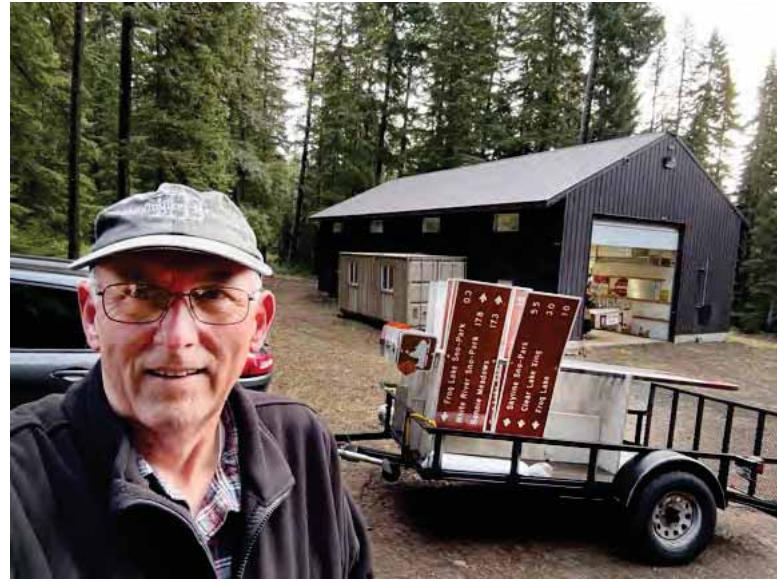
Whether you're riding Mt. Hood or exploring trails statewide, your support matters!

- Join your local club
- Support the clubs where you ride
- Be part of the effort to protect and grow snowmobiling in Oregon by Learning more or get involved through @oregonsnow72 and your local snowmobile club!
<https://www.oregonsnow.org/mt-hood-snowmobile-club/>

#snow #snowsports #snowmobiling #braaapp #mountains
#mthoodnationalforest #mthood #mthoodterritory #snowday
#snowpnw #pnw



Our volunteers got all our trail signs put up on Saturday December 6th.



Current and prospective MHSC members,

The club would like to thank all those who have joined the Mt. Hood Snowmobile Club so far this year. None of this happens without joining and supporting the club through your membership and volunteering to maintain trails, and supporting the events.

Upcoming Events:

January 28-31 2026, OSSA Convention in Klamath Falls.
— Guided rides, Food and Fun!

January 31st and February 1st, — Cascade Dog Sled will have their race at Frog Lake.

Hello all,

Wow, can you believe that it is December? Thank you to all the members who came to the Christmas Party. We missed those who were unable to attend. Everyone had a wonderful time. I would like to personally thank Sandra Bolin, who ensured that everyone received a meal, and Tyler Shackelford for emceeing the event.

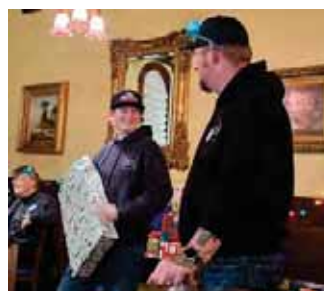
Thank you to all of those who have renewed your membership this year. As of yesterday, we were sitting at one hundred and nineteen members. Thank you! Your membership helps not only with the Mt Hood Snowmobile Club, but also the Oregon State Snowmobile Association, which advocates for our sport. We have the best volunteers.

Thank you for your support.

Mt Hood Snowmobile Club President and Board
Robert Mottice



www.MtHoodSnowmobileClub.org



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To enjoy this...



We Are So **THANKFUL**
For Our Volunteers!

Klamath Basin Snowdrifters



Always wear
protective gear
to stay safe

We are thankful to the volunteers that show up for the work parties. The operation of the Trailfinders is made possible by these fine folks that donate their time to brush trails, replace signs, groom the trails, update Facebook and the web site, pay the bills, cut and stock wood for the shelters, plus many more tasks.

Please encourage others to consider joining the Trailfinders as a way to say thank you for all the donated volunteer hours.





Find us on Facebook
(<https://www.facebook.com/sumptersnowmobileclub>)
See upcoming events for a disclaimer

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 18, 2025
- * Thursday January 15, 2026
- * Thursday February 19, 2026
- * Thursday March 19, 2026
- * Thursday April 16, 2026

We had another great turnout of 33 members with a couple guests. We will donate another gift basket for the OSSA convention in January.

Next meeting in December we will have our Christmas party where if want to participate in the gift exchange you need to bring a gift of around \$20. Everyone has a great time so hopefully you can make it. Club will provide the ham, so if you can just bring something to go with it would be great. Hope to see you there.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Our Poker Run will be on Feb. 14, 2026, President's Day weekend.

President Mike Bogart
P.O. Box 295, Sumpter Or 97877
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360-241-3443

Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club Trail Grooming Fund

The Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club is now accepting donations to help support trail grooming and maintenance for the season. Your contributions go directly toward keeping our trails smooth, safe, and enjoyable for everyone. For this season the sumpter Blue Mountain snowmobile club will match up to \$3000 in total towards our grooming fund.

You can also scan the QR code below to donate easily from your phone.



Thank you for helping support our grooming efforts and the volunteers who make our trails possible!"

Please note that OSSA is a 501(c)(7) nonprofit organization. While donations are not tax-deductible, they directly support your club's snowmobile trails.

An important note: all donations for this fund are specifically earmarked for the Sumpter Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club trail system. These funds cannot be siphoned off and used someplace else. Any of these donated funds leftover when the grooming season has ended will be held over for the next year.

Thank you,
Michael Bogart
michael.bogart@icloud.com
360-241-3443

Donate here: <https://oregonsnowmobileassociation.growthzoneapp.com/ap/contribute/QLmdq4P4>

SUMPTER POKER RUN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

SNOWMOBILE & WALK ABOUT!

TWO JACKPOTS! \$3000 & extra \$500 for trail participants

Walk About Requires : 7 Stations, all located in Town

**Trail Run Requires : All available Trail Stations and
any remaining Stations needed from Town**

to achieve a total of 7 stations

All Trail Participants must have a snowmobile license on their machine

REGISTRATION

Location : Sumpter Community Center

FRIDAY Feb13th 6pm-8pm

SATURDAY 14th 8am-1:00pm

Full Participant Rules available at Registration

Awards Ceremony & Raffle - Saturday 6pm at the Groomers Shed



Where is the SNOW is being said across the NW - what are we to do!

Well, our Groomer volunteers put some new rubber on the tracks and completed a deep dive service long overdue. We appreciate everything our volunteers do! Thank you All !

Our Volunteers also got our warming hut stocked with donated wood and our stockpiles put up for the season too. We have some of the best people helping us out - Thank you for your donations of wood and time - countless people will enjoy the fruits of your labor.

Our Christmas Party and final meeting of the year was December 16th with a group of all so bored snowmobile riders who are sitting around telling stories of years past.

We want to recognize Adam Lochman, our club Vice President who was recently riding near Cooke City and helped recover a snowmobiler from an Avalanche - Everyone came out alive, shaken and ever so thankful that they were all wearing their Avalanche equipment. It was with the encouragement that the buried snowmobiler rented a beacon that day. Please ride prepared - Check your beacons where you see the signs "Are You Beeping" single file past the board to make sure your beacon is sending a signal. It could be your life that is saved. The above rider did nothing to cause the avalanche, he was at the bottom of a slope that was sound triggered.

On the downside of our news -

A portion of our trail system has been closed for Geo Thermal exploration. The southern portion of trail 2 - on the south side of the caldera is closed. It is forest service road 2125. There are gates and it is not going to be groomed at this time. This includes riding the road in the dirt.

Now the rest of the story

BLM opened for public comment 2 yr ago for this exploration to happen. We did not realize that BLM manages mineral rights under the Forest Service land so it was not brought to our attention.

Fast forward, in October we received our notice that this portion is closed, gated and cannot access it. It is a 10 year permit. We have met with the Forest Service and Quaze the exploration company.

Results of our meetings and communications is that -

1 - A large section of Trail 2 is closed and will remain so.

2 - We have proposed an alternate route that has to go thru due diligence for land, tribe and animal impacts.

3 - Quaze has said for this season they will be shut down mid February - April and we can access the road for snowmobiling because there will not be any truck traffic during that time.

4 - Quaze also has stated they will pay all the costs to bring the alternate route up to the standards required once we get a green light from the Forest Service.

We will be posting the closure maps at the Paulina 10 mile Warming Hut and with the new maps we have (that do not show this closure).

With that - We hope to see you at the OSSA Convention - Because Somebody has to win that new sled - I think it should be ME! Remember to sign-up for their events to get as many tickets to enter as much as possible.

Let's Get Outside & Play

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Lodgepole Dodgers President
La Pine, Oregon
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Know Before You Go!!
Don't start the season with Trespassing!!
Snowmobiling is a Privilege -- thanks to
landowners!!

Is Your Club an ACSA Member?

*ACSA is Your Voice on National
Snowmobile Issues!*

- Snowmobile Safety and Access
- National watchdog on Snowmobile Issues
- Relationships with Federal Agencies and User Groups
- Collective Voice in Defending Land Access Challenges and Safety Issues

*ACSA helps educate elected officials and land managers on riding opportunities and challenges.

*ACSA coordinates with state and local snowmobile groups to address issues that affect snowmobiling.

*ACSA works to protect land access, restrictive laws, federal guidelines and attempts to limit snowmobiling.

ACSA Club Dues are only \$25/year.
Please consider joining today!

[Click here](https://www.snowmobilers.org/docs/ACSA-Club-Membership-Form-2025.pdf) for the application

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Outdoor Recreation on Federal Public Lands & Waters: A Valuable American Asset

The Outdoor Recreation Roundtable recently released the [Outdoor Recreation on Federal Public Lands & Waters: A Valuable American Asset](https://recreationroundtable.org/wpcontent/uploads/2025/11/2025_ORR_Report_Digital_Page.pdf).

This new report emphasizes that conserving and maintaining access to our shared natural resources for recreation is not just a business necessity but also a reliable, high-yield investment in the nation's health and economic growth.

The report underscores the value that outdoor recreation on federal public lands and waters generates every day:

- \$351 million is added to the U.S. economy each day from recreation on federal lands and waters – the equivalent of hosting eight Super Bowls every month in economic impact. Every hour, these lands generate about \$14.6 million in economic value from recreation.
- Through receipts, permits, entrance fees, leases, and other payments, outdoor recreation on federal public lands and waters directly adds at least half a billion dollars each year to federal revenues.
- Protecting federal public lands for outdoor recreation is a smart investment that provides significant returns. These benefits include \$128 billion in economic activity, nearly \$6 billion in federal tax revenue, and valuable contributions to Americans' physical and mental health.
- Of the 5 million American jobs created by outdoor recreation, one in five depends on federal public lands.

To read the entire report, [click here](https://recreationroundtable.org/wpcontent/uploads/2025/11/2025_ORR_Report_Digital_Page.pdf)

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*Just because there is snow -
doesn't mean the trails and riding areas are open!*

PLEASE Know Before You Go!



Endangered Species Act

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 is one of America's most far-reaching environmental laws. It can stop projects, block land use, and impose sweeping restrictions to protect wildlife. It also impacts snowmobile use!

After more than 50 years and billions of dollars, only 3% of species deemed threatened or endangered under the act have recovered and are no longer in peril.

The Trump administration recently proposed reforms to correct one of the act's most counterproductive aspects. Environmental groups responded with fury. Fundraising emails warned of mass extinctions. Critics lamented that protections were being "gutted."

These warnings do not match reality. The proposed changes are not a rollback. Lessons have been learned by Democratic and Republican administrations alike: Rigid, one-size-fits-all

regulations can backfire, and that species recover faster when local communities have a reason to help rather than fear federal enforcement.

If the proposed changes start to move, we will keep you updated so you can get involved if it is of interest to you, where you live or where you ride.



*Everyone wants to ride!
Thanks to Brenna LaGessee for this photo.*



How Do You Treat Your Members?

Have you ever given thought to how you treat your members? Do you treat them like a friend or do you treat them like an outsider? Or have you never thought about it?

Newsflash: They do not need to be your member - nor do they need to show up to your meetings - club meetings, regional meetings or state meetings!

Most organizations are looking for new members - new blood and new ideas. But when those "new" people show up, they are often excluded. Have someone greet them! They volunteer to help with work - but are sometimes told they are not needed. Instead, tell them you could use them on another project. They volunteer - often bringing new ideas and are ignored.

Snowmobiling depends on volunteers. Without the volunteers, our trails and riding areas do not exist. Volunteers are the lifeblood of snowmobiling. We need volunteers - experienced and new!

All organizations should have a plan in place on how to welcome new members and existing members, how to get them involved, and most importantly, how to keep them coming back.

Every member counts! Existing members are just as important as new members. They pay their dues and show up when they can - and should also be treated like friends. Get them involved, ask them to help out on a project or committee -- and welcome them!

Involvement is Ownership! Treat your members like they belong and get them Involved!



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2: ACSA Full Board Meeting

December 5-7: South Dakota Convention, Rapid City

December 6: Michigan Board Meeting - Newberry
Montana Board Meeting, Helena

January 10 - 18: International Snowmobile Safety Week

January 20 - 25: Idaho Convention/Groomer Workshop, Stanley

January 28 - 31 Oregon Convention/Ride, Klamath Falls

February 6 - 8: Washington Winter Rendezvous

Wallowa Avalanche Center

AIARE Motorized Courses 2026



- Rescue Jan 16 La Grande
- AIARE 1 Jan 17-18 La Grande
- AIARE Jan 24-25 Halfway
- AIARE 1 Feb 7-8 La Grande



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www.wallowaavalanchecenter.org

AIARE Avalanche Course Schedule

Sign up for an avalanche course taught by the WAC today. By taking one of our courses, you're receiving top-notch education, but also supporting a non-profit avalanche center.

The funds from AIARE courses account for nearly half of our annual operating budget.

Copy Link or Click here: www.wallowaavalanchecenter.org
to view the lineup of Human Powered and Motorized Courses for 2026.



AIARE Level 1 Avalanche Course Jan 2-4, 2026 Hut Based La Grande
\$800.00



AIARE Level 1 Avalanche Course Jan 9-11, 2026 Hut Based La Grande
\$800.00



AIARE Level 2+ Companion Rescue Jan 16-18, 2026 Hut Based La Grande
\$975.00



AIARE Motorized Rescue Course January 16, 2026 La Grande
\$175.00



Motorized AIARE 1 Jan 17-18, 2026 La Grande
\$525.00



AIARE Companion Rescue Jan 23, 2026 Anthony Lakes
\$175.00



AIARE Level 1 Jan 24-25, 2026 Anthony Lakes
\$525.00



Motorized AIARE 2 January 24-25, 2026 Halfway
\$525.00



AIARE Level 1 Feb 7-8, 2026 Joseph
\$525.00



Motorized AIARE 1 Feb 7-8, 2026 La Grande
\$525.00

The Mission of the Wallowa Avalanche Center is to provide winter backcountry travelers with avalanche advisories, mountain weather forecasts, professional observations and avalanche safety education.

We begin avalanche forecasts in the fall after enough snow accumulates in the mountains for on-snow travel in the backcountry and continue them until early April. Typically, in early December, we begin forecasting Thursday through Sunday using the North America Danger Scale, followed by a General Avalanche Advisory on Monday. We do not issue a Danger Rating Monday through Wednesday, but we offer general advice. We also offer a variety of classroom and field-based educational programs, including instruction specifically aimed toward youth, backcountry skiers, snowmobilers, and professionals.



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 sledders, 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.



Did you know ...

Your privilege to snowmobile is being threatened?

Do you know who's representing your snowmobile interests in Washington DC?

It's the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA).

Are you a member? Do you care about snowmobiling?

Make sure YOUR voice is heard.



**Join your local snowmobile club,
your state snowmobile association and
become a member of ACSA TODAY
for only \$15.00!**

Now's the time to get involved!

www.snowmobilers.org





American Council of Snowmobile Associations News

ACSA AWARE

A couple of years ago ACSA started 2 new programs- both focusing on getting younger riders involved.

The programs are Future Leaders and Scholarship. The Young Leaders has 2 Next Gen National Riders (NGNR) Ambassadors, Lynsey Burzinski from Wisconsin and **Korbyn Shaw from Oregon**. You may see them at upcoming events, from grass drags and snow shows to State Association Meetings and Conventions.

ACSA is very excited to work with these young adults as they grow their snowmobile leadership experience and enhance the sport of snowmobiling.

The Scholarship

is open to all snowmobilers that are paid members of their State Association, which is also a member of ACSA. The 2026 Scholarship is now open and can be found:
(click here:)

www.snowmobilers.org/acsa-scholarships.aspx

The topic of the essay is: How does snowmobiling impact your local community?

Funding for both of these programs is supported, in part, by Hannah's Chickens. Imagine, you are attending the ACSA Mountain Riding meeting in February. Everyone had a great day riding and now it is time for the ACSA Scholarship and ACSA Future Leaders Fundraiser. You walk into the room and find out that you are going to play bingo before the "Live Auction" for the items that everyone brought along for the occasion. As you pick up your bingo card you are handed a small rubber flying chicken for a "participation" prize.

The fun started -- and the fundraising was fast and passionate! Hannah's Chickens was born... Check out Hannah's Chickens shirts,
(click here:)

www.winterpinesdesigns.com/hannahs-chickens



OSSA President Dennis Jordan

OSSA Vice President TJ Reilly

Are you a member of ACSA?

The American Council of Snowmobile Association is your National Voice.

Individual membership is only \$15 per year.

Join OSSA President Dennis Jordan and OSSA Vice President TJ Reilly by joining today!

Benefits of joining ACSA
(The American Council of Snowmobile Associations)

Click here to view:

<https://www.snowmobilers.org/ACSA-membership-levels.aspx>



Trail work NEVER stops!

Without the thousands of volunteers - there would be no snowmobiling!

Thanks to every volunteer out there!!





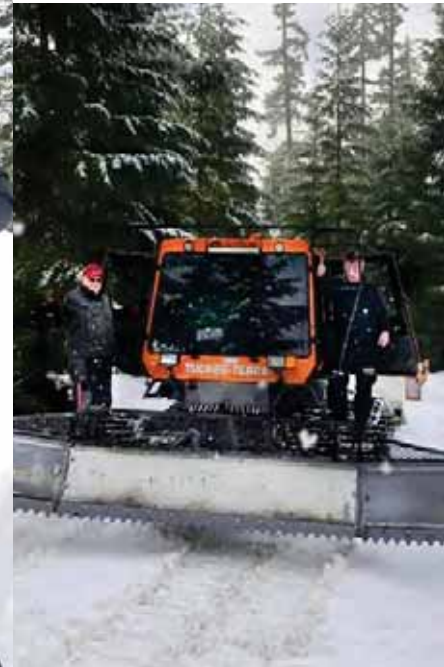
Four Corners Club







*Chiloquin Ridge
Riders*
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Harney County
Snowmobile Club







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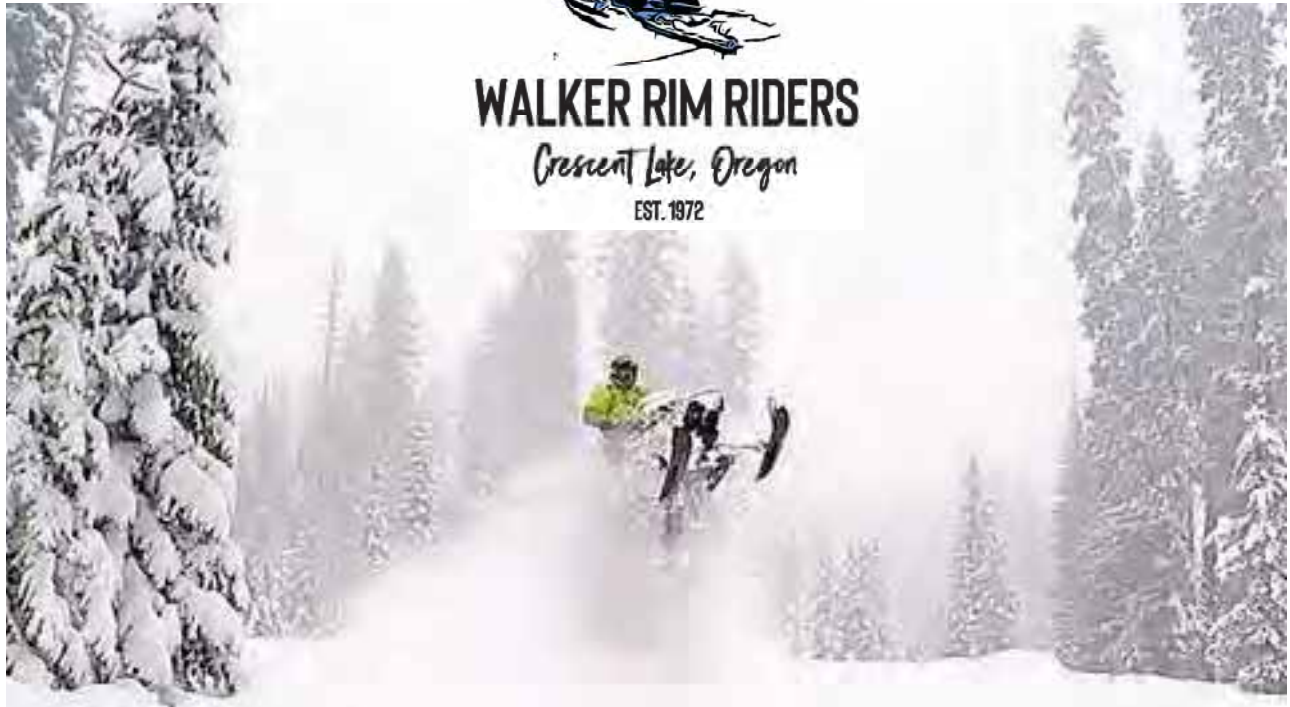




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Crescent Lake, Oregon

EST. 1972



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Two Rivers Activity 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-four member clubs and a trail system of 6,551 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.

******* Snowmobilers Leave No Trace *******