



SNOWMOBILE COMMUNITY

International Snowmobile Hall of Fame



The International Snowmobile Hall of Fame will hold the 37th Annual Induction Ceremony in Eagle River, Wisconsin, September 18-20, 2026.

The weekend will celebrate the new Hall of Fame inductees and recognize outstanding volunteers, manufacturers and inventors, clubs, dealers and groomers.

VOLUNTEERS & CLUB ORGANIZERS	INDUSTRY & ORGANIZATION HONORS
Fred Bailey - Montana Greg and Diane Hiles - South Dakota Mike and Cheryl Clevenger - Minnesota Lowell and Ila Morton - Pennsylvania	Manufacturer/Inventor: José Boisjoli, Bombardier Recreational Products Club of the Year: Driftrunners Snowmobile Club, Cresco, Iowa Groomer of the Year: Larry Traxler, Corbett, Oregon

Congratulations to all - and many thanks for everything you do for snowmobiling!

Show your support in person by registering for the festivities before September 8.



PUBLIC LANDS

Wilderness Policy Review

Although the notice was officially released in early June, it came to light this week that the Department of the Interior - including the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service - announced a nationwide review of rock-climbing management and Wilderness Study Area policies.

U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM) and nine colleagues sent a letter to Interior Secretary Doug Burgum strongly opposing the review. They fear it may threaten the wilderness character of public lands, disqualify lands from future designation by Congress, undermine Congress' role in wilderness management and place nearly 200 million acres of public land at risk.

“This sweeping review comes in addition to the Administration’s efforts to strip protections from national monuments and cultural resource areas, sell vast amounts of public lands in the West, repeal Roadless Rule protections, and change how travel management is developed on public lands.”

Heinrich was joined by Senators Adam Schiff and Alex Padilla of California; John Hickenlooper and Michael Bennet of Colorado; Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley of Oregon; Catherine Cortez Masto and Jacky Rosen of Nevada; and Ben Ray Luján of New Mexico.

Comment dockets

Agency / review	Regulations.gov docket
Bureau of Land Management - Wilderness Study Area	BLM-2026-0069
National Park Service	NPS-2026-0100
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-HQ-NWRS-2026-2575



WILDFIRE UPDATE

Fighting Wildfires

Utah has spent an estimated \$33 million fighting wildfires this year, putting the state on track to exceed last year's record total. The amount is expected to grow before fire season ends.

Inflation is partly to blame, but the cost also reflects the size of this year's fires, their encroachment on communities, and intense heat, drought and wind that make containment more difficult, according to Wade Snyder, deputy state fire management officer with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands.

"We're not out of the woods yet."

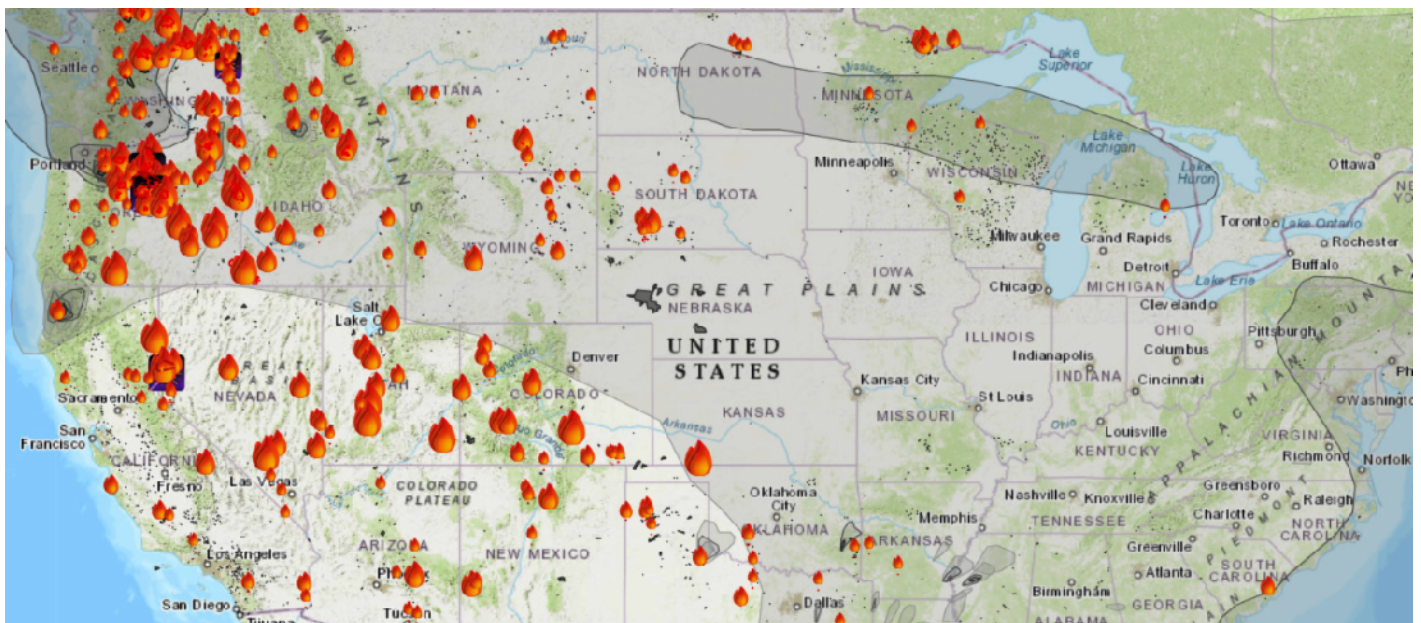
— Wade Snyder, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands

Forest Service response questioned

Undersecretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment Michael Boren, who oversees the U.S. Forest Service, asked agency staff last month to increase the number of aircraft responding to a seven-acre fire near his ranch in Idaho's Sawtooth National Forest, according to two Forest Service officials familiar with the matter.

Boren oversees about 200 million acres of national forest and public land. He also owns thousands of acres in Idaho, including the 480-acre Hell Roaring Ranch within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Boren has clashed with the Forest Service numerous times over the years.

Map of fires as of August 14





FOREST MANAGEMENT

Hardwood Industry's Future?

Congressman Glenn “GT” Thompson (R-PA), chair of the House Agriculture Committee, says he is “very concerned” about the American hardwood industry, but hopeful that policy changes - especially increased federal use - can strengthen its future.

In a recent interview focused on the industry, Thompson discussed plans to increase the amount of hardwood used in military truck-trailer flooring and federal buildings. He also raised the potential for increased hardwood lumber exports to China.

“If we lose sawmills, we lose our ability to manage forests. That leads to a negative impact on rural America that is unacceptable.”

— Rep. Glenn “GT” Thompson

Domestic wood for military use

Thompson highlighted work to phase out imported Keruing wood in military truck-trailer flooring. The U.S. Army has long used Keruing, while the 2025 National Defense Authorization Act started a pivot toward Red Oak. Thompson said a full switch was close and “would make a huge difference.”

Trade with China

President Donald Trump has announced plans for a U.S.-China Board of Trade to manage commerce across non-sensitive goods. Thompson acknowledged that trade negotiations with China “look chaotic,” but expressed confidence that a mutually beneficial long-term agreement could be reached for the hardwood lumber trade.



OPPORTUNITY

Forest Service Seeks Advisory Committee Members

The U.S. Forest Service is seeking nominations for Secure Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committees. Committee members recommend projects consistent with Title II of the Secure Rural Schools Act.

	Watershed restoration, road maintenance, forest-health projects, habitat improvement and other work that enhances forest ecosystems and benefits local communities.
	The recruitment covers 84 committees serving more than 700 counties. Each committee has 15 members serving four-year terms.
	Review and monitor projects and advise the Secretary of Agriculture on progress, results and recommended adjustments.
	Members serve without compensation, but may qualify for travel reimbursement under federal travel regulations.

How to apply

Nominees must live in the state where the committee has jurisdiction, identify the interest group they represent, outline their qualifications, and submit a completed AD-755 form. Nomination packages are due in early November at SM.FS.SRSInbox@usda.gov.

For committee categories, application instructions and additional information, visit the Forest Service website. Questions may be sent to SM.FS.SRSInbox@usda.gov.

THINK SNOW

Get the Juices Flowing!!



Nothing like scanning SnowGoer's Bucket List for Snowmobilers on a sunny, hot August day! But we all know it is never too early to start thinking - and planning.

If you have not seen the Bucket List, you do not know what you are missing. Check it out!



From our friends north of the border...

But it applies to all of us!

Only 64 days until the fall snowmobile talk begins.



CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
August 25	New York Board Meeting	Online
August 30	Nebraska General Membership Meeting	Norfolk, NE
September 1	POLARIS TRAIL GRANTS Deadline	
September 14	ISMA Club Grant Deadline	
September 18-20	International Snowmobile Hall of Fame	Eagle River, WI
September 19	Wyoming Board Meeting	Dubois
September 23	Michigan Board Meeting	Zoom
October 2-3	Big East Power Show / NYSSA Board Meeting	Syracuse
October 3	Montana Board Meeting	Helena
October 5	ISMA Grant Applications Deadline	
October 23-25	Minnesota Fall Workshop	Alexandria
October 23-25	Wisconsin Fall Workshop	Manitowoc
November 6-8	Illinois Convention	Galena
November 6-8	Novi Snow Show	Novi, MI
November 20-22	Iowa Convention	Clear Lake
November 20-22	Nebraska Convention	Kearney
December 3-5	South Dakota Convention	Aberdeen

Grant deadlines are approaching: Polaris Trail Grants - September 1 • ISMA Club Grants - September 14 • ISMA Grant Applications - October 5