



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

The Dog Days of August Put to Good Use



Snowmobile clubs across the country are putting these dog days of August to good use - for all riders.



Please consider joining a club where you live - or ride!
[Click here to find a club.](#)



PUBLIC LANDS

Forest Service Moves Forward to Revise Travel Management Rule

The U.S. Forest Service announced plans to publish a notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for amending the existing Travel Management Rule.

The proposed revision would simplify regulatory requirements to support quicker local decision-making and increase access, including access for motorized vehicles, E-bikes and other mobility devices.

Existing designations and maps will remain valid and in place until they are updated at the local level.

A 30-day comment period is planned. Additional information will be shared when it becomes available.

ROADLESS RULE

Roadless Rule Comments Now Open

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has initiated rulemaking on management of inventoried roadless areas covering approximately 44.7 million acres of National Forest System lands.

The proposed rule would rescind the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule, which prohibits road construction, road reconstruction and timber harvesting in inventoried roadless areas, with limited exceptions.

Rescission is intended to return decisions about roads and timber harvest in inventoried roadless areas to local officials, together with forest-level land-management planning.

Comments are due September 21.

The detailed press release, maps and comment portal are available online.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

International Snowmobile Hall of Fame

As the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame prepares to induct the Class of 2026, ACSA is highlighting those who will be recognized in Eagle River, Wisconsin, September 18-20.



Fred Bailey

Montana

Fred began snowmobiling with his grandfather at a young age. He and his wife, Julie, have snowmobiled for more than 30 years, and Fred has been a lifelong volunteer.

Fred served as a club president, Montana Snowmobile Association vice president for four years and president for four years. During that time, he also served on the ACSA Board of Directors.

He attended many ACSA D.C. Fly-Ins and understood the importance of meeting with senators, representatives and agency leaders. Fred worked with the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. His personality helped build partnerships and earn respect across the recreation community. Those relationships became important resources in work on winter travel plans and legislation.

Safety, education, trails, economics, legislation, access and land use were always priorities. Fred never sought recognition, stepped away from responsibility or hesitated to dedicate his time when snowmobiling needed him.

Congratulations, Fred!

Thank you for everything you have done for snowmobiling.



WILDFIRE UPDATE

Firefighting Resources Are “Critically Low”

Wildfires across the West have left the national response system unable to fill every local request for firefighting assistance, pushing resources to a “critically low” level, according to memos from the federal group coordinating national fire response.

The National Multi-Agency Coordinating Center said it cannot “provide all requested resources for every fire” and that there is “no immediate relief anticipated.”

The center helps agencies cooperate on wildfire response and dispatches personnel, equipment and aircraft to state and local crews. The memo indicates that longer, more intense wildfire seasons are testing a system that depends on federal and state agencies sharing people and equipment.

PERSPECTIVE

Hmmm... Makes You Wonder...

77,000 ACRES	burned by the Grasshopper Fire around Mt. Hood
RECORD FIRE ACTIVITY	reported in Utah, with Colorado close behind
10 WILDFIRE FIGHTERS	have died
MORE THAN TWO DECADES	of increasing wildfires without a long-term remedy in sight
25 YEARS	without significant progress in endangered-species recovery

What are the priorities?



ACCESS UPDATE

Glacier National Park

For decades, snowmobiles have been banned from Glacier National Park. That may change soon.

Last month, Superintendent David Roemer reported that the park was considering special-use permits for inholders - people who own private property within the park - that could allow non-commercial motorized use and even snowplowing.

Snowmobiles were banned at Glacier in 1975. Traditional winter access has been by foot or ski only.

No decisions have been made. The park is evaluating whether special-use permits could be an appropriate way to provide winter access for landowners.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

White in Sturgis - But It Wasn't Snow



In case you missed it, the Sturgis, South Dakota area was covered in white last week.

It was not snow. An unusual hailstorm surprised bikers and others in the area.



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