



OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Next Gen Riders at Hay Days



NEXT GEN RIDERS

Building the next generation of organized snowmobiling.

ACSA Next Gen National Riders were at Hay Days and met up with other next-generation leaders!

Our future is bright with the Next Gen Riders!

SUPPORTING CLUBS

Ski-Doo SnowPASS Grants Awarded

Many thanks to Ski-Doo and Ski-Doo dealers for the generous SnowPASS grants awarded to snowmobile clubs across the United States and Canada.

50+

CLUBS SUPPORTED

\$5,000

UP TO EACH

The 2026 SnowPASS grants provide support for grassroots organizations and volunteers who work year-round to preserve access, improve trails and strengthen snowmobiling across North America.

Funding was awarded to projects focused on trail infrastructure, access preservation, bridge repairs, signage improvements, volunteer recruitment and introducing new riders to the sport.

[Click here](#) to see the clubs that were awarded project grants. Thank you, Ski-Doo!



ACTION NEEDED

Forest Service Travel Management Rule

It is very important for snowmobile clubs and individuals to submit comment letters on the proposed revision of the Travel Management Rule that has been in place since 2005.

Suggested areas for comments:

- Open Unless Closed policy. Existing roads and trails would be presumed open unless a closure or restriction is required by law or otherwise justified. For forests that do not already have winter travel plans, the status quo designation for over-snow vehicles would be “open.”
- Minimization criteria. Historically, these criteria directed land managers to consider minimizing damage to soils and watersheds and minimizing wildlife harassment. More recently, they have been used to establish minimum snow depths of 8–12 inches before grooming may occur.
- Annual review. Review closed or restricted routes each year and provide a process to add new roads and trails.

Travel Management Rule comments are due September 23.

[View the rule and submit comments](#)

PUBLIC LANDS

Rescinding the Forest Service Roadless Rule

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is moving forward with a proposal to rescind the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule. The rule covers inventoried roadless areas on approximately 44.7 million acres of National Forest System lands, including lands in Alaska.

44.7

MILLION ACRES

The existing rule generally prohibits road construction, road reconstruction and timber harvesting in inventoried roadless areas, with limited exceptions. State-specific roadless rules for Idaho and Colorado would be retained.

Rescinding the 2001 rule is intended to return decisions about road construction, road reconstruction and timber harvest in inventoried roadless areas to local officials through Forest-level land-management planning.

[View the Roadless Areas map](#) provided through the Forest Service.

The comment period has been extended to October 6.

[Submit comments: Roadless Rule FS-2025-0001](#)



FEDERAL UPDATE

Farm Bill Advances in the Senate

SENATE ACTION

This week, the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee passed the Agricultural Act of 2026, the Senate version of the 2026 Farm Bill.

The bill now moves to the full Senate for consideration when the Senate returns in November.

WILDLIFE POLICY

Wolves — Endangered Species Recovery?

President Trump signed an executive order in early September directing the Secretary of the Interior to decide within 90 days whether gray wolves and Mexican wolves have met their recovery criteria and whether to begin the process of delisting or downlisting them under the Endangered Species Act.

The Supporting America's Ranchers executive order also calls for Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum to prepare a legislative recommendation for the president to fully delist or downlist wolves.

If recovery criteria have been met, the order calls for encouraging states to delist wolves and revise state standards governing the killing of wolves to help ranchers.

The Interior Department has 90 days to make its determination.

CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
September 18-20	International Snowmobile Hall of Fame	Eagle River, WI
September 19	Wyoming Board Meeting	Dubois
September 23	Travel Management Rule Comments Due	Federal deadline
September 23	Michigan Board Meeting	Zoom
October 2-3	Big East Power Show / New York Board Meeting	Syracuse
October 3	Montana Board Meeting	Helena
October 5	ISMA Grant Applications Deadline	



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October 6	Roadless Rule Comments Due	FS-2025-0001
October 23-25	Minnesota Fall Workshop	Alexandria
October 23-25	Wisconsin Fall Workshop	Manitowoc
October 24	Michigan Annual Meeting	Gaylord
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

Upcoming federal comment deadlines:
September 23 — Travel Management Rule
October 6 — Roadless Rule

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