



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Many Hands Make the Season Possible



**American Council
of Snowmobile Associations**



Clubs across the United States are ready to begin fall trail work.

It takes many hands to get trails ready for the first snowfall. Brushing, clearing, signing and marking all happen before a groomer ever moves.

Please consider helping a club on an upcoming workday!



CLUB BUSINESS

Get Involved in a Club

Many riders do not live where they ride - or where their favorite riding area is - but that should not stop anyone from getting involved in a club.

Clubs are the foundation of organized snowmobiling. They build trails by working with landowners and volunteers, maintain and brush those trails, preserve landowner relationships, and install signs. All of that happens before grooming begins.

Clubs need members, but they also need volunteers. Brushing and signing begin now, before hunting season and before cold weather freezes the ground. The work is often overlooked, but it is what starts the season.

New Hands and New Ideas

A recent interview with Deviant Ink and David and Melissa Wagner of Utah focused on the importance of clubs and involving the next generation. The discussion generated many responses and opinions - and productive discussion can begin a movement. Clubs are always looking for new people, new hands and new ideas, although welcoming and mentoring volunteers takes time.

Longtime club members can be protective of what they have built. They have invested years of work, developed trust with landowners, and raised money for tractors, groomers, fuel, insurance and countless smaller needs. At the same time, clubs look forward to welcoming volunteers, building new relationships and sharing their experience.

JOIN	Become a member where you live, where you ride - or both.
VOLUNTEER	Help with brushing, signing, events, safety classes or fundraising.
BRING IDEAS	Offer your skills and a fresh perspective.
LEARN	Work alongside experienced volunteers and help carry the knowledge forward.

If you are not yet a member, consider joining a club where you live or ride. Find a club online.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

International Snowmobile Hall of Fame

The International Snowmobile Hall of Fame will hold its induction ceremony September 18-20 in Eagle River, Wisconsin, honoring deserving volunteers. Register by September 8.



Greg and Diane Hiles

South Dakota

Greg and Diane embody the best of organized snowmobiling. Their decades of leadership have reached every level of the sport: their local club, the South Dakota Snowmobile Association, ACSA and the International Snowmobile Council.

Active club members since 1995, they have volunteered for fundraisers, safety courses, Governor's Rides and many other functions. Greg served as club vice president and longtime trails coordinator. Diane served as club secretary for 10 years and organized state conventions, Governor's Rides and fundraisers. Both maintain and mark trails.

At the state level, both served as South Dakota Snowmobile Association directors and officers. Greg served as vice president and president; Diane served multiple terms as treasurer. As SDSA president, Greg initiated an ACSA legal fundraiser that raised more than \$18,000 at an International Snowmobile Congress and helped grow the fund beyond \$40,000. He later served as ACSA president and remains a trusted advisor. Diane serves on the ACSA Board and chairs several committees.

They have attended many International Snowmobile Congresses, ACSA Regional Rides and D.C. Fly-Ins. Diane chaired the 2016 ISC and is expected to help with the 2027 ISC in Rapid City.

Snowmobiling is a family activity for Greg and Diane, their daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren. They are known for integrity, tireless work, inspiring others and keeping snowmobiling fun for future generations.

Congratulations, Greg and Diane!

Thank you for everything you have done - especially for always making snowmobiling fun.



AGENCY UPDATE

Forest Service Completes National Facilities Review

The U.S. Forest Service has completed a national review of regional offices and research-and-development facilities. The agency identified more than \$16 million in savings through local consolidation while seeking to minimize employee impacts and preserve essential work.

16,000+	facilities owned by the Forest Service
500+	leases and space-occupancy agreements
50%	of facilities rated in poor condition
\$3 BILLION+	in deferred maintenance
ONE-THIRD	of office space below the 60% utilization standard

“This review gives us a path to put more of those dollars to work, supporting our employees, our mission and the American people.”
- Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Stephen Vaden

Forest Service Chief Tom Schultz said the effort is designed to retain mission-critical staff while reducing facility costs and shifting more funding toward mission delivery and research. He said consolidation will create more than \$8.8 million in annual lease savings and more than \$8 million in deferred-maintenance savings.

The agency says the changes will create a more sustainable facilities footprint while maintaining the right geographic distribution of laboratories and duty stations.



CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
September 14	ISMA Club Grant Deadline	
September 18-20	International Snowmobile Hall of Fame	Eagle River, WI
September 19	Wyoming Board Meeting	Dubois
September 21	Roadless Rule Comments Due	
September 23	Travel Management Rule Comments Due	
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

Comment deadlines: Roadless Rule - September 21 • Travel Management Rule - September 23