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The Economic Impact of Snowmobiling:

United States—\$26 billion annually

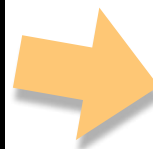
Canada—\$20.6 billion annually

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We are an organization representing the four snowmobile manufacturers. We coordinate committees within the industry to handle concerns such as snowmobile safety, the promotion of the lifestyle activity of snowmobiling, keeping accurate statistics, reporting the growth of the industry and the positive economic impact snowmobiling has throughout the world.

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.

October
25

International
Snowmobile Day
October 25, 2025



January
10-18

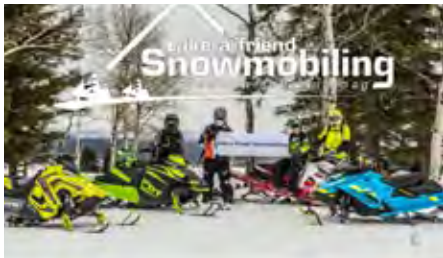
International Safety
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January 10-18, 2026

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February
7-16

Take a Friend
Snowmobiling Week-
February 7-16, 2026

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February
14

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Snowmobile Ride Day
February 14, 2026

March
5-8

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March 5-8, 2026



June
3-6

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June 3-6, 2026

<https://www.snowmobilers.org/isc/docs/isc-2026-registration-form.pdf>





Press Release

International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association

Press Release
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Snowmobile Day & Snowmobile Ride Day 2025–2026

October 15th, 2025 — The International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA) continues its annual celebration of snowmobiling with two signature events: International Snowmobile Day on October 25th, 2025, and International Snowmobile Ride Day on February 14th, 2026.

These events invite clubs, dealers, and snowmobile enthusiasts across North America to celebrate the sport, welcome new riders, and build community. ISMA supports local snowmobile clubs with grants to host events, encouraging fun, safety, and camaraderie both at the start of the season and mid-winter.

Snowmobile Day, inspired by Sweden's long-running Snöskoters Dag, brings dealers and clubs together to showcase new products, highlight safety, and promote club membership. Events often include:

- Vintage and custom sled "Show and Shine" displays
- Groomer and towing vehicle exhibits
- Safety training and maintenance sessions
- Games, raffles, and giveaways from local businesses

Snowmobile Ride Day, held during *Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week*, encourages riders to invite friends and family to experience the thrill of the sport. Even if snow conditions vary, clubs are encouraged to celebrate with rides, trailhead gatherings, or maintenance and safety events.

ISMA congratulates the following clubs selected for 2025–2026 Snowmobile Day and Ride Day grants:

<u>Snowmobile Club:</u>	<u>Dealer Partner:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
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Lyme Pinnacle Snowmobile Club	Robbins Powersports	Windsor, VT
Dakota Drifters Snowmobile Club	Bookings Powersports	Brookings, SD
Dalton Ridge Runners	Dalton Mountain Motorsports	Lancaster, NH
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Riverbend Benders Snowmobile Club	Nielsen Enterprise	Lake Villa, IL
Salt Lake Valley Snowmobile Club	Karl Malone Powersports	Salt Lake City, UT
Sno-Kommanders of Lake County	Nielsen Enterprise	Lake Villa, IL
Sunset Trail Riders	Bestway Rentals	Kenora, ON
Waumbek Methna Snowmobile Club	Dalton Mountain Motorsports	Berlin, NH

Congratulations to all our grant recipients!

Snowmobile clubs that were not selected this year are encouraged to host their own events and apply again next season.

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JAN 31ST: POKER RUN
LAKE OF THE WOODS

SOCIAL SCHEDULE

JAN 29TH: BRATS & BREWS
Lake of the Woods

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

JAN 31ST: CONVENTION DINNER NIGHT
Guest Speaker: Levi Levallee
Running Y Resort

MEETING SCHEDULE

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JAN 31ST 9:00AM GENERAL MTG
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(Model to be announced soon.)

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Use the online form at <http://oregonsnow.org/about/> to join OSSA only.

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.

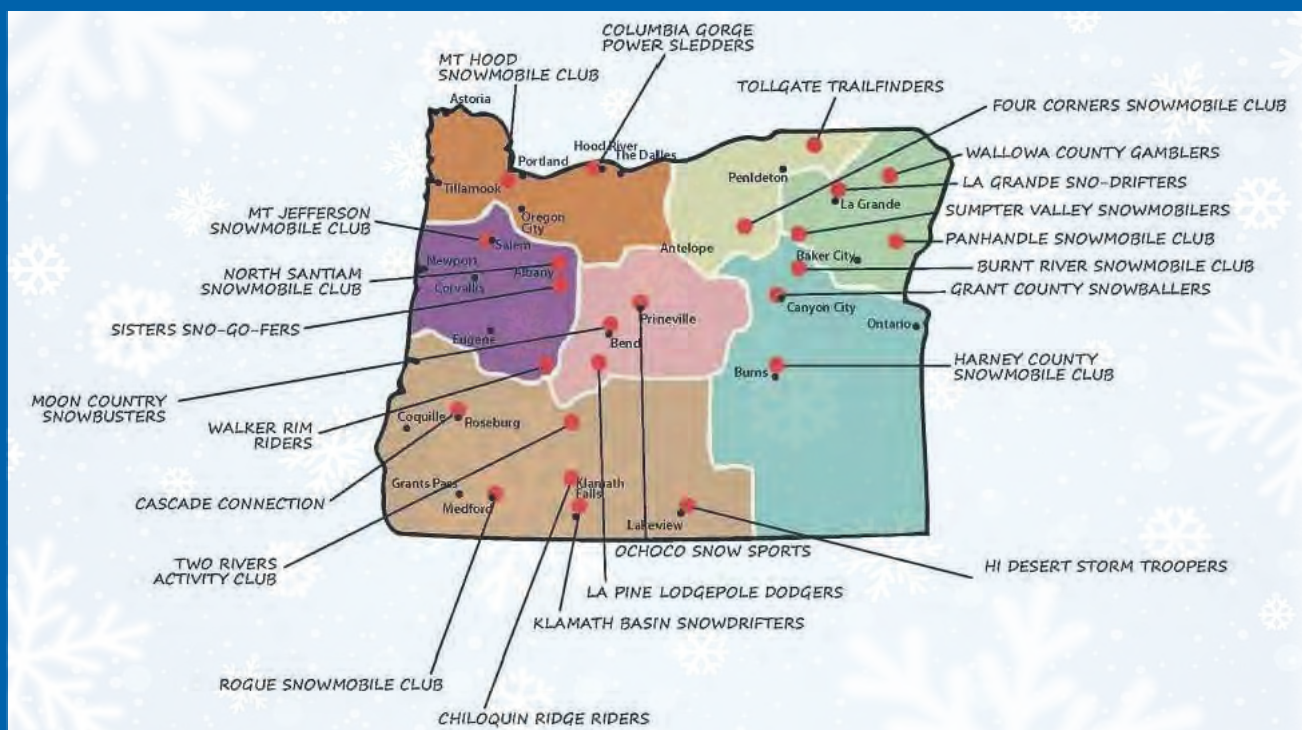
- * Opportunity to gain knowledge of snowmobiling through club meeting speakers.
- * Obtaining a feeling of "Belonging" a common bond experience.
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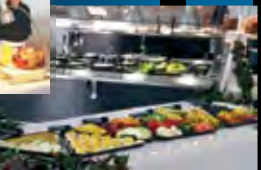
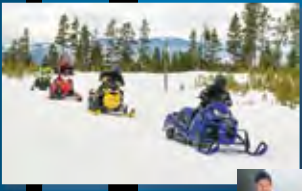
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Choosing Your Steering Style: Wheel vs Sticks for Your New Groomer

When a snowmobile club orders a new Prinoth groomer, they get to pick their preferred steering interface: a steering wheel or “stick” / lever controls. The choice may feel subtle on paper, but in practice it can affect control, ergonomics, operator fatigue, and how intuitive the machine feels. In this article, we explore the pros and cons of each steering mechanism, which can be used as a conversation starter with your club before you buy your next machine.

Steering in Snow Groomers

Before we dig into the pros and cons, a bit of context:

- Snow groomers are driven by hydrostatic hydraulic systems, with each track (left and right) driven independently. Steering is achieved by differential track speed (one track moving faster/slower relative to the other).
- Whether you use a steering wheel or levers, the operator's inputs get translated into hydraulic commands to modulate flow/pressure to track drive motors.
- Many modern groomers (including Prinoth's) support “cruise” or fixed-RPM modes, decoupling speed control from steering input, which changes how the two steering styles feel.

With that in mind, here's how the two steering philosophies compare.

Steering Wheel Advantages

1. **Familiarity & Intuitive Feel**
Many operators are already accustomed to steering wheels (cars, trucks, tractors). Turning left causes left, turning right causes right — the mental model is simple.
This can shorten the training curve, especially for operators coming from wheeled steering backgrounds.
2. **Precise, Low-Effort Fine Adjustments**
With a well-tuned hydraulic assist / power steering system, small corrections can be made with minimal effort.
3. **Excellent for Holding a Line**
For long straight runs or slow transitions, the wheel allows the operator to “steer into” a trajectory gently, holding a heading with minimal input.

Wheel Challenges

1. **Less Direct Feel / Response**
Because the wheel is an indirect interface (turn wheel → controller → hydraulic system), there can be a lag or damping. In soft, uneven snow, that “buffer” might reduce responsiveness compared to direct lever control.
2. **Mechanical Limits**
You can't spin the wheel infinitely; the mechanical travel may be constrained. In tight turns or sharp adjustments, one may reach the stopping point of the wheel.
3. **Complexity & Maintenance**
More mechanical parts (steering column, bearings, linkages) may increase maintenance or susceptibility to wear.
4. **Cognitive Disconnect in Some Conditions**
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Steering Levers / Sticks

In this style, two control levers (one for each track) are pushed forward or pulled back, either independently or in a coordinated fashion, to modulate speed and direction.

Advantages

1. Very Direct, Responsive Control

Because each lever directly controls forward/back pressure to each track, the operator often enjoys heightened sensitivity and responsiveness. Track differential is more directly manipulated.

2. Aggressive Maneuvering & Tight Turns

In tight terrain or steep switchbacks, the operator can apply more aggressive differential commands (e.g. holding one lever slightly back, the other forward) in an instant. This can aid sharper turning, pivoting, or tight track corrections.

3. Good for Experienced Operators

Those who “feel” the machine often prefer sticks — it gives them the leverage and responsiveness they want. Many long-time groomer operators see stick cats as more precise or connected.

4. Simplicity & Robustness

Fewer parts in the mechanical linkage of steering (no steering column, less complex joints) mean less to maintain or calibrate. In cold, vibration-heavy applications, this can be an advantage.

Challenges

1. Higher Learning Curve for New Operators

For someone not familiar with dual-stick steering, coordinating smooth curves without jerky transitions can be tricky. Operators may overcorrect, producing “zig-zag” behavior.

2. Operator Fatigue / Arm Strain

Holding and moving the levers continuously, especially on long shifts or rough terrain, can strain the forearms or shoulders more than a wheel movement might.

3. Less Natural for Straight-Line Holding

Maintaining a straight path may require continuous micro corrections — the operator can’t “rest” a hand on a wheel and drift slightly.

Which One Fits Best for Your Operation?

Here are factors to consider when selecting your steering style on a groomer:

1. Operator Profile & Experience

If your operator pool includes many who have driven trucks, tractors, snowmobiles, etc., wheel steering may seem more accessible. If you have veteran groomers used to stick cats, lever style may feel more natural.

2. Terrain & Grooming Strategy

In tight, technical terrain (steep gullies, tight switchbacks, narrow trails), the extra responsiveness and sculpting capacity of levers can shine. For long, open trails, wheel control may allow smoother straight lines and reduce fatigue.

3. Maintenance Philosophy

If you prefer fewer moving parts, simpler calibration, and a robust setup, levers may offer lower long-term maintenance overhead. However, both systems in modern Prinoth groomers are built to high durability standards.

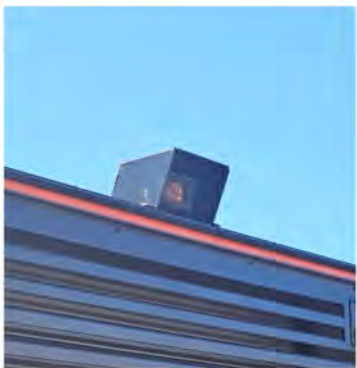
Wheel or sticks? There's no wrong answer!

At the end of the night, it's more about the operator's preferences than anything else. We recommend that clubs discuss the pros and cons, then get in a demo machine before they decide. There is a learning curve in all grooming operations, and sticks might just be the answer for your club.





Focus on Features: **BACKUP CAMERAS**



The backup camera is an invaluable tool for improving safety and ease of operation, and dual cameras take that functionality to the next level. Whether you're connecting to a tracked trailer or a trail groomer, having a clear view makes all the difference, for example, during nighttime operations. Dual cameras provide added visibility and peace of mind when working in challenging conditions. We're pleased to offer this upgrade as an option on your next machine.



***Contact us
today to learn
more about
how dual
cameras can
improve your
equipment
experience.***

FOUR-ON-THE-SNOW NEWSLETTER

NO SNOW TOO DEEP...NO ROAD TOO STEEP

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Service Department Notes: **SERVICE REMINDER**

This is your friendly last-minute nudge from the Tucker Sno-Cat® service team! The leaves are turning, temperatures are dropping, and we all know what that means... the first snow is just around the corner.

If your Sno-Cat® vehicle still hasn't made it in for its pre-season service, now's the time to act. Don't wait until the snow starts falling, let's get your machine running at its best before it's go-time. Limited service slots are still available, but not for long! Book now and avoid downtime when you need your cat the most.

Your Pre-Snow Checklist:

Whether you've already had your machine serviced or are prepping on your own, here are a few key things to double-check:

- Engine oil, coolant, and hydraulic fluid levels
- Track condition and alignment
- Electrical systems and battery health
- Cab heat and defrost functionality
- Lights, mirrors, and safety gear
- Emergency kit stocked



Need help? Our technicians are ready to assist with inspections, tune-ups, and any repairs you've been putting off. Give us a call today!

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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!





To enjoy this...



Volunteers are needed
for this!



**WE ARE SO THANKFUL
FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

Klamath Basin Snowdrifters



Always wear
protective gear
to stay safe



#6,400 miles
of volunteer
groomed trails

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?

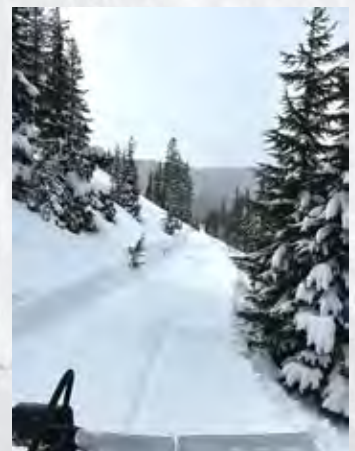
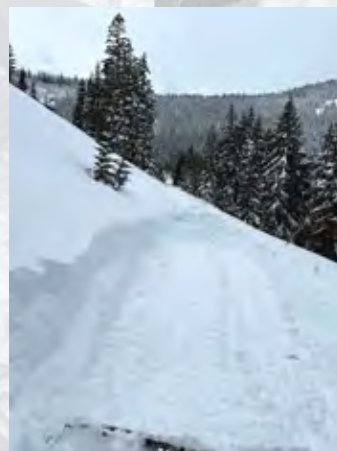
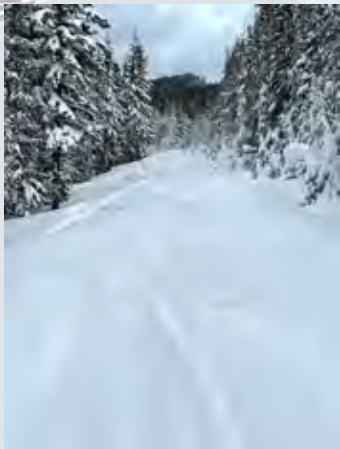
Typical Grooming Day:

- 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”***.





Snowmobile Safety Class Saturday November 22nd 9:30-11am at SK Northwest 250 SE Division Place, Portland Oregon. We can certify your young person to legally drive a snowmobile. The class is free and new adult riders are welcome to attend. The adult who will be riding with the student is required to attend. Contact TReilly@Oregonsnow.org to register.



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 ?



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

T.J. Reilly (503) 804-2075

Roseburg Area

Glenn Shirek (541) 784-6405

Email

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) 480-8114

John Day Area

Lyle Klenski (541) 820-2793

Enterprise Area

Randy James (541) 426-3854



THE GREAT GROOMER SLUMBER

"Groomer Slumbers fill your eyes, smiles await you when you rise"
-The Beatles

Look, I'm not happy about it either, but the riding season is done. Now the groomers have all been tucked away in their groomer barns for a long summer slumber. Help ensure they get a good sleep by finding all the things they dream about, listed in their dream bubbles below. And cheer up. Winter will return before you know it!

zzzz



breakdowns
dedication
drag
hydraulics
moose
nocturnal
pride
steephills
whitecarpet
blade
coldnights
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hazards
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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



STATEWIDE BILLBOARD POSTER CONTEST INFO



Keep Oregon Green is launching its second billboard art contest. Oregon will become an open-air art gallery during the 2026 fire season, showcasing winning entries on billboards at major intersections, highways and interstates across the state. The purpose of the poster contest is to involve the public in becoming part of the state's wildfire solution and help others prevent careless wildfires. Billboards will provide daily reminders to residents and tourists to be careful with activities that can spark a wildfire during the most critical time of year.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION 5PM, OCTOBER 31, 2025

Judging

There will be three competition divisions based on age, and within those three divisions will be first, second and third place awards. The contest will be conducted by Keep Oregon Green, but the artwork will be judged by Keep Oregon Green, the USDA Forest Service and the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs. Cash prizes and certificates will be awarded to the winners in each of the three age divisions. First place winners' artwork from each division will be featured on billboards for KOG's prevention campaign throughout the state of Oregon during the 2026 fire season (May-October). All decisions are final. Contestants are only eligible to win a single award in one division:

1st Place Division Winner – \$250 2nd Place Division Winner – \$200 3rd Place Division Winner – \$150

Divisions

Division 1: Grades 1-5

Division 2: Grades 6-12

Division 3: Age 18 and above

For the COMPLETE description of divisions, instructions, legal information, submission information, timeline, contest rules and legal agreement go to or click here: <https://keeporegongreen.org/kog-billboard-contest/>



Keep Oregon Green is turning 85 next year. To celebrate, the Association is asking Oregonians of all ages to create and submit artwork for a statewide billboard poster contest.



ACSA Future Leaders Program

Mountain Region Representative

Korbyn Shaw

shaw.korbyn@yahoo.com



Korbyn Shaw of the OSSA Moon Country Snowbusters



I attended the Oregon State Snowmobile Association board meeting on August 23, 2025. The association has regional directors as well as grooming directors for each region. Discussion rotated through the group, sharing updates and notable matters from the previous season along with future endeavors. With it being the end of summer, there had not been a whole lot of recent club activity. Although, there was a common theme with maintenance for shelters, snowcats, parking lots, etc. As problems were shared there were always other members who offered help or solutions.

OSSA owns a large fleet of snowcats and grooming equipment. Our clubs maintain hundreds of miles of trail in remote areas and safety of our operators is a high priority. We discussed and agreed to purchasing Starlink systems for every snowcat to ensure operators will always have communications to those back home. This was a big move and investment by OSSA. I think it is a great use of technology and funds, as safety is priceless.

OSSA is looking to add two positions, a safety coordinator and an avalanche safety director. The topic of insurance came up as it is a complicated subject within our spreadout operation. The association has a policy and luckily has not had to use it.

We discussed submitting a plan to potentially buy two new snowcats and a grooming drag. These are both wear items that also continually improve as technology advances. We also approved purchasing of a new trimmer/brushing machine that attaches to any of our snowcats and allows for trail cleaning from the cat, it's a mechanized hydraulic saw on an extendable arm. This will be shared by all snowmobile clubs in Oregon.

OSSA has opened a physical office location in Central Oregon. They also added a new employee to help with administrative duties and social media. We also have a public lands coordinator who keeps an eye on Forest Service updates and land use changes. OSSA wants to host avalanche safety courses, which is something we have a shortage of in Oregon. There are many ski based avalanche education options but the motorized based training has many differences and there are limited options for motorized courses here. That's where I brought up a connection I have with Stable Mtn out of Idaho and now it looks like they will be making a trip to Central Oregon for a level 1 and rescue avalanche course.

One of the more exciting topics was the OSSA convention which will take place at the end of January. Based out of southern Oregon, there will be several days of planned rides, dinners, and a banquet. Levi Lavallee will be visiting from Minnesota to attend and ride with us.

This was the first OSSA board meeting that I have attended and I learned a lot more about how our system operates. It was great to see all those involved and learn about the important topics at hand. It was also beneficial to hear about the other clubs and what they do, which I can use as inspiration at my home club, Moon Country Snowbusters.

- Korbyn Shaw



District

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I am happy to report that the Blue Mountain Sno Park, with a Decision Notice of 2012, is finally completed. In 2021 the groomer shed was built funded by OSSA. In 2023 an accessible toilet was installed in partnership with the Forest Service and through a RTP Grant. Finally in 2025 the SnoPark was paved. This was funded through a RTP grant. I also donated and installed an information sign for the Sno Park. I want to thank the USFS, RTP and OSSA plus everyone else that supported these projects through the last 15 years to bring the Blue Mountain Sno Park project to completion.

Another project this summer was a July campout with the Harney County Snowmobile Club doing trail maintenance.

Tim R Holly
District 6 Membership Director

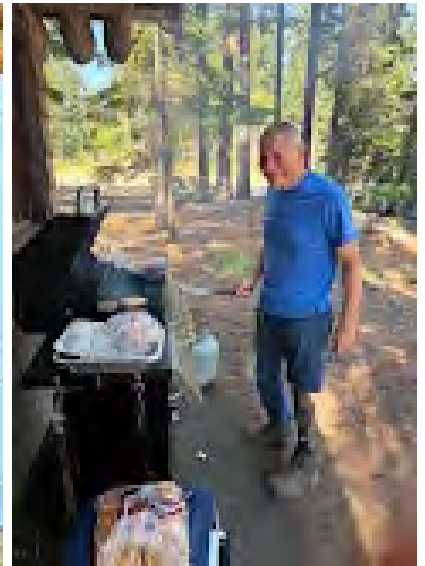




www.MtHoodSnowmobileClub.org

We just had our pre season work party and BBQ. Master chef Randy Bolin cooked hamburgers.

We stacked wood, did repairs on the warming shelter and cleaned up the sno-park.



Oregon State Snowmobile Association (OSSA) and Mt. Hood Snowmobile Club (MHSC) 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
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#snowpnw #pnw



Volunteer hours and miles Are Vital to OSSA

What is a snowmobile club volunteer ?

By Lisa Mahoney, OSSA Executive Director

A snowmobile club volunteer is a special person who dedicates their time, energy, and sometimes money to benefit not only their snowmobile club but others. This person is involved, helpful, charitable, selfless and always humble. Much of the time, the public has no idea what our volunteers do. So, let us share just a few things that they do.

They voluntarily maintain over 6,551 miles of multi-use trail each year. These trails benefit not only snowmobilers but cross-country skiers, snow bikers, snow-shoers, and dog sledders. In the spring and fall, volunteers are busy cleaning trails and putting up trail markers to get ready for the next season. They cut wood and fill the shelters for all to use. They build bridges, shelters, re-roof existing grooming sheds, and do their own maintenance on their sno-cats. They voluntarily teach snowmobile safety classes and avalanche safety classes. They donate to charitable organizations such as Candlelighters, Wounded Warriors, Hospice, and Meals on Wheels just to name a few.

Our volunteers are the backbone of our organization. We could go on and on about all that they do. So, we want to humbly thank each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication to our wonderful organization.

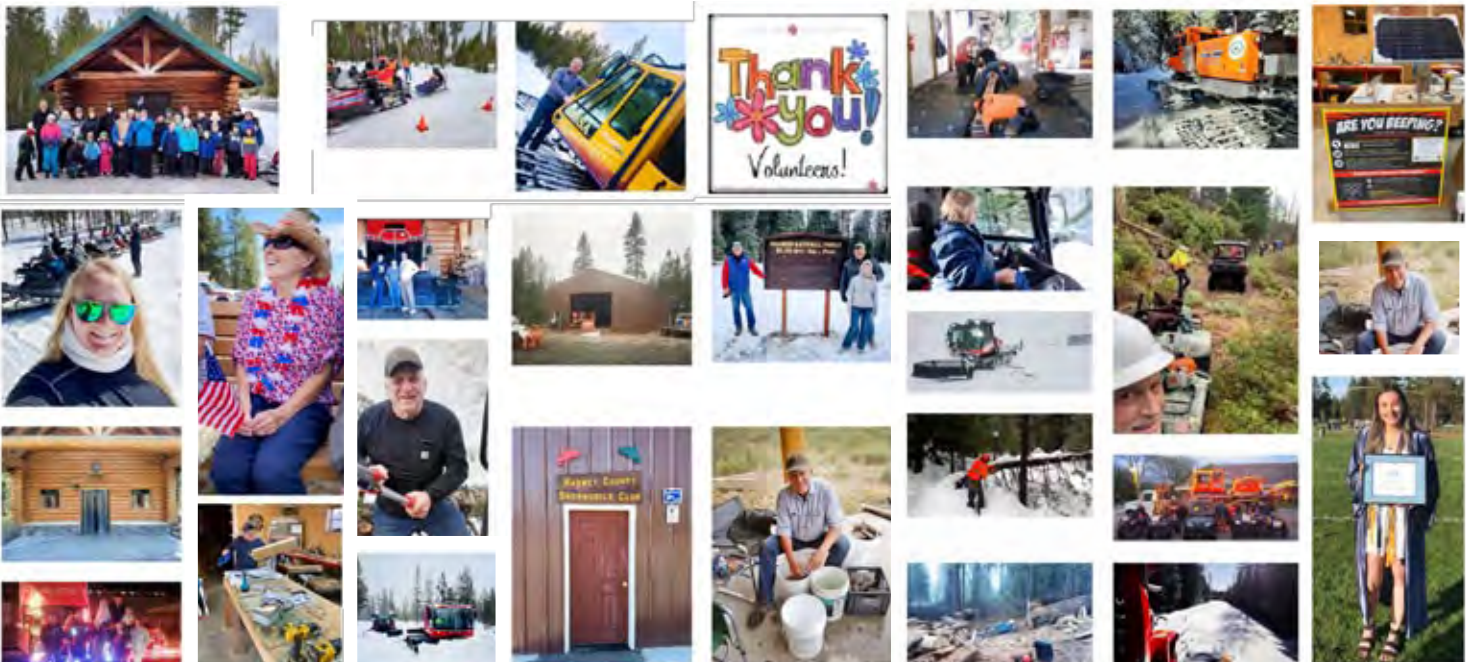
Volunteer hours/miles = \$\$\$\$. More \$\$\$\$ = the more we can provide for snowmobiling!

[CLICK HERE FOR VOLUNTEER FORM](#)

Use this form to track your volunteer hours and miles. Please turn in the form monthly.

You can mail to OSSA, PO Box 6255, Bend, OR 97708; email to lmahoney@oregonsnow.org; or fax to (458) 202-1193.

*Thank You so much for all
that YOU do for snowmobiling!*





September work party

We worked with a skeleton crew, like skelton, but we got to work and got it done. The Community Building was coated with stain, the drain cleared out, floor cleaned off, wood restacked, space organized for winter. Salt Creek Cabin was also stained, cleaned out, walls were caulked, stove cleaned out and mouse deterrent placed.

Thanks to Bales Concrete for bringing up your truck and hosing down the cat and clearing the drain.

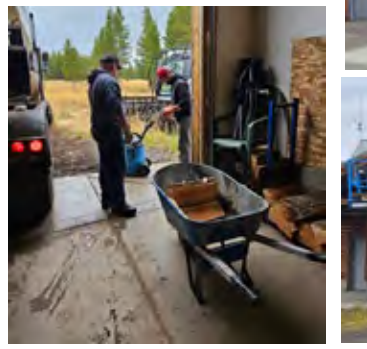
Thanks to Joseph Hardware for the use of the sprayer.

Thanks to Enterprise Electric for the use of the hoist.

Thanks to Outlaw Motor Sports for donation of supplies/generator.

Thank You to Butterfield Farms for your time and energy with stocking us with some much needed wood for the winter.

Remember, it is important to help out your club with projects like this and others. Get involved, not sure how, just contact your club president.





www.roguesnowmobilers.com

Hello everyone,

Greg here from the Rogue Snowmobilers! I look forward to seeing you all on the snow soon. You'll find our schedule of events for the next few months for the southern portion of the state.

Coming up in a few short weeks is a **sledder swap meet at Lake of the Woods resort on October 25th**. Admission is free and all are welcome! Everyone is welcome to setup shop, whether it's out of your sled trailer or have a pop-up/table to setup shop, this will be a great time to get rid of some gear or parts. Or better yet, find the part you might be looking for! I'm told the event starts at 10AM. I'll be present along with a few of my other club members.

Thanks to everyone that came up during our summer festivities. Our summer campout at Howard Prairie was a success and big shout out goes to Ted Boster for cooking up a great meal! Bunco as always, was a blast. Thanks Jen and Lori for organizing the fun!

Before I leave and before the snow flies, I wanted to talk to you all about something that I witnessed over the summer at 1000 Springs. It hit too close to home for me to not say something about it.

For those that aren't aware or haven't heard of **Mercy Flights**, I encourage you all to look into programs that your local snowmobile clubs offer. The Rogue club has been long time partners of their organization. I, along with my grooming chairman, Jim witnessed not one, but two mercy flight helicopters land at the 1000 Springs Parking lot to help out with a motorcycleist and a passenger get air-lifted due to serious injuries on highway 62. While none of us want to think that we could be the one to get hurt out on the snow, this incident was a stark reminder to us both. Whether you are out doing a scenic trail ride, boondocking through the trees on your turbo, or having a chainsaw kick-back on you as you clear the trail out on your groomer, the possibility of injuries exist all around us. Having this little bit of a safety net for a rapid, potentially lifesaving rescue response cannot be understated. I encourage it to all prior, active, and future OSSA members.

Thanks!
Greg Gulrich
President – Rogue Snowmobilers



ROGUE SNOWMOBILERS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2025/2026		
EVENTS	2025	
September		
16	Board Meeting 6:00 pm	Teams
October		
7	General Club Meeting 6:00 pm	IOOF Central Point
14	Board Meeting 6:00 pm	Teams
18	Work Party / Snowmobile Celebration Day	1000 Springs Sno-park
25	Klamath Snowmobile Swap Meet	Lake Of The Woods
TBA	Dan's MotorSports Outlet 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Dan's Motorsports (Salem)
November		
TBA	Water World Open House 10 am to 2 pm	Water World
4	General Club Meeting, 6:00 pm	IOOF Central Point
11	Board Meeting 6:00 pm	Teams
TBD	Snowmobile Safety Class	TBD
15	Work Party & Hang Out	Claude Lewis / Sno-Park
December		
2	General Club Meeting, 6:00 pm Ugly sweater contest	IOOF Central Point
9	Board Meeting 6:00 pm	Teams
13	Christmas Tree Ride & Chili Feed/BYO side dish	1000 Springs Sno-park
12/26-1/1	No Host Holiday Rides - Christmas/New Year's Break	TBA



www.mercyflights.com

SNOWMOBILE SEASON IS ABOUT TO BEGIN

I can't believe it's that time of year again. The snowmobile season will begin September 1st, 2025, Our 1st meeting till Oct. 16th, 2025 at 6:00pm.

-Jane



Find us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/sumptersnowmobileclub>)

See upcoming events for a disclaimer

2025 – 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Regular Monthly Meetings (subject to change)
POTLUCK starts at 6:00 PM at Sumpter Community Center. Bring your own table service and drinks. The Club meeting starting at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month from September through April. If you can't make the potluck, you can still come to the meeting.

Dates and times are subject to change so please check the schedule for each month. Regular Monthly Meetings (subject to change)

- *Thursday Oct. 16, 2025, 6:00pm
- *Thursday Nov. 20, 2025, 6:00pm
- *Thursday Dec. 18, 2025, 6:00pm
- *Thursday Jan. 15, 2026, 6:00pm
- *Thursday Feb. 19, 2026, 6:00pm
- *Thursday March 19, 2026, 6:00pm
- *Thursday April 16, 2026, 6:00pm

Special Events

- Poker Run Feb. 14th, 2026

OCTOBER 2025 Menu
Community Connection of Baker County
2810 Cedar Street, Baker City OR 523-6591

Lunch Served 11:30-12:30

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Senior & Volunteer Suggested Donations \$6.00 Non-Senior Charge \$8.50 Under 12 Charge \$7.00	Please consider sponsoring a meal in 2025. You can submit your sponsor form now and donate at a later time, so reserve your date early. Thank!	Lasagna Garlic Bread Green Beans Green Salad Brownie Entree Sponsor: Judy Baker	Herb Baked Chicken Rice Pilaf Mixed Vegetables Roll Pears Entree Sponsor: Baker County Veteran Services	Tuna Salad Croissant Pickle Wedge Chips Pears Pudding Entree Sponsor: Judy Karstens
Mandarin Chicken Rice Mixed Vegetables Green Salad Cookies Entree Sponsor: Becky Morris In Memory of Larry Morris	Hamburger Lettuce, Tomato Onion & Pickles Tater Tots Green Salad Entree Sponsor: First Presbyterian Church	Tuna Casserole Carrots Roll Green Salad Peach Crisp Entree Sponsor: Bill & LaDonna Uttenruther In Memory of Agnes Uttenruther	Chicken Broccoli Alfredo Over Fettuccini Noodles Mixed Vegetables Ambrosia Entree Sponsor: Eth & Jay Carr	Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Roll Normandy Vegetables Green Salad Ice Cream Entree Sponsor: Linda Durant
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Capri Vegetables Green Salad Cheesecake Entree Sponsor: Betty Wilson In Honor of Dick Wilson	Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Mixed Vegetables Italian Pasta Salad Entree Sponsor: Settlers Park	Chicken Caesar Salad Garlic Bread Fruit Brownie Entree Sponsor: Lloyd & Sue Danielson	Beef Steak w/Onions Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Broccoli Noodle Salad Entree Sponsor: Anonymous In Memory of Maurice McInnis	Pork Roast Stuffing w/Gravy Pears Bread Pudding Apple Sauce Entree Sponsor: Beverly Chadwick
Cowboy Breakfast Eggs Frittata Biscuits w/Gravy Orange Slices Entree Sponsor: Bill & Patti Hanley	Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Corn Green Salad Entree Sponsor: Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club	Crispy Chicken Sandwich Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Tater Tots Carrot & Raisin Salad Apple Crisp Entree Sponsor: Red Leaf Realty	Chicken Enchiladas Spanish Rice Corn 3 Bean Salad Fruit Entree Sponsor: Jacob's Dream	Taco Salad Sour Cream Salsa Tortilla Chips Jell-O Salad Pudding Entree Sponsor: Judy Baker
Chicken Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy California Blend Vegetables Green Salad Cheesecake Entree Sponsor: Eth & Jay Carr	Chili Cheese Dogs w/Onions Potato Wedge Carrots Jell-O Salad In Memory of Ron Fraser	Ham Stuffing w/Gravy Roll Bacon Broccoli Salad Brownie Entree Sponsor: Baker County Veteran Services	Burgundy Beef Over Fettuccini Noodles Broccoli Green Salad Entree Sponsor: Birds On a Wire Mercantile	BBQ Chicken Legs & Thighs Baked Beans Corn Coleslaw Ice Cream Entree Sponsor: First Presbyterian Church

Our first meeting of the season will be October 16, 2025, at 6:00pm for potluck and 7:00pm for meeting.

Just want to let everyone know our club will be sponsoring a meal at Baker City Community Center on October 21st between 11:30-12:30 at 2810 Cedar St. They will be having Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Corn and Green salad. If you're a senior it will cost \$6 and if you're younger than that it will cost you \$8.50. They make great meals. Hope you can make it.

Please try to come for our 1st meeting. I have got a few new sweatshirts with our new logo and I will bring them to the meeting. We will just have to decide on how much we want to sell them for. If you haven't yet joined the club, please do so. Just go online to oregonsnow.org, click on membership and follow the directions.

Thanks to all for your support. It helps the club and OSSA. See you at the meetings or on the trail

SPECIAL EVENTS

This Season our Poker Run will be on Feb. 14, 2026. That will be President's Day weekend.



Mt. Jefferson Snowmobile Club Annual Wood Cutting Work Party at Ray Benson Sno-Park

On Saturday, October 4th, the Mt. Jefferson Snowmobile Club held its Annual Wood Cutting Work Party at Ray Benson Sno-Park, marking another successful day of preparation for the upcoming winter season.

Volunteers from MJSC and Big Lake Youth Camp came together under clear fall skies to cut, split, and stack firewood for all the warming shelters in the Ray Benson area. These shelters serve as vital rest stops and sources of warmth for snowmobilers and other winter recreationists throughout the cold months.

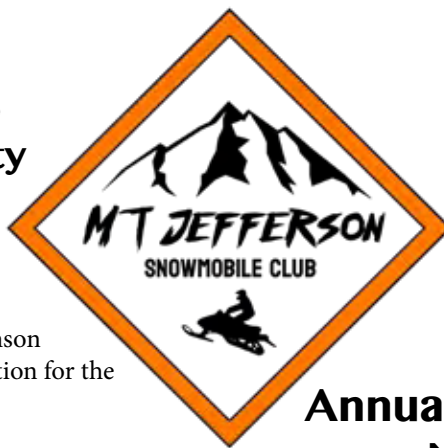
Starting at 9:00 AM at the main warming shelter, members organized into teams and spread out across the trail network. By day's end, every outlying shelter was fully stocked — a clear reflection of dedication, teamwork, and shared stewardship of our winter recreation areas.

This annual event continues to be one of the cornerstones of Mt. Jefferson Snowmobile Club's commitment to maintaining safe, welcoming spaces for all who explore Oregon's snow country. We're proud of our volunteers and grateful to Big Lake Youth Camp for joining us in keeping the Ray Benson Sno-Park shelters ready for the season ahead.

Special Thanks to Bethel Excavation Lee Bethel Lends a Hand at the Grooming Shop

While club members and Big Lake Youth Camp volunteers were busy stocking shelters during Saturday's wood cutting work party, Lee Bethel of Bethel Excavation was hard at work on a different kind of project — diagnosing and repairing the floor drain at the grooming shop.

Thanks to Lee's skill and generosity, the shop is once again ready for the season — clean, dry, and running smoothly. The Mt. Jefferson Snowmobile Club extends sincere appreciation to Lee and Bethel Excavation for their time, tools, and support of our grooming program.



Coming Up:

Annual MJSC Movie Night November 20th at Northern Lights Theatre Pub

**As we wrap up another productive fall work season,
it's almost time to trade chainsaws for popcorn!**

Mark your calendars for Thursday,
November 20, when the
Mt. Jefferson Snowmobile Club
hosts our

Annual Movie Night at

Northern Lights Theatre Pub in Salem



This favorite pre-season tradition brings riders together to celebrate the start of winter with the latest snowmobiling film clips, raffle prizes, and plenty of camaraderie.

It's also a great chance to connect with fellow sledders, talk gear, and check out a few new machines that local vendors may have on display. Doors open early, the food and drinks are always great, and the energy in the room sets the tone for the season ahead.

Keep an eye on next month's newsletter and our Facebook page for full details — including raffle info, featured films, and vendor announcements.

— Submitted by the Mt. Jefferson Snowmobile Club





Club Members volunteering
to replenish the wood
supply for our new
winter season.



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2026



awards

Every winter, when the snow blankets our trails and the engines hum across Oregon's breathtaking backcountry, there's an unseen force that keeps the magic alive — **our people.**

The Oregon State Snowmobile Association (OSSA) is proud to announce the call for nominations for the **2026 OSSA Awards** — a celebration of the volunteers, families, clubs, and businesses who go above and beyond to keep our trails groomed, our youth inspired, and our snowmobiling community thriving.

These awards are more than recognition. They are **stories of passion, generations of dedication, and thousands of hours given freely** to protect, preserve, and grow the sport we all love.

🏆 2026 OSSA Award Categories:

- **Groomer Operator of the Year**
Honoring those who keep our trails pristine and our riders safe through tireless dedication to grooming efforts.
Why Nominate? Because behind every smooth trail is groomer operator who rises before dawn, braving bitter temperatures to ensure a safe and enjoyable ride — often without thanks or recognition.
- **Snowmobile Club of the Year**
Celebrating the clubs that foster community, education, and a love of riding across generations.
Why Nominate? Behind every vibrant snowmobile club is a team of individuals who fundraise, educate, and advocate for access and safety.
- **Snowmobile Dealer of the Year**
Recognizing dealers who go beyond sales — who serve as stewards of the sport, educators, and supporters of OSSA values.
Why Nominate? Great dealers don't just sell snowmobiles — they build relationships, donate time and resources, and act as year-round champions for the snowmobile community.
- **Snowmobile Family of the Year**
Spotlighting families whose shared passion uplifts their community and reflects the heart of snowmobiling in Oregon.
Why Nominate? Because snowmobiling isn't just a sport — it's a way of life passed down through generations. Celebrate the families who live and breathe that legacy together.
- **Snowmobiler of the Year**
For the individual whose leadership, volunteerism, and enthusiasm exemplify the very best of what it means to be an OSSA member.
Why Nominate? Some people show up to every trail cleanup, every fundraiser, and every club meeting — not for recognition, but because they care. Now's your chance to give back.
- **Youth Snowmobiler of the Year**
Honoring the next generation — young riders who show promise, responsibility, and a commitment to the future of snowmobiling.
Why Nominate? Today's youth riders are tomorrow's leaders. Let's recognize those who are already showing what it means to ride with pride, purpose, and respect.

Do you have someone — maybe
multiple people — in mind?

🏆 Click to nominate here! 🏆

<https://www.oregonsnow.org/60499-2/>

Please submit completed form to:
Oregon State Snowmobile Association
PO Box 6255
Bend, OR 97708

OR

Email completed form along with supporting documents, photos to:
LisaHorney@oregonsnow.org

All forms must be received by December 1st 2025

The recipient of these awards will be submitted to the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) for consideration at the national level, providing an additional opportunity for recognition.

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The WAC is excited to announce that we have installed 2 new weather stations in anticipation for this season.

These weather stations were purchased through a grant from our friends at the Wildhorse Foundation.

We placed one near the Bone Springs Warming Shelter, and the other on Flagstaff Butte. These stations will significantly enhance the Wallowa Avalanche Center's forecasting capabilities by providing real-time data on snowpack conditions and weather variables. This increased coverage will improve the accuracy of forecasts, allowing for timely and informed decision-making for back-country travelers, and ultimately enhancing safety in avalanche-prone areas.

We thank the Wildhorse Foundation for their support of the Wallowa Avalanche Center's mission to keep winter backcountry travelers safe in the mountains of Northeast Oregon through education, avalanche advisories, mountain weather information and observations.

Each year, the Wildhorse Foundation offers grants to eligible nonprofit, government, and Tribal organizations within the homeland area of the Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla people. Also eligible for funding are Tribal government agencies or Indian charitable organizations with their base of operations within Oregon, as well as national or regional Indian organizations. The Wildhorse Foundation has awarded a total of over \$18 million in grant funding since its establishment in 2001. Grants are awarded on a quarterly basis with the deadlines being January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. For more information, visit the Foundation's website at www.TheWildhorseFoundation.com

- Victor McNeil



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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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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.



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AIARE Level 1 Avalanche Course Jan 9-11, 2026 Hut Based La Grande
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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
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AIARE Level 1 Jan 24-25, 2026 Anthony Lakes
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AIARE Level 1 Feb 7-8, 2026 Joseph
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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?

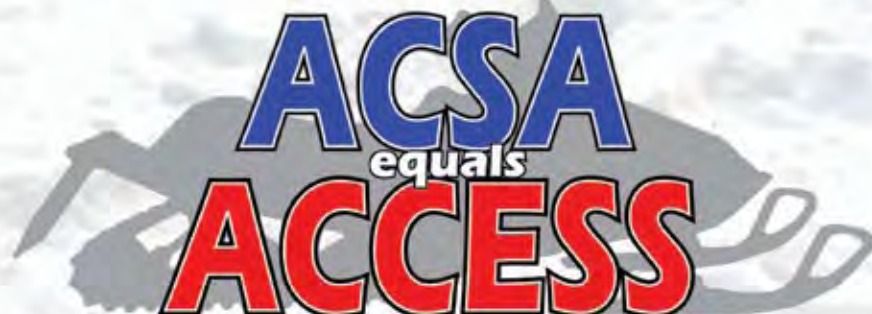
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**Join your local snowmobile club,
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become a member of ACSA TODAY
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American Council of Snowmobile Associations News



It's beginning to look - and feel like Fall!

New Trails or Riding Areas?

We have an opportunity to share recommendations from our community with the accessibility programs of the National Parks Service, Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management to help inform their decisions.

Your input is encouraged! Much like the lottery, if you don't play - you will not win! Please take a few minutes to complete this survey -- and share the survey with your fellow riders!!

Complete the survey ASAP..
AND share with your club members.

This survey comes across as handicap accessible -- which snowmobiles fit! But they are looking for input from us on the need for new trails!

Click this link: <https://forms.gle/zYgpqZzSZGzEkkzV7>

Shutdown Impacts Forest Fires

As the government shut down drags on, some GOP members of the House Agriculture Committee warn that reduced forest management could increase the risks of intense wildfires. Government funding lapsed 10 days ago and continues with no end in sight.

The Department of Agriculture noted in its funding lapse plan that "significant agency activities that will cease" include measures to reduce fire risks, a point some Republican House Agriculture Committee members are hammering as they oppose the shutdown. "Wildfire agencies need every tool at their disposal to reduce fuel loads, protect property, and save lives," Committee on Agriculture Chairman and Republican Pennsylvania Rep. Glenn Thompson told the Daily Caller News Foundation. "The Democrats' reckless shut down threatens to sideline critical prevention work, leaving our rural communities at risk."

BLM

While only a quarter of the Bureau of Land Management's staff has been placed on furlough so far during the federal government shutdown, there are signs that might change soon.

BLM's contingency plan calls for roughly 75% of its 9,250 employees to continue working, and many are getting paid with non-appropriated funding, such as carry over funds or money collected by fees. Only 2,400 BLM employees have been furloughed.

But that is already changing for some of the 4,000 employees that BLM's contingency plan lists as either on an "exempted" or "excepted" status, which means, respectively, that their ongoing work is paid for through fees or other available money or they are authorized to work without pay during the shutdown because of their positions, such as people in law enforcement.





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



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)

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Thanks to every volunteer out there!!

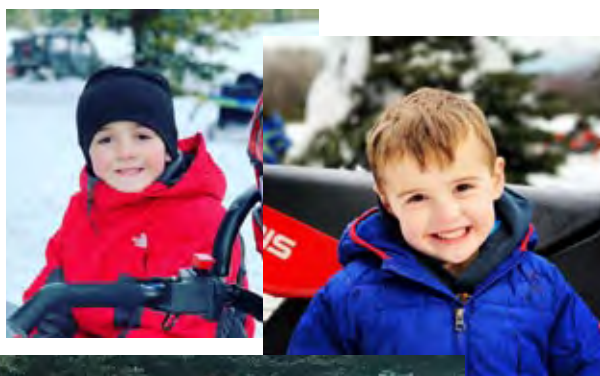
In Case You Missed It.....

Avalanche Alliance has started their fundraising for upcoming education. Check it out:

<https://www.avalanche-alliance.org/so/88PbdUjY?languageTag=en>



Four Corners Club





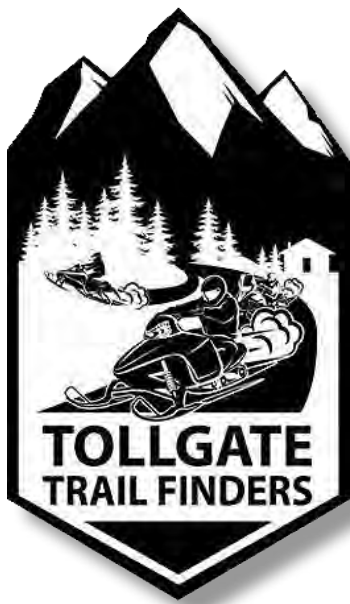
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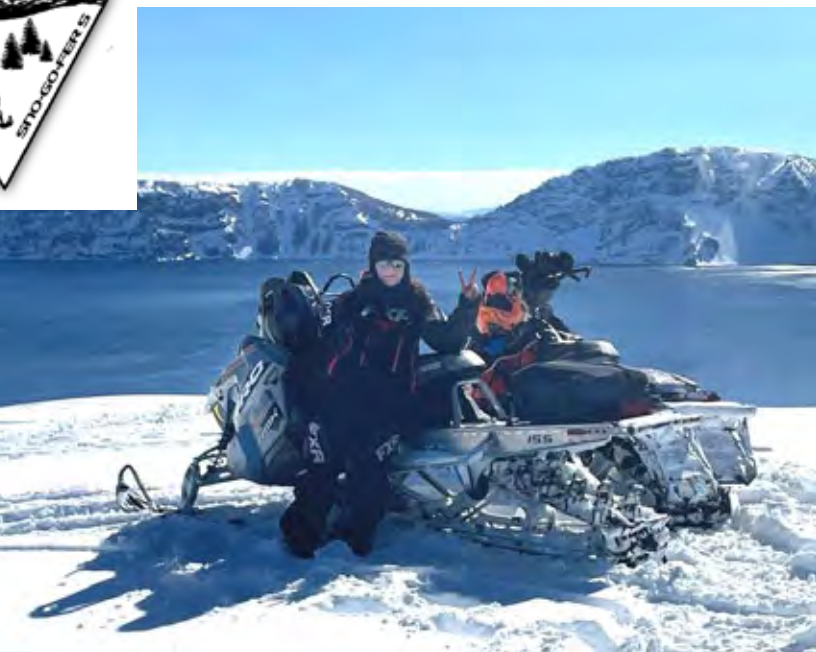
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