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Congratulations to Larry Traxler of OSSA's Mt. Hood Snowmobile Club!

The Oregon State Snowmobile Association is proud to announce that Larry Traxler has been named the 2026 International Groomer of the Year, sponsored by Arrowhead Groomers, Track Inc., PistenBully, and Prinoth Snow Groomers.

Since beginning his grooming career in 1978 with the Mt. Hood Snowmobile Club, Larry has dedicated nearly five decades to maintaining trails, mentoring operators, repairing equipment, and ensuring safe riding opportunities for snowmobilers. His commitment, work ethic, and willingness to help others have made him the heart of the Mt. Hood grooming program.

Larry was also honored as the 2026 OSSA Groomer of the Year, and this international recognition is a testament to his extraordinary service to the snowmobiling community.

Please join us in congratulating Larry on this well-deserved honor!

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 sledgers. 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.

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Federal Lands Access Executive Order

What Oregon Snowmobilers Need to Know

On May 29, 2026, President Trump signed an Executive Order titled “Removing Unnecessary and Counterproductive Restrictions on Access to Federal Lands.” The order rescinds Executive Orders 11644 (1972) and 11989 (1977), which have served as the federal framework for off-road vehicle management on federal lands for more than 50 years.

What does this mean for snowmobilers?

There are currently no immediate changes to existing snowmobile trails, riding areas, closures, or Motor Vehicle UseMaps (MVUMs).

Federal agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management will continue operating under existing laws, regulations, and management plans unless future changes are made through agency processes.

The Executive Order directs federal agencies to review and potentially revise policies related to public access and motorized recreation on federal lands.

This action could have long-term implications for snowmobile access and recreation opportunities, but the full impact will depend on how federal agencies implement the order in the months and years ahead.

The Oregon State Snowmobile Association (OSSA) will continue monitoring developments and advocating for responsible, sustainable snowmobile access on public lands. We encourage our members to stay informed, participate in public comment opportunities, and continue demonstrating the stewardship that helps keep Oregon’s snowmobile program strong.

Read the Executive Order here:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/.../removing-unnecessary-and.../>

OSSA – Protecting, Promoting, and Preserving Snowmobiling in Oregon



USDA PROPOSES RESCINDING THE 2001 ROADLESS RULE



The U.S. Forest Service has filed a proposed rule to rescind the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule.



The goal: give local forest managers more flexibility to address wildfire risk, hazardous fuels, forest health and access for active management.



More than 95% of inventoried roadless areas are in 10 Western states, including Oregon.



The proposal does NOT automatically authorize timber harvest or new road construction. Decisions would be made through local forest planning and existing environmental laws.



PUBLIC COMMENTS DUE SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

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USDA PROPOSES RESCINDING THE 2001 ROADLESS RULE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced today, August 18, that the U.S. Forest Service has filed a proposed rule to rescind the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule. According to USDA, the proposed change is intended to give local Forest Service managers greater flexibility to address wildfire risk, hazardous fuels, forest health and access for active forest management.

This is especially significant in the West. More than 95% of inventoried roadless areas are located in 10 Western states, including Oregon.

The proposal does not automatically authorize timber harvest or new road construction. Instead, decisions affecting these areas would be made through local forest planning and existing environmental laws and regulations.

For Oregon's snowmobile community, healthy forests and responsible access are critical to maintaining our trail systems, grooming routes, warming shelters and other recreation infrastructure—particularly as wildfires continue to affect our public lands.

Public comments are due September 21, 2026.

Communication

Effective communication is built on 3 key principles:

Clarity, Coherence, and Conciseness.

Clear messages guarantee your audience receives the intended meaning.

Coherent statements are organized.

Concise and consistent respects the audience's time and conveys only the essential information

How can you improve your communication?

- Organize your statement logically.
- Remove jargon, unnecessary details, and grammatical errors.
- Regularly practice listening! Hear what people are saying!

Listening is one of the most important principles in Communication!

Listen!! Too often people are preparing their response rather than listening and hearing the message!

There are 4 Main Bones in Every Organization

Wish Bones: Wishing someone would do something to get the job done.

Jaw Bones: Do all the talking, but not a lot more.

Knuckle Bones: Always knocking suggestions and ideas.

The **Back Bones:** Those that do the heavy lifting and do the majority of the work! We all need more Back Bones!!



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OSSA Recieves CRT National Achievement Award



NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR OREGON'S SNOWMOBILE TRAILS!

The Oregon State Snowmobile Association (OSSA) is proud to announce that we have been selected as one of only 10 recipients nationwide of the 2026 Tom Petri Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Annual Achievement Awards presented by the [Coalition for Recreational Trails](#).

OSSA received the Enhancement of Federal Lands Award for our Statewide Heavy Trail Restoration Project, which improved and restored snowmobile trail infrastructure on federal lands across Oregon.

This award reflects the incredible teamwork and dedication of volunteers, clubs, contractors, land managers, and partners who worked together to make this project a success.

We would like to thank the following clubs that participated:

- Burnt River Snowmobile Club
- Columbia Gorge Power Sledgers
- Four Corners Snowmobile Club
- Grant County Snowballers
- Klamath Basin Snowdrifters
- La Grande Sno Drifters
- Mt. Jefferson Snowmobile Club
- Ochoco Snow Sports
- Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club
- Tollgate Trailfinders
- TRAC
- Wallowa County Gamblers

We would also like to thank the following contractors:

- Axe Contracting LLC
- Blue Mountain Excavation LLC
- Double J Contracting LLC
- Grayback Forestry
- Kasik Enterprises LLC
- MSZ Enterprises LLC

Special thanks to our partners at the Deschutes, Fremont-Winema, Malheur, Mt. Hood, Ochoco, Rogue River-Siskiyou, Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman, and Willamette National Forests for their collaboration and support. #OregonSnowmobiling

We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for providing the funding that made this project possible. Their support through the Recreational Trails Program was instrumental in helping improve access to winter recreation opportunities throughout Oregon.

A special thank you to Trails Work Consulting for their guidance and assistance throughout the grant process.

This award belongs to everyone who contributed their time, expertise, and hard work to improving Oregon's snowmobile trail system. We are honored to represent Oregon on the national stage and grateful for the partnerships that make projects like this possible.

*Congratulations and thank you
to everyone involved!*

<https://www.americantrails.org/.../crt-annual-achievement...>

Statewide Heavy Trail Restoration

The Oregon State Snowmobile Association (OSSA) implemented a comprehensive trail maintenance and enhancement project across multiple federal and jurisdictions, delivering meaningful improvements to trail conditions, user safety, and environmental stewardship. This large-scale effort was carried out through 16 active contracts spanning 16 counties and 9 National Forests, combining contracted services with dedicated volunteer labor to maximize both efficiency and impact. Encompassing approximately 277 miles of trail, the project extended beyond winter grooming to include year-round maintenance and rehabilitation, ensuring trails remain accessible, sustainable, and safe for a wide range of users. Through a coordinated operational structure, OSSA executed 16 formal contracts along with volunteer labor contributions from local clubs and members. The total projected cost was \$240,733.20 with a two-year completion timeline; however, OSSA successfully completed the project under budget and nine months ahead of schedule, demonstrating strong fiscal responsibility and effective use of resources.





**COALITION
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TRAILS**

CRT Members

The Coalition for Recreational Trails (CRT) is an alliance of national and regional trail-related organizations across a broad spectrum of interests representing motorized and non-motorized communities. Its members work together to build awareness and understanding of the Recreational Trails Program, which returns federal gasoline taxes paid by off-highway recreationists to the states for trail development and maintenance.

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 American Council of Snowmobile Associations
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 Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association
 Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association
 Society for Outdoor Recreation Professionals
 Snow Sports Industries America
 Specialty Equipment Market Association
 Specialty Vehicle Institute of America
 Student Conservation Association
 Tread Lightly!
 United Four Wheel Drive Associations



The Fire Is Moving In, So We're Moving out! 16' Wide Snowcats Evacuated

The Oregon State Snowmobile Association called with a simple request: "Hey Casey... any chance you can help us save a couple of snowcats before they burn up?"

Because apparently "normal" jobs are no longer a thing around here. So David got the pilot truck ready, I hooked up the lowboy, and we headed into the mountains with a wildfire making a pretty convincing argument that we should've stayed home. The first snowcat came out without much drama... which should've been my first clue that the universe was just taking a coffee break. By the time we unloaded it down in town, the fire had exploded in size and we got the news nobody wanted to hear: it was too late to go back for the second one....Or so they thought. After a little sweet talking (and probably using up every favor we'll ever get), the fire bosses agreed to let us back in with an escort. The only problem? Our escort was running late, the smoke was getting thicker by the minute, and waiting around wasn't exactly improving the situation. So we made the call, headed back up the mountain, and managed to get the second snowcat loaded and safely out before conditions got any worse.

Before the keyboard fire fighters show up in the comments, yes—we stayed well within what we felt was a safe margin, remained in communication with fire personnel, and left plenty of room before things became dangerous. Nobody's life is worth a machine. The best part? The Oregon State Snowmobile Association is a volunteer-run nonprofit that keeps thousands of miles of snowmobile trails open every winter, so it only seemed right that we donated our time too.

Thanks to everyone who watches these videos, we were able to do the entire evacuation completely free of charge. If you enjoy seeing these kinds of real-world recoveries, equipment hauling, and the occasional terrible life decision that somehow works out, you're in the right place.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tw17IT49mvl>

Like the video, subscribe if you're new, and let me know in the comments: Would you have gone back for the second snowcat... or called it quits after the first one?

CASEY LADELLE TO THE RESCUE!

When Ochoco Snow Sports' two snow groomers needed to be moved out of harm's way, Casey LaDelle with Cascade Heavy Rescue answered the call.

Getting two snowcats moved on short notice is no small task, and we are incredibly grateful to Casey for stepping up and helping us get both machines safely relocated.

This is what the snowmobile community is all about — people showing up when it matters.

Check out Casey in action:
<https://youtu.be/Tw17IT49mvl?is=nfCYHdBODKjadutD>
Thank you, Casey!
We appreciate you more than you know!



And the evacuations continue...

On Saturday, it was the Columbia Gorge Power sledders snow groomer.

As the Grasshopper Fire on the Mt. Hood National Forest grew to more than 30,000 acres, the groomer was placed in Level 2 evacuation. Once again, our snowmobile community came together to protect another valuable piece of equipment.

A huge thank you to John Vogel, Grooming Chair for the Columbia Gorge Powersledders, for coordinating the entire move and making sure everything came together quickly.

Thank you to Corey Level with Level Excavating, Inc. for providing the equipment and expertise to safely transport the groomer. We also want to recognize Mike Hannifan for jumping in to help with the evacuation.

Because of their quick response and teamwork, the Columbia Gorge Powersledders snow groomer is now safely out of harm's way.

It's been an emotional week watching fires threaten our communities, our forests, and the equipment that volunteers work so hard to maintain. Time and time again, people have stepped up without hesitation to help one another. That's what makes the Oregon snowmobiling community so special.

Please continue to keep everyone affected by the Grasshopper Fire, Hagen Fire, Brewer Fire, Akawa Butte Fire, Coyote Fire, Henry Fire, RoweCreek Complex, Hay Creek Complex, and the many other fires burning across Oregon in your thoughts. We are especially grateful for the firefighters, first responders, Forest Service personnel, dispatchers, and volunteers working tirelessly to protect lives, property, and our public lands.





Photo credit: Joanie Buckley

Ochoco Evacuation

What a day!

We started the day by evacuating one of the Ochoco Snow Sports snow groomers from Walton Lake Sno-Park while the area was under Level 2 evacuation. By the time we had safely dropped it off, the fire situation had escalated to Level 3. Bob and Casey immediately headed back up the mountain to rescue the second groomer.

A huge thank you to Bob Hair, Ochoco Snow Sports Grooming Chair, for getting everything rolling. Another big thank you to Casey LaDelle with Cascade Heavy Rescue for safely moving both groomers under rapidly changing conditions. **And a very special thank you to Vikki Breese Iverson for generously allowing us to store the groomers on her property.** We truly appreciate everyone who stepped up to protect these valuable machines.

To top it all off, my sister, Joanie Buckley, captured this incredible photo of the Brewer Fire.

Maybe it's just me, but does anyone else see a face in the smoke and clouds? It's a little eerie...

Our thoughts are with everyone affected by this fire, and we're incredibly grateful for the firefighters, first responders, and volunteers working so hard to keep our communities safe.

- Lisa Mahoney



Welp... here we go again.



This time it was the Tollgate Trail Finders snow groomers.

We started the day getting reports that the Hagen Fire was getting dangerously close to the Tollgate Trail Finders groomer barn. We verified with both Watch Duty and the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office that the barn was in Level 2. While continuing to monitor the situation, we began scrambling to find a truck and trailer that could safely move the groomers if conditions worsened.

As the day went on, the wind shifted and pushed the fire even closer. That's when we decided not to wait any longer.

A huge thank you to Jeff Wagner for coordinating the entire evacuation effort. From monitoring conditions to making calls and keeping every one connected, Jeff kept everything moving and made sure the right people were in the right place at the right time.

Another huge thank you to **Corey Gomes, Grooming Chair for the La Grande Sno Drifters**. Corey didn't hesitate. He brought a truck and low boy trailer to Tollgate so the groomers could be moved to safety. We also want to extend **our sincere thanks to Hampton Paving** for generously providing the truck and trailer that made this evacuation possible.

A big thank you also goes to Allen Thompson with the Tollgate Trail Finders. Allen was there every step of the way, helping load, secure, and coordinate the move to make sure everything went smoothly.

Within four hours, both the 2020 Tucker Sno-Cat®
and the 2023 Tucker Sno-Cat® were safely out of harm's way.

Another special thank you to Jess Thompson, Grooming Chair for the Tollgate Trail Finders, for opening up his property to store the groomers. Both machines are now safely tucked away at Jess's house until it's safe to bring them home.



Continued

This time it was the Tollgate Trail Finders snow groomers

This is what the snowmobile community is all about. When one club needs help, others don't hesitate to step up. It's incredible to see volunteers, businesses, and neighboring clubs come together to protect equipment that benefits our entire snowmobiling community.

Thank you to Jeff Wagner, Corey Gomes, Hampton Paving, Allen Thompson, and Jess Thompson for going above and beyond. We also appreciate everyone who has been monitoring conditions, sharing information, and supporting these evacuation efforts behind the scenes.

Please keep everyone affected by the Hagen Fire, Brewer Fire, Akawa Butte Fire, Coyote Fire, Henry Fire, Rowe Creek Complex, Hay Creek Complex, and the many other fires burning across Oregon in your thoughts. Most of all, thank you to the firefighters, first responders, dispatchers, and support personnel who continue working around the clock to protect lives, homes, and communities during this incredibly challenging fireseason. Oregon has already seen more acres burn this year than in all of 2025, and resources remain stretched across the state.

#HagenFire #BrewerFire #AkawaButteFire #CoyoteFire #HenryFire
#RoweCreekComplex #HayCreekComplex #OregonWildfires
#TollgateTrailFinders #LaGrandeSnoDrifters #HamptonPaving
#SnowmobileCommunity #VolunteerStrong #OregonSnowmobiling



**Thank you for our firefighters and
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A Special Thank You to the Umatilla National Forest crew for wrapping the Ruckel Warming Shelter



The amount of work and dedication that goes into trying to save these historic backcountry shelters doesn't go unnoticed. We know there's never a guarantee, but we're grateful for the incredible effort to preserve this piece of Oregon's history for future generations.

Did you know ...

Your privilege to snowmobile is being threatened?

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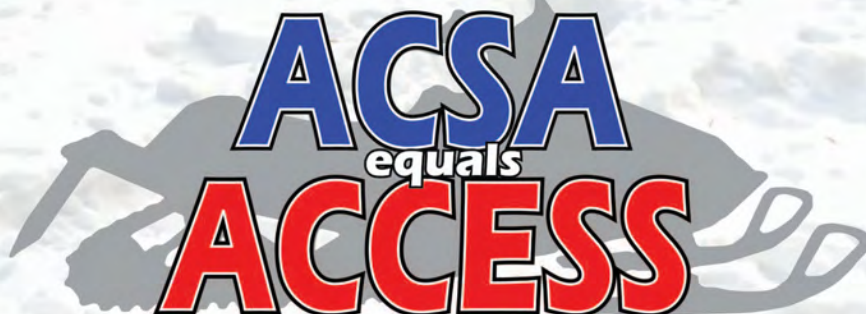
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26th Annual D.C. Snowmobile Fly-In Brings National Advocacy to Capitol Hill

Snowmobile leaders from 14 states meet with over 100 Members of Congress to champion responsible recreation, trails and riding areas

Washington, D.C. — April 22, 2026 — Snowmobile leaders from across the country convened in the nation's capital for the **26th Annual D.C. Snowmobile Fly-In**, held April 18–22, 2026. Organized by the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA), the event united riders, industry leaders, and state association representatives in a coordinated effort to advocate for the future of snowmobiling and outdoor recreation.

During the Fly-In, participants met with more than 100 U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives representing 14 states. These meetings provided an opportunity to highlight the importance of responsible snowmobiling and the critical role federal programs play in maintaining and expanding trail access across the country.

"Snowmobilers understand that access to public and private lands is a privilege—not a right," said Dave Newman, ACSA President. "We are committed to being good stewards of the land while ensuring that future generations can enjoy the sport responsibly."

A central focus of this year's Fly-In was the **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)**, which is set to expire on September 30, 2026. Funded through federal gas taxes paid by off-highway vehicle users—including snowmobilers—this program is instrumental in supporting trail development, maintenance, and safety projects across rural America.

"RTP is a user-pay, user-benefit program that delivers real results in rural communities nationwide," added Newman. "Without RTP, many trail systems that support local economies and outdoor recreation opportunities would be impacted."

In addition to meetings with Members of Congress, attendees engaged with federal agency officials and partner organizations to discuss shared priorities, including sustainable recreation, land access, and infrastructure investment.

The annual Fly-In serves as a vital platform for connecting snowmobile leaders with policymakers and reinforcing the economic and recreational importance of snowmobiling across the United States.

About the American Council of Snowmobile Associations

The American Council of Snowmobile Associations is a national organization representing state snowmobile associations, dedicated to promoting responsible snowmobiling, preserving access to trails, and ensuring the future of the sport through advocacy, education, and partnerships.

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26th Annual DC Fly-In

It's meetings like the Fly-In, from early morning meetings to long days at the table, snowmobilers from across the US showed up to advocate for snowmobiling and the communities behind it. They showed up for our trails, our communities, and the future of snowmobiling across the USA. Every conversation, every handshake, every story shared—it all matters.



What many riders do not recognize is that behind every groomed trail and every ride, there's a room full of volunteers putting in the work so others can enjoy the ride.

Snowmobiling doesn't run itself. It takes a lot of boots on the ground to keep everything rolling.

It's one thing to talk about policy from back home, and it is another to stand in the halls where those decisions are made.

Even more powerful was standing alongside snowmobile associations from across the country—states coming together with one mission, promote snowmobiling. That unity is what made DC Fly-In such a success.

Snowmobiling is a privilege - not a right!

Many thanks to all of those that attended! Many thanks to all of the state associations and clubs that made it possible for their leadership to attend!

Snowmobilers made a difference with their participation in the 26th DC Fly-In!

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US Forest Service Reorganization

We were fortunate to have several conversations with the Forest Service while we were in DC. Of course, the Reorganization was among the topics.

It is our understanding that we will start to see some of the changes as soon as this summer and will continue to change through next summer.

The Regional Offices will be phased out, and the Operational Service Centers will open. Research will continue, but the research centers will be combined with other offices.

DC Fly-In Happenings...

For those of you not familiar with the DC Fly-In, ACSA held a joint Trails/Mountain Roundtable and ACSA Board Meeting on Sunday. In addition, everyone brought auction items to benefit the ACSA Scholarship and Future Leader

funds. Mason Long and Forrest Kamminga served as auctioneers and managed to generate over \$7,000 which will be divided between the Scholarship and Future Leader programs.

The entire day on Monday was dedicated to Issues and Partner Updates. This is the day we have to visit with decision makers, ask questions, hear ideas or changes that are on their way. It is an invaluable day! The future looks bright - you'll soon hear about some changes as they are officially initiated!

On Tuesday the snowmobilers went to Capitol Hill and discussed with over 100 Senatorial and Congressional offices from 14 states about snowmobile issues. Snowmobilers were recognized and made a difference with their Hill Visits!

Snowmobilers were welcomed to their meetings! Legislators and their staff are always excited to visit with the snowmobilers from their state and talk about issues back in their districts.

OSSA was in Washington, D.C. for the ACSA meeting, standing up for snowmobilers and advocating for continued access to our public lands and winter trail systems.

We met with the USDA Forest Service to discuss the importance of keeping snowmobile trails open and ensuring winter recreation remains a priority.



US Forest Service Deputy Chief John Crockett

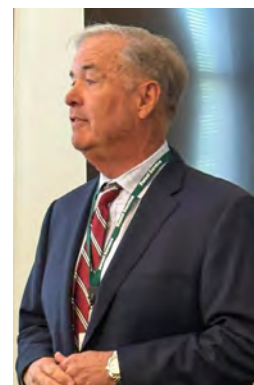


Above: ACSA Roundtable and Board Meeting



Above: Snowmobilers at the Forest Service for Issues Updates on Monday

Ken Verheyen, USDA Senior Advisor, is a valued ally of the snowmobiling community. One example of this is the current review of the VolunteerService Agreement (VSA), which includes efforts to make significant revisions to the chainsaw training requirements for volunteers.



The meeting with **National Trail Program Manager Brenda Yankoviak, National Travel Management Program Acting Director Garret Villanueva, Acting Recreation Director Jim Bacon, and US Forest Service Research's Chris Armatas** was both informative and perplexing.

They fielded many tough questions about the Over-the-Snow Travel Management Plan, and while the discussion provided valuable insight, it also highlighted just how many questions still remain.



OSSA's Korbyn Shaw is at USDA in Washington DC on behalf of ACSA Future Leader Next Gen Riders Program

I'm here to represent my generation, grow my leadership skills and inspire younger people to get involved with organizations that protect their sport.

I cannot thank them enough for this opportunity! Heading to Capitol Hill tomorrow.

Never thought I'd be contributing to advocacy in DC, let alone for the cause of snowmobiling!!

I'm pictured along side the Under Secretary of USDA and his senior advisor. These two are in charge of the United States Forest Service, and they are both snowmobilers, outdoorsman and very successful businessman. They could be retired on a beach yet have chosen to take on their positions. I can say they are working to bring logic and service back to the Forest Service.



More details on my involvement in DC! We were here with riders from all across the snow belt. I just wrapped up my visit on the Hill where we met with staffers from our state legislators. Our biggest ask was to get continued support for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP Grants) which is threatened to end this coming September. What an honor and exciting experience it was to visit the Congressional offices!

DC Fly-in is a wrap! We went to the Forest Service headquarters and met with a variety of speakers. We are pleased to say we met with NEW leadership at the USDA who are avid snowmobilers that are implementing value and operation improvements within the Forest Service! Good things to come soon! Special thanks to Dan Waugh of Idaho for connecting us with USDA leadership.





What a great first experience at the 58th International Snowmobile Congress in Omaha Nebraska! This event rotates locations each year and provides snowmobilers a platform to unite and learn from one another. It was a pleasure to attend and present my experience with American Council of Snowmobile Associations Future Leader program. Thank you to all who support and helped me get to this point!

- Korbyn Shaw



Left to right: Lisa Burt, OSSA Executive Assistant Dennis Jordan, OSSA President TJ Reilly, OSSA Vice President Korbyn Shaw OSSA member, ACSA Future Leader Program Representative.



SNOWMOBILING NEEDS RIDERS. IT ALSO NEEDS LEADERS.



Going on a snowmobile ride isn't just showing up at a trail head. Whether you are in a mountain or trail region; Every ride begins with the advocacy, relationships, and volunteer efforts of people committed to protecting the future of our sport.

Many enjoy the benefits. Few see the effort.

These rooms were filled with people who have spent years, or decades serving their communities, building partnerships, and advocating for snowmobiling. They aren't looking for recognition. They're focused on making a difference.

What you'll find here is experience, selfless action, and relationships built over generations—all working toward a common goal: ***leaving the sport better than they found it.***

These are some of the faces making a lasting impact on snowmobiling. If you've ever wondered how trails, access, and advocacy happen, connect with your local club or state association. The future is bright and there's a place for everyone to get involved!



OSSA's Korbyn Shaw



NOMINATE AN AMAZING YOUNG SNOWMOBILER!

The OSSA Youth Snowmobiling Campaign online nomination form is now live!

Do you know a young snowmobiler who is making a positive impact in their club or community? Someone who shows leadership, sportsmanship, volunteerism, a positive attitude, or a passion for snowmobiling?

We want to hear about them!

Each month from November through April, OSSA will recognize an outstanding young snowmobiler with a prize package valued at a minimum of \$300!

Nominations received by the 15th of each month will be considered for the following month's selection.

Nominate a young snowmobiler online: <https://form.jotform.com/262455886396071>

Or scan the QR code

Please help us spread the word! We know there are some pretty amazing young snowmobilers across Oregon, and we want to recognize them!

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OSSA AWARDS



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Groomer Operator • Youth Snowmobiler
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Snowmobile Club • Snowmobile Family



NOMINATIONS DUE DECEMBER 1

Nominate someone deserving today!



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Awards Nomination

Who makes a difference in Oregon's snowmobile community?

Now is the time to recognize the dedicated volunteers, riders, families, clubs, and businesses that help keep our sport strong!

OSSA is accepting nominations for:

**Groomer Operator of the Year, Youth Snowmobiler of the Year, Snowmobiler of the Year,
Snowmobile Dealer of the Year, Snowmobile Club of the Year, Snowmobile Family of the Year**

Award recipients will also be submitted to the American Council of Snowmobile Associations for consideration at the national level.

Nomination forms and complete details are available here: <https://www.oregonsnow.org/ossa-awards/>

All nominations must be received by December 1.

Help us shine a light on the people who give their time, energy, and heart to snowmobiling in Oregon. Nominate someone deserving today!

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Brent Younker (503) 695-2911

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Trail work NEVER stops!

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Thanks to every volunteer out there!!



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 funding from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). This funding comes from state gas tax revenues and snowmobile registration fees and is placed into a fund managed by ODOT. OSSA contracts with ODOT to facilitate trail maintenance, including grooming the many miles of snowmobile trails throughout Oregon.

The amount of funding OSSA receives is based solely on the number of snowmobiles registered in the state. The more snowmobiles that are registered, the more money OSSA receives to maintain and groom Oregon's trails. If you enjoy riding Oregon's many miles of groomed snowmobile trails, please make sure all of your snowmobiles are registered, even if they are not currently running. Snowmobile registrations in Oregon have dropped significantly since 2002, when 17,021 snowmobiles were registered. Today, that number has fallen to just 11,221.

Lisa Mahoney,
OSSA Executive Director

Groomed vs Ungroomed





Applications are now open for the 2027 Ken Haevernick Scholarship!

Dr. Ken Haevernick helped bring snowmobile clubs across Oregon together and founded the Oregon State Snowmobile Association in 1972, serving as OSSA's first president. This scholarship proudly carries on his legacy by supporting the next generation.

One \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to an eligible graduating high school senior or full-time college, university, technical school, or trade-school student.

Application deadline: January 15, 2027

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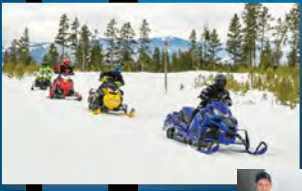
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Admission: \$10 Adult • Kids under 18 / FREE



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INFORMATION:

Email: president@mtjefferson.org
Contact: James Benson 503.559.7270

Community Give-Back:

Food Drive — Please bring canned or boxed, non-perishable food to donate to the local Food Bank.

Your support helps neighbors in need — thank you!

What to expect:

Current snowmobiling clips and fond memories

Lots of raffle prizes Must Be Present to Win

Food & drinks available for purchase from the theatre pub
Great company and a quick club update

Winners for Women's skills ride and Avy Clinics will be drawn

See club's Socials for more information

*** Thanks to our sponsors for making the raffle possible
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Mt. Jefferson Snowmobile Club

Avalanche Training & Riding Skills Clinics



Know someone that would like to improve their riding skills

Know someone that would benefit from AVY training?

MJSC and Stable Mountain with support from Big Lake Youth Camp & USFS are providing this opportunity

Spots are limited to sign up early. All entries need to be placed by January 1, 2027

Avalanche Courses: Companion Rescue - AVY 1 – AVY 2 – AVY 3

AVY Courses: Feb 4 evening, Feb 5-7, 2027

Riding Skills Clinics: Women only - plus - All users

Riding Clinics: Feb 13 & 14, 2027

Courses & Clinics to be held out of Ray Benson snow park – Santiam Pass

The club is raffling off:

2 spots on the **Women's Only clinic** and

2 spots open to anyone for **Companion Rescue or Avy 1**

Winners announced at the annual movie night **November 18, 2026**

For more information, contact Steve Duch 503.881.8585 or Secretary@mtjefferson.org





Hello Sledgers,

Hopefully everyone had a great summer of activities, for me, I was able to enjoy some fishing time.

Last year's memories of driving great distances to ride have hopefully faded, and we are all ready for a new season.

Our last work party was in May due to fire season.

To get prepared for the season, the club will have a

work party on Saturday October 3rd

stocking firewood for the shelters and some minor trail work.

As usual, our general meetings will be held at Pietro's Pizza on the 3rd Wednesday of each month starting at 7 pm.

Rides will be scheduled and updated on our web calendar.

The club will be hosting their annual movie night on November 18 at Northern Lights in Salem.

We hope to see you at any and all of the club events this season. Lets hope for great snow season.

MJSC President- Mark

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Hello, MHSC Members!
Hope everyone had a great summer and is getting ready for another great snowmobile season!

This is a special year for the Mt. Hood Snowmobile Club
we're celebrating 60 years!
More anniversary plans to come.

Work Party & BBQ — September 19

Randy & Sandra Bolin's on Kubitz Road, Sandy
8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

We'll be cutting and splitting a donated tree, with proceeds going toward the Skyline Shelter extension. We'll have two wood splitters on site and need people to help with saws, moving, and stacking wood. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided! We expect about two cords of wood, which will be available for \$225 per cord, delivered.

Our first general meeting will be October 6. Membership enrollment is also open for OSSA and state clubs. Come out, lend a hand, and help us kick off our 60th anniversary season!

MHSC President
Robert Mottice





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

Central Oregon does not disappoint - While snow has been lacking this season, our outdoor sports have not. La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers has been around since OSSA was formed in 1972! We for all these years have been only a snowmobile club. Well, 2 years ago, we elected to become a 4-Season Club and when we had no snow this snow season, our members still enjoyed playing outside.

March we had a couple exploratory rides and the snow defeated our side-by-sides (I know- Really?), but yes it was just 6" too much. The club ride was awesome on April 11th, great to see new faces, 60 miles and only a couple of detours . We had 20 people, and 12 toys exploring with us. We left the Mohawk Restaurant in Crescent and traveled to points East then returned to the Mohawk 6 hours later. We did become Lumber Jack & Jills when some of Mother Nature said you aren't going this way - Well we showed Her! Thesky was blue, the rain from the day before made for an awesome ride for all.

I want to remind EVERYONE - Rule Number ONE - ALWAYS wait - at ALL intersections for the rider behind you. In all the 30+ years of leading rides, this in the most challenging problem rides have. We mention it at the beginning of Every.Single.Ride and it never fails, somebody gets busy and misses that they didn't stop, NOW WE BACK TRACK, we ALL need to be diligent in doing this. Thank You!

Watch our Facebook and web pages for year round rides. Lapinedodgerssnow.org and [facebook.com/lodgepoledodgers](https://www.facebook.com/lodgepoledodgers)

Let's Get Outside & Play

Bernie Shoemaker

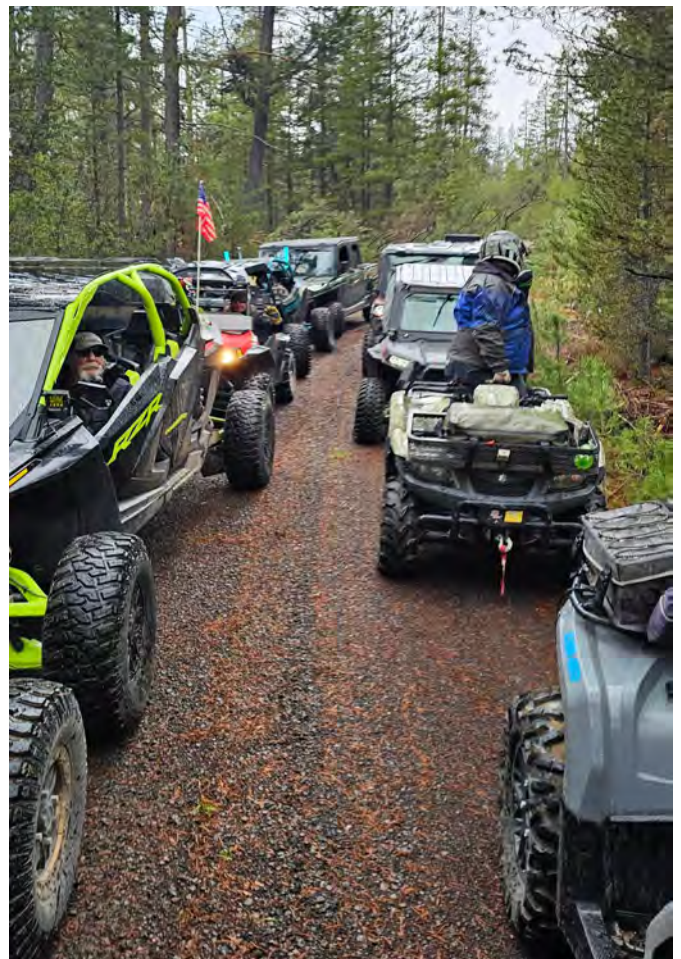
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Trail Conditions/Grooming Reports

<https://members.oregonsnow.org/grooming>

Be sure to always check avalanche conditions before you ride!



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!



<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.



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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 :

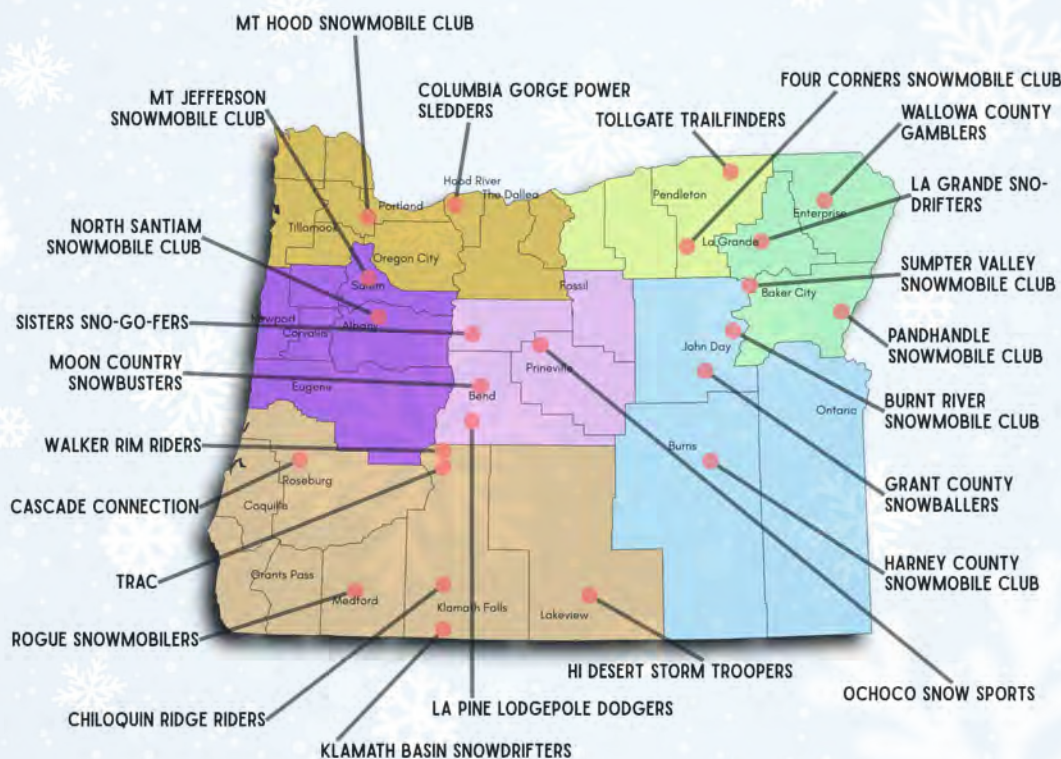
- * Cooperative enjoyment in club activities, rides and play days.
- * Assistance through club membership in formalizing legislation for snowmobiles.
- * Learning new areas to ride and familiarity with areas through joint rides.
- * Strength in state organization through local club organization and input.
- * Opportunity to gain knowledge of snowmobiling through club meeting speakers.
- * Obtaining a feeling of "Belonging" a common bond experience.
- * Meet new people and make new friends.
- * Promote and understand safe snowmobiling.
- * To protect and preserve the rights and freedoms to enjoy the sport of snowmobiling.
- * To help preserve and promote our natural resources.
- * Assist in search and rescue missions.
- * The ability to enjoy snowmobiling activities as a family and at a price reasonable for doing so.
- * Helping provide a trail groomer.
- * Helping to discourage bad snowmobiling practices.
- * Assistance in formulating and conducting youth driver education clinics.
- * Promote sanitation and non-littering in all areas used for snowmobiling.
- * Serve as a catalyst in service to state and federal agencies in providing new snowmobiling trails and parking facilities.
- * Club membership brings recognition to the member from both state and federal agencies and prestige in that recognition.

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www.GrantCountySnowballers.org

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www.MtHoodSnowmobileClub.org

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Membership starts September 1 for the 2026/2027 season.



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membership sign-up link. <https://www.oregonsnow.org/become-a-member/>

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A Day in the Life of a OSSA Volunteer Groomer

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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.

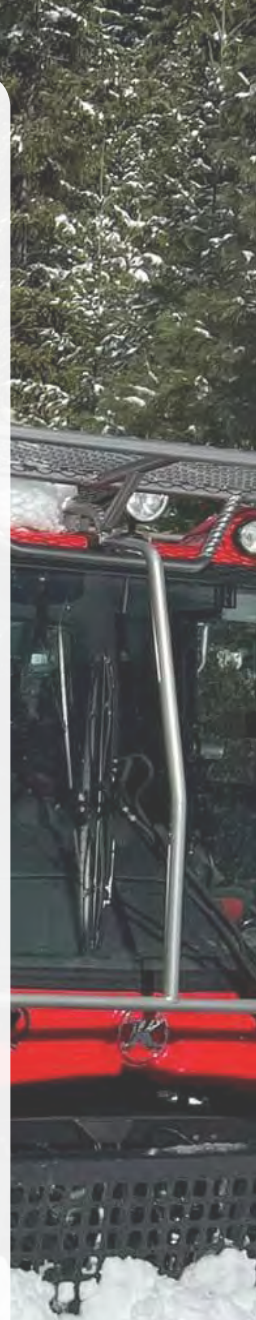
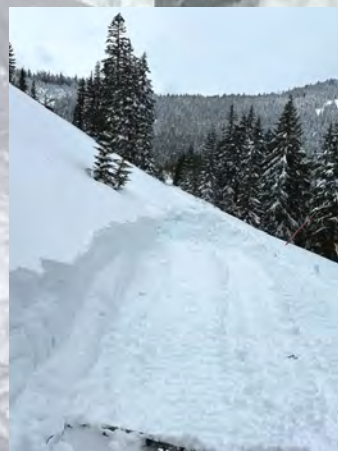
7:00 pm Head for home.

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”***!

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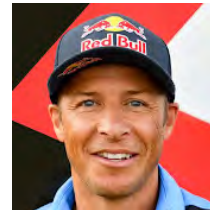
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If you're new to snowmobiling, this is what you should know before you even start a sled. In this video, I break down 3 simple tips every new snowmobile rider should follow to ride safer, build confidence, and have more fun on the trails:

1. Pre-Ride • Gear & safety essentials • What to bring with you • Getting familiar with your snowmobile
2. Riding Basics • Start slow & find your balance • Throttle control • Braking & stopping • Turning & body position
3. Ride Smart • Trail awareness & etiquette • Riding with a plan • Have fun and build confidence

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A SERIOUS QUESTION FOR THE SNOWMOBILE COMMUNITY:

How do we get the next generation involved?

This is a great discussion and one worth having. Snowmobile clubs are about a lot more than riding. They're where people learn to volunteer, maintain trails, help their communities, work together, and become stewards of the sport we all love.

But the future of snowmobiling depends on what we do today to welcome younger riders and give them a reason to get involved.

At OSSA, this is exactly why we're putting more focus on the Future of Snowmobiling and recognizing young people who are already making a difference in our sport.

- We'd love to hear from our clubs and members:
- What is your club doing to involve kids and young adults?
- What has worked?
- What could we do better?
- What would make a young rider want to become an active club member—not just a snowmobiler?

Take a minute to watch this video <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1041285952124221>

The next generation of snowmobilers is already out there.
Let's make sure there's a place for them at the table.

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Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

Organizational Realignment

The Forest Service is implementing a sweeping restructuring to move leadership and decision making closer to the forests and communities it serves. The changes implement direction from Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins to modernize U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) agencies, reduce bureaucracy, and place more employees outside Washington, DC. For an agency whose lands, partners, and operational challenges are overwhelmingly concentrated in the West, this shift represents a structural reset and a common-sense approach to improve mission delivery.

The Forest Service will officially move its headquarters west to Salt Lake City, UT, where the Chief of the Forest Service will reside. About two-thirds of National Capital Region positions will relocate from Washington, DC, with some moving to Salt Lake City and others to various

Operations Service Centers. One-third of positions, including the Associate Chief, will remain at the Yates Building to support departmental coordination, communications, congressional engagement, and interagency policy work.

The Forest Service is transitioning from a legacy regional structure to a State-based organizational model designed to simplify the chain of command, strengthen local partnerships, and give field leaders greater ability to respond to conditions on the ground. Under this model, 15 State directors will oversee Forest Service operations within one or more States and will serve as national leaders for forest supervisors, operational priorities, and relationships with States, Tribes, and partners. Each State Office will include a small leadership team responsible for legislative affairs, communications, and intergovernmental coordination.

State Offices & Area of Responsibility



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Auburn, AL* Ozarks & Gulf Coast	Salem, OR Oregon
Juneau, AK Alaska	Warren, PA Mid-Atlantic & New England
Phoenix, AZ Arizona	Olympia, WA* Washington
Placerville, CA* California & Hawaii	Madison, WI* Great Lakes & Midwest
Fort Collins, CO* Colorado & Kansas	Cheyenne, WY Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, & Nebraska
Athens, GA* Southern Appalachian	<i>(with deputy State directors support for North Dakota & South Dakota)</i>
Boise, ID* Idaho	Salt Lake City, UT* Utah & Nevada
Helena, MT Montana	
Albuquerque, NM* New Mexico	

R&D Facility Locations

Flagstaff, AZ	Durham, NC
Placerville, CA	Delaware, OH
Riverside, CA	Corvallis, OR
Fort Collins, CO	La Grande, OR
Athens, GA	San Juan, PR
St. Paul, MN	Knoxville, TN
Missoula, MT	Olympia, WA
Lincoln, NE	Morgantown, WV
Durham, NH	Madison, WI
Asheville, NC	Rhineland, WI

Operations Service Centers

Albuquerque, NM*	Madison, WI*
Athens, GA*	Missoula, MT*
Fort Collins, CO*	Placerville, CA*

National Training Center

Vallejo, CA

Business Support Service Center

Albuquerque, NM*

(*) Indicates a location that will serve more than one facility function.

As the agency transitions to the State-based model, many functions currently housed in regional offices will shift to a national network of Operations Service Centers. These centers will provide shared administrative, technical, and enabling support to State Offices and forests across the country, allowing leaders on the ground to focus more directly on improving the health, productivity, and resilience of the Nation's forests and grasslands. Centers will support highly technical and nonroutine activities such as forest plan revisions, bridge engineering, and land adjustments. Locations were selected based on existing USDA workforce presence, operational needs, efficiency considerations, and proximity to agricultural and natural resource stakeholders.

The Forest Service will consolidate its multiple research stations into a single, unified national Research and Development organization, headquartered in Fort Collins, CO, and led by one research director. This structure will unify research leadership, strengthen coordination of scientific priorities, accelerate the application of science to management decisions, and reduce administrative duplication. As the new model is implemented, the agency will consolidate and, where appropriate, co-locate research facilities to create a more integrated and efficient national research footprint.

The Forest Service's Fire and Aviation Management program will retain its existing Geographic Area Coordination Center (GACC) structure, which is essential for national incident coordination. The program will continue reporting to the Deputy Chief for Fire and Aviation Management at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, ID, ensuring ongoing, close coordination with the Department of the Interior and other interagency partners.

As part of the reorganization, all Regional Offices will close. A small number of locations will be retained to support ongoing mission needs: Juneau, AK (serving as the Alaska State Office); Vallejo, CA (repurposed as the National Training Center); and Albuquerque, NM (serving as both an business support center and the New Mexico State Office). Additional facility consolidations and closures aligned with the new organizational model are expected over the next 2 years, prioritizing efficiency while maintaining operational capacity.

Throughout the transition, frontline mission work will continue uninterrupted. This includes active forest management, wildfire response, forest and watershed restoration, recreation services, and sustained collaboration with States, Tribes, and communities.

Operations, Business Support, and Training Centers



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Let's do our part to keep Oregon's riding areas safe, sustainable, and open for future generations. Thank you for being part of OSSA and for everything you do to support our trails.

Lisa Mahoney
Executive Director
Oregon State Snowmobile Association

THE RESPONSIBLE RIDER MASTERCLASS: SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP & RIDER ETIQUETTE

The Responsible Rider Masterclass is a series of courses to kickstart your responsible riding journey! Brought to you by Tread Lightly!, and powered by BRP, it is packed with tips and tricks that will help you become more confident in understanding the best practices for powersports recreation.

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ABOUT THE RESPONSIBLE RIDER MASTERCLASS

The Responsible Rider Masterclass was created by Tread Lightly! and powered by BRP, to give powersports enthusiasts the tools and knowledge to ride responsibly and sustainably.

THE COURSE IS BUILT ON TWO TRUSTED FRAMEWORKS:

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- Safety
- Environmental stewardship
- Riding etiquette

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- Do Your Part

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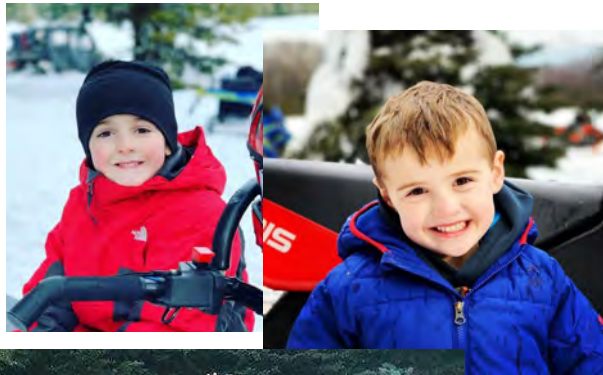


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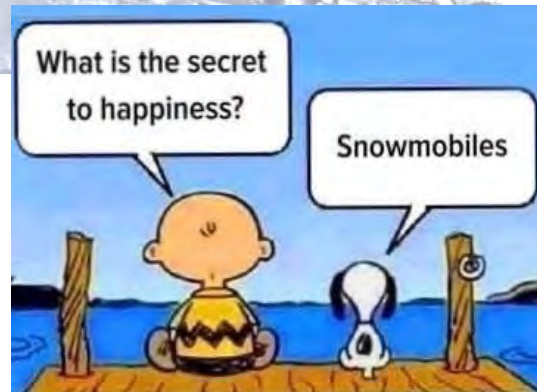
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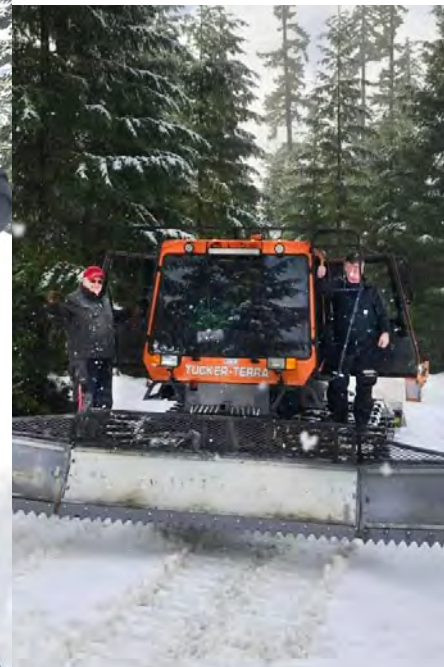


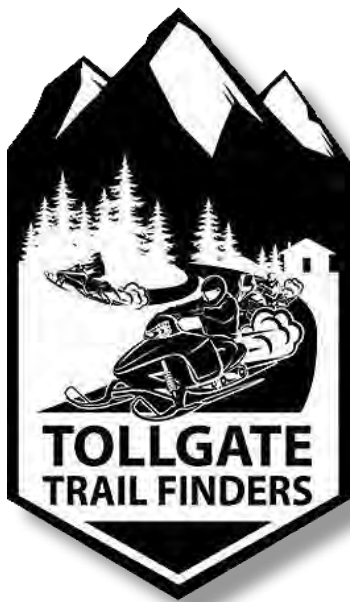
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Oregon State Snowmobile Association

The Oregon State Snowmobile Association is a non-profit organization formed in 1972 by a small group of snowmobilers working to find a way to provide a groomed statewide trail system and to assure continued access to our public lands. We are currently an organization with twenty-four member clubs and a trail system of 6,551 miles of multi-use snowmobile trails. We promote safe and responsible snowmobiling, represent snowmobilers as an organized group and promote proper recreational use of our land by working together with the Forest Service, BLM and other land managers to develop and maintain a quality trail system and winter recreation opportunities. Our mission, briefly stated, is to protect, promote and enhance the family sport of snowmobiling.

Our Mission

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 the 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.

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