



## **SnowBusiness - Groomer Tracking Systems**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 25th

**Time:** 8:00 pm Eastern / 7:00 pm Central / 6:00 pm Mountain and 5:00 pm Pacific

**Topic:** Groomer Tracking Systems

**Speaker:** Nathan Matter

- Learn why many states are now utilizing the Groomer Tracking System!
  - The advantages for the clubs, the riders, and the local businesses.
    - Easy for riders to see what's been groomed and when!

Register: [click here](#)

**OR** Register by copying this and pasting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/UxZoSTn4Ss6yCBHC6TSAVw>



### **One Way To Deal With Trespassing**

Southwest Trails Association covering Carver County in Minnesota has a long history of engaging with local farmers to use cattle manure to deter those errant snowmobilers still having difficulty staying on a marked and groomed trail.

Using the strip method shown here or just along the edges of the trail have been very successful over the years with little to no trespass issues to speak of.

If you have a \$20,000 snowmobile you sure don't want it to stink like what comes out of the end of a cow, and it is very likely to get in every nook and cranny of a snowmobile....or so they heard in the feedback!



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## **Border Patrol on Sleds**

Members from the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Customs and Border Patrol line up on snowmobiles during a training exercise in Maine earlier this winter. The training took place as part of a mission to secure the northern border of the United States.



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## **Coast Guard to the Rescue! Know Before You Go!**

Know before you go applies to many topics - as snowmobilers we use that phrase for ice conditions, trail conditions, trespass issues, etc.

Recently a snowmobiler was advised to not cross the Straits of Mackinac on his snowmobile. When he ended up stranded, calls for assistance were made, putting their volunteers and/or employees lives at risk.

The Mackinac Island Fire Department immediately headed out - on foot in blizzard conditions, and the US Coast Guard also headed in that direction and eventually rescued the rider along with his sled.

The best practice is always Know Before You Go!

Many thanks to all of the first responders - we appreciate and value your knowledge, dedication and assistance!



## The Blizzard of 2026

We all hear the weather reports, but digest them differently - learning from past experiences. Well the weather guessers, as they're often referred to, were spot on with their predictions of lots of snow.

Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin received more than their fair share with blizzard conditions. Snowmobilers and snowmobile-related businesses were smiling as they welcomed another round of riding.

FIRST WARNING WEATHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE	
THE NUMBERS	
AS OF 1:00 PM	
	SNOW
WETMORE	52.0"
SHINGLETON	48.5"
ISHPEMING	38.6"
MENOMINEE	34.0"

FIRST WARNING WEATHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE	
THE NUMBERS	
AS OF 1:00 PM	
	SNOW
L'ANSE	40.0"
NEGAUNEE	37.6"
MANISTIQUE	26.9"
IRON MOUNTAIN	24.1"



We don't have alligators ❌  
We don't have hurricanes ❌  
We don't have volcanoes ❌

But we do have snow drifts that are taller than  
our houses ✅

This was sent in from De Tour Village, MI  
which is in the far eastern section of the  
Upper Peninsula. Thank you to Tiffany for  
allowing us to share.



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## Nebraska Wildfires

Wildfires that started one week ago have now consumed over 650,000 acres. This fire is the largest in state history — that have scorched a massive area of range and grassland and killed one person.

Strong winds gusting over 60 mph starting last week have sent the fires roaring over the region's rolling hills, fueled by tinder-dry prairie grass and stands of red cedar.

A major concern is how cattle ranchers will deal with the fallout of the fires in the months and years to come. Agriculture experts say it can take several growing seasons for the land to recover and be ready for grazing again.

The wildfires are part of a [chaotic weather week](#) that has seen scorching [heat in](#) the West and storms through the midwest and east.

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## Did You Know??





### Ski-Doo Spring Tour

March 26, 2026 Noon - 7:00 pm  
**Wausau, WI** - Hilton Garden Inn

March 28, 2026 Noon - 6:00 pm  
**Fridley, MN** - Forgotten Star Brewery

Looking for Young Snowmobilers to Apply  
ACSA Next Gen National Riders

It's that time of year.....

- We need enthusiastic Young Riders, between the ages of 21 and 30.
- We need snowmobilers that have leadership qualities to take us into the next decade.
- We know there are SO MANY young riders out there -- just review the very cool things you'll do and fill out the application!

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[Click here](#) for the application! Deadline: March 28th

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF  
SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATIONS

# NEXT GEN NATIONAL RIDER!

Ages 21-30? Active in a Local Club or State Association?  
**PASSIONATE ABOUT SNOWMOBILING?**

- Virtual Meetings & Regional Rides!
- Networking & Leadership Opportunities!
- Trips to Washington, D.C. & the International Snowmobile Congress!

**APPLY NOW!**  
Deadline for Applications:  
**MARCH 28TH**

Download Application: [www.snowmobilers.org/docs/2026-NGNR-snowmobile-riders-application.pdf](http://www.snowmobilers.org/docs/2026-NGNR-snowmobile-riders-application.pdf)

Buy that mini snowmobile  
for your toddler instead of  
an iPad

A promotional poster for the 26th Annual Washington, DC Fly-In. The background features a scenic view of the U.S. Capitol building on the left and the Washington Monument on the right, with a river in the foreground where several people are riding snowmobiles. The text is overlaid on a blue and red banner.

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**WASHINGTON, DC FLY-IN**  
**APRIL 18-22**

- Advocate for the Future of Snowmobiling in the Nation's Capital!
- Meet with Congress
- Federal Agency Briefings
- Policy & Access Updates
- Network with Snowmobile Leaders
- Tour Historic DC

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