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Our November Leadership Meeting had another great turnout, and we had some new faces in the audience. We really appreciate having the opportunity to meet at Central Washington University thanks to our District 5 North Representative, Bill Miller. This is a great venue, and the college cafeteria is certainly a benefit.

WSSA District Representatives go the extra mile to work with their local clubs promoting camaraderie, asking club members to help out with trail maintenance, to support fundraising events, working to keep our riding areas open, and sponsor new members because it is the right thing to do.

So, even if you are not a joiner, despise attending meetings, or simply do not have time to help out, sign up because it is the right thing to do. Although we are an all volunteer organization, we need your financial support to maintain and grow our community. Your sport needs you, now more than ever. We promise to keep you informed, and occasionally might ask you to send an e-mail or two to your state or federal representative to keep our public lands open for winter recreation. Check out our website for WSSA membership, and for clubs in your area. Now more than ever we need to foster our snowmobile community, and keep this legacy alive for the next generation.

We need as many snowmobilers as possible to contact your legislative members in your local district to inform them about our dedicated Snowmobile Program funds, and the reasons why these funds should not be transferred to directly support the Northwest

Avalanche Center (NWAC). The Washington State Winter Recreation Program has voluntarily provided financial support to NWAC for over 20 years through the local budget process with oversight by both the Snowmobile Advisory Committee (SMAC) and Winter Recreation Advisory Committee (WRAC). Transferring funds from a 'dedicated' account at the 11th hour of approving a statewide budget is not the solution.

Our Legislative Committee is currently working with the SMAC, WRAC and NWAC to provide a one-page statement that any snowmobiler can use with their legislator. We need to get this message out now, and continue until the 2017 legislative session ends. We have already been told through Washington State Parks that the Governor's budget already has the Winter Recreation Program contributing \$25,000 for both the motorized and non-motorized programs for the next two-year budget cycle. Our job is to get this removed from our program, and funded through the general fund. We will be sending out an e-mail blast to members once this information becomes available. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your District Representative and let him know. We need your help! Our Association is here to protect our account, and we cannot do it alone.

Stay positive, get out in the snow and enjoy your family and friends this holiday season. Our next Board Meeting will be in January at The Last Resort in Ronald. Bring your sleds and appetites. They have lots of great riding, food and friendship. Check out our website for further meeting details at www.wssa.us.

Happy Holidays and Bring on the Snow!



Vice President

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Greetings all! Hope this finds everyone doing well and ready for the season to start, if it hasn't already. Mine seems to never stop except for my sled sitting all summer long. I guess that is why the summer goes by so fast with snowmobile stuff for some of us continuing year round.

We just returned home today from Leavenworth and the Bavarian Boondocker's Snow Fest V. What a great show for my first time attending. It was kind of like a mini-Expo and appeared very well attended.

As for WSSA stuff this month, I want to touch a little bit about my presentation at our Leadership Meeting in Ellensburg this November. For those of you who didn't attend, I took on another project (as if I needed something else to do!) with trying to organize a state-wide youth group or club. This is in the thinking stages and I do have a few things to work out before I really start to approach parents and our youth about forming this. This was all brought on from seeing a youth group from Wisconsin making this work and preparing these young

adults for taking over what we do in leadership roles. This might take months to really get going if not longer but I will do the best I can with help from District Reps and club presidents. I hope to have more to report each month as I am very excited to attempt this, especially with grandkids of my own. I did meet two young brothers in Leavenworth today who could very easily be our first two members down the road.

One quick item that popped up today about our meeting dates. The WSSA January meeting reset for the 14th has been moved back to the original date of January 7th at The Last Resort due to some scheduling issues. I ask all of you who are attending or know someone who will be attending to please pass the word the date has been moved back to our normal date and time. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

District Reports



District 1 North
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Greetings fellow snowmobilers!

The Northwest Glacier Cruisers have been very busy planning their 50th anniversary celebration. The last meeting had their President Tom Shields out of the country in Italy so Vice President Aaron conducted the meeting. The Christmas party, the Mount Vernon Lighted Christmas Parade, and the Mount Baker Shoot Out were the topics of discussion. The club still has some raffle tickets (great prizes) for sale that will be drawn at the Mount Baker Shoot Out, March 11th; contact Tina Shields and buy several, yes several.

The Bellingham Trail Blazers are excited to have their first official club meeting December 6th. Their membership will be by both application and committee approval. The club is very excited to have a positive working relationship with the Forest Service and will be sharing feedback received from Nikolai.

As your WSSA Representative, I have been busy meeting with leaders from Olympia and putting together members with our Representatives to help us form legislation that will protect the dedicated snowmobile account. Now that the election is over I am looking forward to sitting down again with Vincent Buys, LuAnne VanWerVen and Brian Blake to get some legislation written.

District 1 North has a Sno-park Advisory Meeting scheduled for December 7th at 7pm with the Forest Service. I will be at this meeting and will bring back info discussed for the clubs.

November 5th was a double-booked weekend with our WSSA Leadership Meeting in Ellensburg at 9am and then I was in Monroe at 5pm with Adventure Motorsports assisting with their Open House. JoAnne Rowe bought a brand new Arctic Cat at the Open House and the Bellingham Trail Blazers provided her with her annual WSSA Membership.

November 19th was again a busy weekend starting with the Bavarian Boondockers having their annual Snow Fest in Leavenworth. This is a great event that started at 10am and ended with a movie starting at 6:30pm. Then later that day at 6pm, Skagit Valley Polaris had their annual Snow Bash in Mount Vernon; this too was a great event that again did not disappoint us. I was at both events and had a lot of fun.

Finally, its time to talk about sled registrations. With the snow flying all around us we need to get our sleds registered and our snow-park stickers in our tow vehicles. The money we put into the registration grows our grooming program and when we don't register our sleds we are literally taking money out of our program.

Look forward to seeing you on the mountain.



District 1 South
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Greetings from District 1 South! As I write this I am checking out some of the snowfall totals from around the state with our first decent snow at lower elevations. Hopefully it will continue to build here in Washington and we'll be riding soon.

Several members of the Cascade Drift Skippers (CDS), including myself, will be spending Thanksgiving up north in Canada, attempting to regain our sled skills for the season.

Not a lot to update for the month but upcoming in December will be the CDS annual Christmas Party and ride on December 10th at

The Last Resort - details available on the website if you are interested in attending. Let's all do our snow dances and get this season underway!



District 2 North
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Life is on hold right now; at least the weatherman is talking snow. Elk season was mild and we did not find snow until about 5,500 feet on the way to Clover Springs, but we still had a good time.

As the Land Use Chairperson, I'm concerned with the outcome of the Commissioner of Public Lands race here in Washington. On the National race scene, the results should mean positive results given our meeting with Representative Dan Newhouse earlier in the fall.

Sled sales have been fair but snow is needed to finish up the season.



District 2 South
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Hello from District 2 South! The mountains are getting a dusting and the snow shows have come to an end; time to prep the sleds for the season!

I attended the Dog House Motorsports Open House, our local BRP/Ski-Doo dealer. Lots of interest in the new 850 Ski-Doo; looks like its going to be a great machine!

I will be getting out to the district's club meetings next month and should have more to report on next month.



District 3
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It is the middle of November as I write this column with the WSSA Expo and Winter Knights Snow Shows both now in the history books. It was encouraging to hear vendors at both shows reporting very good sales this year!

We have met with the Forest Service in Spokane this fall to discuss grooming in Northeast Washington. We will have different groomers at both the 49 Degrees North area and the Beaver Lodge area this winter. We are hoping to have some great grooming and great snow!

In the Kings Lake area, the trails that will be open are still in flux with salvage logging taking place and some roads not being opened yet. Ongoing discussions are occurring with the Forest Service and the Pend Oreille County Commissioners regarding the winter operations. We will know more on this in the near future.



District 4 South
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Greetings everyone in District 4 South! I hope everyone who pre-season purchased new snowmobiles have picked them up by now, and have all their new goodies put on them they picked up at the snow shows this year.

Not much happening here just yet in my District as we await the arrival of snow. I talked with the Mt. Adams Snowmobile Club and they have gotten the wood put into the Flat Top warming hut for the season. They spent a lot of time this summer brushing back around the warming hut and cleaning up around the parking lot area. Let's all give a giant thank you to the Mt. Adams Club for their continuous dedication to keeping up and improving the Flat Top Warming Hut.

The Mt. St. Helens Trac Riders are still very hard at work trying to get all the pieces of the puzzle put together for the arrival of the new warming hut at the Marble Mountain Sno-Park in the spring and summer of 2017. Trust me it's going to look awesome!

Myself and many others will be meeting this month with the Forest Service and the Skamania County Road Crew and many other clubs at a partnership meeting to be held in Stevenson. It's a great way to start out the season with some great plans for all parties involved.

I hope everyone has a great Christmas and a Happy New Year, and I hope Santa brings joy and happiness to everyone this season. Let's all start thinking SNOW!



District 5 North
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Greetings from the Crystal Springs, Kachess, Lake Easton, Kachess Dam, Easton Reload, Evergreen, Elk Heights, Taneum, Salmon La Sac, Teanaway, Mineral Springs, Blewett Pass, Reecer Creek, and Manastash Sno-Parks and staging areas. I had to have missed one. I've checked out many and they look ready for snow. If anyone sees an issue needing attention, please notify me at bill.miller@wssa.us or (509) 899-0243.

As I write this, it's looking like there may be some tracks on the snow Thanksgiving weekend. Whenever it happens I know we're all ready. Make sure you have that firestarter and compass along.

The Reecer Creek Riders met on November 15th. Nick Whitman and Jerry McKnight, owner and operator from LandTek Grooming, presented great information regarding grooming. Many riders seldom give the groomers much thought. The exchange with the members was informative and eye opening. I strongly recommend each club invite their local groomer to a club meeting. It's important we riders are aware of their challenges.

It was nice to see everyone at the November WSSA Leadership Meeting. There was great information shared by club presidents regarding ways to grow membership from the outdoors to meetings; the upcoming Yakima Ski-Benders Scavenger Hunt Ride and after-ride hot-dogs at the sno-park sounds like fun.

Next year I hope to shorten the WSSA business part of the meeting by an hour or more to provide more time towards sharing the successes of attracting more snowmobilers to our clubs. More than a couple WSSA members have expressed frustration regarding the length of the monthly WSSA meetings. The idea of each report being distributed along with the agenda prior to the meeting rather than at the meeting has merit. The reports could be reviewed before the meeting and if attendees had questions, they could be addressed at the meeting. Food for thought and discussion.

Think snow!



District 5 South
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The elections are over and we all probably know who won the presidency but who is our new Commissioner of Public Lands? It is no friend to recreationists; it is a radical Puget Sound litigator by the name of Hilary Franz. We need to watch for more attempts to close our access to our Public Lands.


Back on the home front, as I write this, the snow we had several weeks ago has all disappeared but the important thing is the long-range

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District Reports

weather forecast continues to be for more moisture than normal this winter but also a bit warmer than normal. I am going to be positive and believe that we will have more snow up in the hills where we want it and I won't have to shovel much snow at home. By the time you get this report there will be lots of snow in our sledding areas. I already have my tags so I expect to be riding by then.

At our last WSSA Leadership Meeting in Ellensburg, Jim Kingman presented an idea to get young folks involved in snowmobiling which is something we all understand must happen if our sport is to continue to prosper. During the discussion, Matt Mead indicated we need to have over-the-snow events for our youth. His feeling is our youth are interested in outdoor snow activities and to that I would totally agree.

If you have children or grandchildren, get them involved in your local club activities and get your local clubs to have activities children can be involved in and enjoy. If you can't find good activities in your area, then consider attending some fantastic events in District 5 South. During the first part of 2017, on January 7th, there will be a Scavenger Hunt at the Ahtanum/Tampico snowmobiling area and there will be a serious effort to involve youth. There will be lots of prizes especially for children.

During the last weekend of January, specifically the 29th, an annual Poker Run will be held and it is a great event for the youth because the event covers 24 miles of groomed trails. Again there will be lots of prizes for the young and they will have a super time. That event always starts around 9am and ends around 4pm at the Little Naches Sno-Park. It would be hard to find a better way to spend a wonderful day with your children/grandchildren.

During the first part of March, actually March 11th, an annual day of education and riding just for the young will be held at the Tampico sno-park. This event usually starts at 9am and ends when the last riders get back. In the past, professional riders have been there to help teach riding and the proper use of avalanche equipment. The second day of this event has been an all-day ride with the professionals. Stay tuned for more information on each and plan now to attend.

No admission is needed for any of the above events and food will be available.



District 6

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Hello snowmobile fans! Still waiting for snow in the hills.

The Pomeroy Club already had two club meetings. Their Bucket Run has been scheduled for February 4th. Also, their Vintage Snowmobile Meet will be on the 25th of February.

The Dayton Club only had their first meeting. The Dayton Bucket Run will be on the 21st of January.

Now, we just have to wait for all that snow to come

WSSA MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT EVENTS 2016/2017

General Meeting in Ronald/Roslyn

January 7th, 2017

Upstairs at The Last Resort in Ronald/Roslyn. Meeting starts at 9am and will provide critical info and updates on the current snowmobile season. Lunch on your own in the restaurant. Snow permitting, riding opportunities will be available on Friday the 6th and Sunday the 8th.

All Trails to Olympia

January 24th, 2017

Come to the Capitol in Olympia and talk to your legislators. Appointments pre-arranged for you and an 'All Trails' veteran will accompany you. This is really a lot of fun and a good chance to educate your Senator and House Representatives on snowmobiling in Washington.

WSSA's Winter Rendezvous in Omak

February 17th-20th, 2017

Four days of guided riding in the Okanogan for all levels, staging out of the new 12 Tribes Resort Casino! Dinner and entertainment on Friday and Saturday, along with another dinner gathering for Sunday. This is a FAMILY event; bring your kids, grandkids and great grandkids!

Budget & General Meeting in Ronald/Roslyn

March 18th, 2017

At The Last Resort in Ronald/Roslyn. Meeting starts at 9am. Wrapping up the season and planning for the 2017/2018 season. All members welcome!

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June 7th-10th, 2017

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Club News

Methow Valley Snowmobile Association

By Don Fitzpatrick, Secretary



Our big project was finished recently with the move of our new warming hut the last half mile. We were able to accomplish this due to warm temperatures and melting snow. The warming hut is located at Sweetgrass Butte for the winter, with a supply of firewood, and good blocking. This is at approximately 5,500 feet, with no snow as I write this in mid-November. (We are impatiently waiting... Hart's Pass has about 24 inches.)



Members of the Methow Valley Snowmobile Association pose for a pic after moving their new warming hut into its final position at Sweetgrass Butte.

This project has now involved a little over 400 hours of volunteer work, but it should serve our community for many years.

We've had a surge in membership with several new members from the Chelan area and they are very enthusiastic and hard workers. We are sure glad to have them.

We recently cut tree boughs for the merchants in the Town of Winthrop for their annual 'End of the Road Celebration' the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We also provide and man burn barrels along the streets so it is festive and a place to stop and warm up.

On Christmas we sponsor and put on a dinner for anyone who wants to come to the Senior Center in Twisp. It is well received by the community and we enjoy it too.

All we need now is snow....

Yakima Ski-Benders

By Seth Ahlbrecht, President



Well the snow level is dropping and the sleds are ready to ride! Once we get the season started it's going to be a busy one.

The Yakima Ski-Benders are holding our annual Crab Feed on December 10th and following that, we now have three on-the-snow events to share our love of the sport with all the other riders out there.

We'll be having a brand new Scavenger Hunt Ride on Saturday, January 7th, at the Ahtanum Sno-Park. We'll have prize plates hidden in the mountains to be found and turned in for a chance to win a grand prize, as well as a raffle, food, and all the sledding fun you can handle.

Following that, we have our annual Snowfest Poker Run on January 29th at the Little Naches Sno-Park on Chinook Pass. As usual we'll have prizes and food to share with friends on the sleds!

Keep watching also for more info in coming issues on the annual Little Sleds Ride on March 11th! Until then, let it snow!

Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club

By Stephen Phillips, Vice President



Waiting patiently for snow has never been a snowmobiler's strong point, so we at the Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club have been staying busy planning several rides, races and shows for the upcoming winter season.

Our first event will be a group ride in the Leavenworth/We-natchee area on January 14th and 15th. We typically tow the club barbecue cutter in for this ride and enjoy some backcountry dining, so be ready for a full day of fun.

We will be at the Priest Lake Vintage Races February 18th and 19th, riding, showing and racing.

And of course we have our annual show and ride at The Last Resort scheduled for March 4th and 5th.

If you have a vintage or classic sled and would like to join us at these events, visit our website (www.pnwvsc.org) for all the details. In the meantime, THINK SNOW!

Spokane Winter Knights

By Sharon Crockett, President



The Winter Knights just completed their 36th Annual Snow and ATV Show and Swap Meet in Spokane. It is always exciting to be standing in the membership booth by the front when the doors are opened and to watch all the people stream into the fairgrounds, all intent on getting to their destination in the show as quickly as possible. I do want to thank all the Winter Knights members for volunteering their time at the Snow Show, along with friends, children, grandchildren, and friends of grandchildren. I was also asked to present the Peoples Choice Award at the show to one of the snowmobiles displayed by the vintage snowmobile club and the crowd picked the one I liked the best!

We are once again going to decorate a snowmobile float for the 'Day After Thanksgiving Parade' in Coeur D'Alene. The route is about a mile long so come enjoy the festivities in Coeur D'Alene the day after Thanksgiving and watch the parade.

We will be having our Christmas dinner party on December 10th and look forward to the friendship and presents (along with a great dinner) we will enjoy that evening. Be sure to check our Facebook page for updates on rides once the snow starts coming down - which I hope is soon!

Sno-Jammers

By Phil Snow, President



Thanks to all of the new members who came to our last meeting and congratulations to Jim Van Trojan who won the Avalanche Backpack from the Snow Show Booth Raffle.

Still waiting for the snow? Yeah, me too... Don't worry, it will get here. In the meantime, come on down to Sumner or Puyallup for the Santa Parade on December 3rd. (3:30pm in Sumner, 5pm in Puyallup.) Enjoy the festivities, watch the parade and look for the Sno-Jammers float. There will also be a Christmas tree lighting in the Pioneer Park Pavilion in Puyallup following the parade. Come on out, bring your friends and enjoy the parade.

Our annual FUN RUN is scheduled for February 11th this year so be sure to mark the date on your calendar. As always we will have lots of prizes to give away for the winning hands and great raffle prizes you can win just for participating in the run. Check our website for all of the information.

Stay tuned for our upcoming events at www.snojammers.org and on our Facebook group www.facebook.com/snojammers.

December 7th will be our next Club meeting and our January meeting will be on the 4th. Club meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month (September through May), at Round Table Pizza, South Hill Puyallup. Start time is 6pm to 7pm for dinner and socializing with the meeting from 7pm to 9pm. Watch our club website calendar for the time and place of upcoming club events. (P.S. If you'd like to become a member of our club, dues are only \$20 a year per family and you can register online. Also, make sure your WSSA dues are paid.)

Clubs: Remember to report all your volunteer hours and charity to WSSA - It's very important!

By Craig Miller, Volunteer and Charity Chair

The time has arrived! It is time to take credit for your hard work in the way of hours volunteered and any money you raised for charitable organizations so far. If you have already reported your volunteer and charity to me I thank you. If not, please do not delay. The cutoff for reporting is April 15th, 2017, but reporting early and often is appreciated.

Please go to the WSSA webpage and click the tab 'Volunteer and Charity'. There you can download a reporting form to fill out with all the information we are looking for. The contact information is on the top of the form. Or if you like, just send me the numbers in an e-mail and I'll document it. I'll make sure your hard efforts are included and recognized in our report.

WSSA collects this information annually. The

information is then reported to the International Snowmobile Council (ISC), which uses it for public relations activities that showcases all the good things snowmobilers do for the greater good of the community. Over the past couple of years, we have lagged in our reporting of all the hard work and service we do. When we are talking to lawmakers or forest managers, this information is a so-called 'feather in our cap'.

It is most important that each club sit down as soon as possible, tally all they have done, and report it to me. In addition to reporting to the ISC, I will maintain the WSSA Volunteer/Charity database for our own use.

You can e-mail me with any questions at craig.miller@wssa.us.

Report early and often!



*WSSA Winter Rendezvous
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Why join the BlueRibbon Coalition?

By Matt Mead, 25+ year BRC Member



torcyclists, four-wheel-drive users, equestrians and mountain bikers; BlueRibbon is all inclusive!

While many motorized enthusiasts will quickly throw support to organizations like the BRC based on a friend's recommendation or something they read in a magazine, others are a bit more critical. They ask: "What has your organization done for me specifically? What have you done for me lately?" Fair questions!

It was recently brought to my attention, a snowmobiler was interested in hearing from the BRC regarding their support of motorized access in Washington. Here is the gist of the message sent to the BRC:

"Curiosity has prompted me to write this e-mail. As a member and contributor to BRC several years ago when snowmobiling across the West was a passion of mine and the fight to protect access to Yellowstone National Park was being fought, I, along with several friends and neighbors, joined BRC. Would you please enlighten me as to what efforts, either historically or currently, are being undertaken by your organization in Washington State to open up, preserve existing, and/or protect motorized access for both snow machines and off-road vehicles, on public lands? Thank you for your time, understanding, and cooperation in this regard."

The BRC Executive Director provided this response:

"Thank you for your e-mail. I've forwarded it to various members of our staff so they may respond with more detail if they are able. I think that I can fill you in on the big picture.

I would like to start out by stating what I'm sure you already know - managed recreation, especially OHV (off-highway vehicle) recreation, is heavily under fire by political and special interests. We are outspent 10:1 by environmental and preservationist groups who push issues like 'non-conforming use', Recommended Wilderness, National Monument designation, Endangered Species Act (ESA), climate change, air quality, noise and many other stratagems to keep us (OHV interests) off of public land. It's a drip, drip, drip proposition - but before you know it the bathtub, for us, is empty. We are the only multi-modal 50-state organization that pushes back on all of this through local advocacy and legal action. The Wilderness/preservationist movement has numerous national private foundations, clubs, organizations and law firms like Earthjustice at the ready. We have Sharetrails/BRC and a Hail Mary. That's the reason I recently came out of retirement to take this job. I like recreating on public land with my family and I'm not too eager to see all of that go away without a fight. How all of this will ultimately turn out, I don't know. But as a taxpayer and a citizen of a democracy I intend to use the tools I have to fight for what I believe. Sharetrails/BRC is the tip of the spear. I am proud to be here.

When we win a significant victory anywhere (as we just did in the Imperial Dunes in Southern California) it affects OHV users everywhere. In the Glamis/Imperial Dunes victory we were able to keep the environmental lobby from using a narrow interpretation of the ESA to keep us out of a portion of the desert. This victory does not apply to just Imperial Dunes, but to our public lands everywhere. At some point this benefits even you, a snowmachiner, in Washington.

When Sharetrails/BRC was involved in snowmobile designation lawsuits in Idaho and California, those led to Subpart C regulations that now affect all multiple-use of public lands (including those in Washington) in a manner beneficial to us. We also work on Washington specific projects, (the Okanogan-Wenatchee Forest planning comes immediately to mind). Not too far from you, Yellowstone is still accessible to winter OHV users due to efforts of our organization and our outstanding partners.

A real strength of the environmental/preservationist movement is its members, for the most part, are not easily discouraged. Rather than get mad, give up and walk away when things do not go their way they tend to redouble their efforts. That is an admirable trait I wish we could cultivate more of. That is something that everyone on our side can do with a simple, internal decision that does not require so much as lifting a finger.

We are a member-driven organization and do our best to respond to the desires of individual members. But since we don't not have nearly the resources of those who oppose us, we have to manage our resources wisely. We pick our fights and vet issues carefully. Nonetheless it is both my experience and belief the cost of a lifetime membership in Sharetrails/BRC goes a lot further in protecting access through legal means that the same money would go in a lawsuit brought forth by an individual or small club.

We are a visit to our website (www.sharetrails.org), an e-mail or a phone call away. If there is some specific issue of concern to you please feel free to visit our website, click the Advocacy tab and report the issue to us.

All the best.

Martin Hackworth, Executive Director
Sharetrails.org/BRC
(208) 380-8525"

The Director's response was part of an e-mail chain I saw with input and suggestions from other BRC staffers. Many of the points made were included in the message above; here are some comments I found relative. (Note: I did paraphrase so these are not direct quotes.)

'Managed recreation, especially motorized recreation, is under heavy fire; political and legal fire. The Wilderness lobby has private foundations, influential support, and public interest law firms like Earthjustice at its beck and call. They wage battles that affect all multiple-use of public lands.'

'Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Planning 2.0 and Forest Service Travel Planning guidance are not issues that involve any single state, but the entire multiple-use and OHV communities.'

'There are a lot of national hot topics BRC is in the middle of, e.g., U.S. Forest Service Sustainable Trails and minimization policy/guidance. Point being we have resources, contacts, skill-sets that cannot be created/duplicated by fragmented local interests.'

'If you want us to do work in Washington (or anywhere else), let us know. We are a member-driven organization that responds to specific requests/concerns of our members.'

'The BRC can and does work on specific Washington projects. BRC responded to a call from local riders involved in litigation-driven planning on the Okanogan-Wenatchee Forest. BRC submitted comments in July 2016.'

'Event permit reform... a national effort led by BRC to streamline event permits. A five-year effort; we worked to have legislation introduced and will continue to work to see reform become law.'

'Helped to facilitate meetings between the OHV/OSV (over-snow vehicles) communities and the Nature Conservancy in Seattle last year on land they bought from a timber company, to preserve OHV/OSV access. BRC is now supporting sale/transfer of said lands to the Forest Service for continued OHV/OSV use.'

'Member involvement in the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision currently occurring in Southeast Washington/Northeast Oregon.'

'A donation is deductible.'

My own personal input regarding the BRC is this. First, I'm not aware of any other national advocacy group working solely to preserve motorized access to public lands. The snowmobiling community is small, even when compared to other motorized users, and it is important for us to be a part of a bigger supporting group. No way does the snowmobiling community alone have the resources to constantly battle extreme environmental groups; we need to be able to tap the resources of a larger organization like BRC.

Although we are a small user-group, BRC has expended more than our fair share of funds over the years. While the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) and the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association have contributed plenty of resources in Yellowstone National Park, it was BRC that has led point on this issue since the beginning. I've always believed kicking us out of Yellowstone was the first step in getting us banned from all nationally-managed public lands and it was BRC who initially fought back and continues to work this issue today. It should be noted WSSA's Kay Lloyd is a BRC Board Member, Jack Welch, BRC Vice President, is a snowmobiler, as is Oregon's Joni Mogstad, BRC's Treasurer; snowmobilers are well-represented!

For me it is a no-brainer. The \$20 Basic Membership is peanuts, (my family spends more than that on one trip to McDonald's), but combined with thousands of others, makes for a nice chunk of change for fighting legal battles on our behalf. (Additionally, I make a small monthly contribution for added support that is automatically charged to my credit card - easy peasy!)

Are you a BRC member? If not, I encourage you to check 'em out at sharetrails.org.

SnowTrails TV 2016 Broadcast Schedule

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Snowmobile Research Work Revisited

Contact: Ed Klim, President, International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association, (517) 339-7788, www.snowmobile.org



In 2006, extensive research work was performed to help us understand the perceptions individuals have of snowmobiling. The research also highlighted the priorities of outdoor recreationists of all kinds.

The research work consisted of a thorough study of three market segments. The segments were: 'young adventure seekers' - aged 24-

36; 'family fun seekers' - couples with children between the ages of 8 and 16; and 'empty nesters' - individuals aged 50-65 who enjoy youthful activities and participate in many outdoor activities. Individuals within these groups were contacted by phone and electronically from across North America and they also participated in the key target groups with 50 individuals in each one of three groups, held in the US and Canada.

Recently, similar research was performed in Canada by the Ipsos Public Affairs Group. They generally verified the initial study conducted by Consumer Insights in 2006. The research shows the three groups, collectively, were excited about activities that included having fun with friends and extended family and they enjoyed sharing their recreation choice with others. The groups all agreed their activities did not require significant athleticism and exercise was universally seen as a byproduct rather than a goal or focus of the outdoor recreation. The respondents believed they had four common benefits they all wish to achieve in their activities: (1) a strong sense of social interaction with family and friends, (2) relaxation by disconnecting from their day to day routine, (3) fulfillment of accomplishing an activity, and (4) it was particularly important to do something that was out of step of their day to day activities to relax.

The research also showed individuals (a) liked to have the chance to feel like a kid again; (b) snowmobiling and being outdoors is the most important time to feel alive and escape the confines of daily life; (c) this was an opportunity to connect with nature, (d) an opportunity to connect as a family and to improve connectivity with each other. Most participants stated it was a great way to end a great weekend.

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The research also told us winter recreation requires a certain amount of heartiness that is not necessarily required for the summer. The preparation time is longer and the amount of daylight hours is shorter. Plans can easily be disrupted due to poor driving conditions, even though we all wait for the snow. School routines impact on winter recreation in a way that are not present in the summer, and therefore need to be accounted for.

Interestingly, many individuals in the study group did not understand where snowmobiling occurs. If they did not own a snowmobile and never went snowmobiling, they had no idea where the trails and riding areas were located. They knew nothing about snowmobile clubs, associations, and/or related businesses. They also stated that many non-snowmobilers knew snowmobilers but never participated in the activity due to various reasons. Many of the respondents stated their friends never asked them to go snowmobiling, so they never had the opportunity to do so.

When individuals were asked if they wanted to go snowmobiling on a scale of 1-10, they rated the desire to go snowmobiling a 9. Individuals of all age groups expressed a high level of interest in snowmobiling and they are hopeful the winter season will allow them to participate in the activity and get them out on the snow.

It is because of these positive results and the research work conducted in 2006 and reinforced in 2015, that the snowmobile manufacturers initiated the 'Take a Friend Snowmobiling' campaign. The campaign is designed to encourage snowmobilers to invite non-snowmobilers - whether they are friends, family, or elected officials - to go snowmobiling. It is known that once individuals go snowmobiling, their likelihood of snowmobiling again in the future improves substantially. We also know when individuals snowmobile with friends, they will often join the club and/or association that their friends may be involved in. Taking a friend snowmobiling is a great opportunity to expand club membership and association membership throughout North America.

We are all encouraged to help grow the snowmobiling family and plan to take a friend snowmobiling this winter.

After a short trip on the snowmobile, take your friend to your club house, a club meeting, a snowmobile show, and to your local snowmobile dealer so they can get a feel for what the sport can entail. Give your friend a map and show them the trails and riding areas. Invite them to events they might enjoy. IT IS FUN!

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Please call (800) 784-WSSA (9772) with tourism questions or updates to this listing.

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I want to thank the following exhibitors who donated items for our Legal Defense Silent Auction at our Expo on Saturday and Sunday. With your help we can help to keep out riding areas open.

-- Ron Alred, Legal Action Fund Auction Chairman

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- Friends of Snowmobiling

News from the ACSA

Contact: Christine Jourdain, Executive Director
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American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) awarded agreement with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

ACSA was delighted to recently be awarded a five-year Cooperative Agreement (CA) with the Federal Highway Administration. Under this agreement, ACSA will operate FHWA's Snowmobile Safety and Access Program. This CA was awarded as part of an open RFP (Request for Proposal) process and is similar to the Snowmobile Safety and Access CA operated by ACSA for FHWA the past five years.

The tasks which ACSA must fulfill for FHWA are very specific and range from the development of a snowmobile safety and access Resource Information Center and Best Practices Library to the identification of snowmobile safety training opportunities and products, as well as other tasks that are all safety and access oriented.

Overall this Program presents a tremendous opportunity to work for the betterment of snowmobiling education and management while addressing key safety and access issues.

Trails Stewardship Act

The National Forest System Trails Stewardship Act passed the U.S. House on September 26th by voice vote. The legislation would keep more trails across the nation open and accessible by expanding the use of volunteer and partner organizations and by increasing the focus on a selection of priority areas.

During a time of shrinking federal budgets, it is important agencies and the enthusiasts work together to ensure that all trail users can access public lands for diverse uses.

This bill would urge the U.S. Forest Service to partner with off-highway-vehicle enthusiasts and other groups to help to reduce the \$500 million maintenance backlog on Forest Service land.

This is an issue snowmobilers have discussed with their legislators during the Annual Snowmobile Fly-In. We are hopeful the Senate will vote on this piece of legislation prior to the end of the session.

(Editor's note: When this Snoflyer went to press in late November, the legislation had passed the Senate and been forwarded to the President for signing.)

Forest Service revamps Special Use Permit process

The U.S. Forest Service has announced plans to revamp their permit system. In the past the Forest Service operated on strict regulation focused on controlling and limiting access to a new mission that encourages more Americans to explore the public lands.

The Forest Service plans to streamline the application process for the 23,000 recreation special use permits. Currently the special use permits are different for every federal land management agency. It appears district rangers and permit managers will be given more leeway in the new process.

Outdoor recreation on public lands contributes \$13 billion to national economy and supports 205,000 jobs, many of those based in rural economies.

2017 Cash Calendars will soon be available!

365 Prizes! Only \$20 - a great gift! Buy early, buy now, and be entered for the remaining 2016 prizes! This is a fundraiser for ACSA and the State Associations! Contact your State Association or the ACSA office for more information.

Richard 'Dick' Lee Coppock

Dick Coppock passed away on October 19th. He was born to Clyde and Edna (French) Coppock in Battle Creek, Michigan, on August 25th, 1943 and arrived with his family in Dillon Montana in 1947, then on to Omak in 1948, graduating from Omak High School in 1961.

Dick worked for Biles and Coleman as a log scaler and drove truck until hiring on with the U.S. Forest Service where he worked as a Timber Sales Officer and later as a Minerals Administrator, Hazmat Program Coordinator, and Noxious Weed Program Coordinator. Dick married Irene Woods in 1962 they had two children Paul and Craig. In 1971 Dick and Bonnie (LaFayette) married in Brewster and had a son Chris in 1975. Dick and Bonnie later purchased the family apple orchard in Omak in 1979 and were noted for high quality fruit. After retirement Dick continued to support his passion for farming and playing with heavy equipment by raising alfalfa.

Dick was an active life member in the National Rifle Association (NRA), a life member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Washington State Snowmobile Association (WSSA), North Central Washington ATV Club, Butte Busters and other Snowmobile Clubs in his efforts to preserve freedoms and maintain public access to public lands. "Lead, follow, or get the hell out of the way" was his life long motto as Dick enjoyed the great outdoors with hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, traveling and working important social issues.

Remembrances can be made to Frontier Home Health and Hospice, the NRA, and the Omak United Methodist Church.

Condolences to Bonnie and the entire family from your WSSA family.



Upcoming District Representative Elections

- District 1 North:** January 5th, 2017 – Skagit Valley Polaris, voting tentatively planned for 10am to 4pm
- District 2 North:** December 5th, 2016 – At the Association of Okanogan County Snowmobile Clubs Meeting
- District 3:** January 12th, 2017 - McDonald's Restaurant at Sprague and Havana at 7pm
- District 4 North:** December 10th, 2016 – Larson Power Sports, 3701 20th St. E., Fife, at 4pm
- District 5 North:** December 12th, 2016 – Cle Elum District Ranger Station Craven Conference Room, before the Groomer Council Meeting at 6:30pm.

(District Representative terms are two years in length and half the Reps are up for election each year. If you are interested in running for a position, please contact WSSA Vice President, Jim Kingman.)



WSSA Legal Action Fund Raffle



How cool would it be to give that special someone a new sled deck or trailer for Christmas?! And what if it only cost you \$5 and you could slip it into their stocking? Well, no guarantee the ticket your purchase will be the winner, but with a 1 in 1,000 chance, you have great odds!

Legal action to protect your riding areas is expensive! WSSA needs to be able to defend snowmobiling when the issues arise and this means having a strong Legal Action Fund!

New this year, your CHOICE of a Marion Sled Deck or Triton 2-place open trailer. These are top-of-the-line products by top-of-the-line manufacturers!

Tickets are now available from your District Representatives and other WSSA Board and Committee members.

Don't miss your chance to win a top-rated trailer or sled deck and help support WSSA's Legal Action Fund. The more you buy, the better your odds of winning!

WSSA extends special thanks to Kastle West Distributing and Jet Chevrolet for continued support of our Legal Action Fund.

(Buying raffle tickets in support of the Legal Action Fund are in no way tax deductible.)

Membership Matters

By Wayne and Florence Mohler, Membership Co-Chairs

Membership renewals are up significantly from last year at the same time. We appreciate the early renewals and thank everyone who has renewed or signed-up for a WSSA membership. We also want to remind those who haven't renewed yet to do it now. Individuals/Families, Dealers, Businesses and Clubs make up WSSA and the volunteer effort put forth by everyone is what allows us to effectively promote snowmobiling. Whether it's raising money for charities, protecting of our access to public lands, clearing and maintaining trails, sponsoring events, communicating with our legislators, congressional delegations, state and federal agencies, or working with other recreational groups - it's all done by volunteers. WSSA isn't a separate entity - WSSA is everyone who cares about snowmobiling and is willing to invest time and energy to help protect and preserve a form of winter recreation that is important to all of us. Please use the membership application in the Snoflyer, or go to our website www.wssa.us under membership and do the renewal (or join as a new member) there.

We also want to wish everyone a great holiday season - and particularly a white Christmas.

If you have any questions about membership, please e-mail membership@wssa.us or call (509) 674-4401. And remember - Your Membership does Matter!

Proposed Additions to the WSSA By-Laws

From the Bylaws Committee

The By-laws Committee is proposing for adoption, the addition of two articles in the WSSA by-laws. The proposed additions will be voted on at the upcoming Winter Rendezvous in Omak, February 17th-20th, during the Association's business meeting. The proposed additions are: Article X - CONFLICT OF INTEREST and Article XI - CONFIDENTIALITY. The conflict of interest article has been recommended by our accountant firm and the confidentiality article relates to governance of the organization. The proposed additions read as follow:

ARTICLE X: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SECTION 1. Duty to Disclose - Whenever a board member has a financial or personal interest in any matter coming before the board of directors, the affected person shall: a) fully disclose the nature of the interest, and b) withdraw from discussion, lobbying, and voting on the matter.

SECTION 2. Determination Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists - Upon disclosure of the actual or possible conflict of interest, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon.

SECTION 3. Transactions - Any transaction or vote involving a potential conflict of interest shall be approved only when a majority of disinterested board members determine that it is fair and reasonable and in the best interest of the Association to do so.

SECTION 4. Payments - Payments to the interested board member shall be reasonable and shall not exceed fair market value.

SECTION 5. Violations - If the board has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member and opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.

If after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the board determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary or corrective action, up to and including a request for resignation.

SECTION 6. Record of Proceedings - The minutes of meetings at which such votes are taken shall contain:

- A. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present and the board or committees decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- B. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

SECTION 7. STATEMENT TO BE SIGNED UPON APPOINTMENT - Board members shall sign a statement in which the board member agrees to comply with the conflict of interest policy.

ARTICLE XI: CONFIDENTIALITY

SECTION 1. From time to time the Board as a whole may need to discuss sensitive issues where the discussion and information shared must stay within the confines of those participating in the Executive Session.

SECTION 2. An Executive Session may be called for the following reasons:

- A. Discussion with counsel relating to a matter that may or may not result in litigation.
- B. Discussion relating to the negotiation of a contract for the purchase or sale of goods, services, or real or personal property.
- C. Discussion regarding matters of payment or compensation.
- D. Discussion relating to the ethics or moral code of conduct of any member of the Board.

SECTION 3: Record of Executive Session - Minutes shall be taken during an executive session and distributed to the persons involved in the Executive Session. Any vote taken during executive session that results in the commitment of funds shall be recorded and made available for inspection by any member of the Board, upon request.

The Executive Session is normally run by the President; however, if the President's action or conduct is at question, the Board shall elect another member of the Board to serve as Chairperson of the Executive Session.

SECTION 4: Persons who have been charged with an infraction will be provided specific written notice of the alleged infraction and will be afforded an opportunity to defend or explain their action.

SECTION 5: APPLICATION OF POLICY - The Confidentiality Policy shall apply to all members of the Board and others who participate in an Executive Session.

Upon appointment to the board, all members shall sign a statement which affirms that they agree to comply with the confidentiality policy.

SECTION 6: Sharing of specific information or proceedings of an Executive Session with other than a person who has standing shall be deemed to be a breach of the Confidentiality Policy and may result in actions ranging from a reprimand or probation to removal of the violator by a majority vote of the Board.



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State Parks Update

By Pamela McConkey,

State Parks Winter Recreation Program Manager

2016 Spokane Winter Knights Snow Show

What a great show the Spokane Winter Knights put on for 2016! If you didn't go, you should definitely put it on your calendar for 2017.

State Parks had a booth at the show and had the opportunity to see familiar faces and meet new people throughout the day. Much of the day was spent educating people on how the Snowmobile Program works, where the funding comes from and how the money is spent. Another highlight to the day was handing out our new program activity book along with colored pencils to children. This activity book has puzzles, word search, dot-to-dot and cool snowflake mazes that take Matilda and Blake (our snowshoe hare mascots) to an awaiting warming hut.

The Spokane Winter Knights Snow Show was a GREAT success, well attended and well put together. The Winter Knights dedicate a tremendous amount of time, effort and coordination into putting this show together; great job Winter Knights! I would also like to do a shout out to the ladies and gentlemen in the kitchen! These folks served up a great lunch for vendors and those 'working the show'. Plenty of good food, and always greeted with a warm smile and "what can I get you". Thanks to all in the kitchen!

I also want to send a special thanks to all the volunteers who spent countless hours putting the show together, checking in the volunteers and exhibitors, supplying food and beverages to the exhibitors and show workers.

Safe Rider Certification

Unfortunately, we did not have enough interest in the Safe Rider training class during the Spokane Snow Show, so we had to cancel. BUT, don't be discouraged, the Winter Knights will gladly offer the class again sometime in December if there is enough interest. We'll offer it again next year with a new twist. We will be modifying the class for ages 12 and up. The Chelan County Deputies have agreed modifying the class for a broader age group is not only easy to do but will also provide training to folks just entering the sport, maybe just getting back into the sport or even those that would like a refresher on being a safe snowmobiler. The class runs from 9am to 3pm with videos, demonstrations, and a workbook to follow along. Children 12 to 16 must be signed in and out of the classroom by a parent or guardian and bring their sack lunch; we'll provide the water and snacks throughout the day.

The next class will be offered in December in the Wenatchee area. Call your Winter Recreation Program staff for more details at (360) 902-8684. This is a highly regarded and mandated training for youth 12 to 16 years of age. Through a partnership with the Chelan County Sheriff's Department, we have two of the top rated instructors in the State. Sergeant Kent Sisson and Deputy Rich Magnusson are great instructors and make learning fun for the children. There is no cost for the training; all you need to do is sign them up, bring them and their sack lunch and pick them up at the end of the day. Mark your calendars and get your children their Safe Rider Certification!

Current Snowmobile Registration Status:

Check the included graph to see how this season is comparing to the past couple. Please register your machines.

Snowmobile Registrations					
	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY 16-17 Difference
July	190	166	149	145	(4)
August	1,298	1,142	531	676	145
September	4,145	3,546	2,968	3,145	177
October	3,093	2,544	1,662	2,139	477
November	3,868	2,870	3,129		
December	5,724	6,656	11,575		
January	2,727	2,741	3,528		
February	2,864	381	1,164		
March	612	68	298		
April	105	42	82		
May	39	22	32		
June	24	23	30		
Total:	24,689	20,201	25,148	6,105	795

Riding in Mount Spokane State Park?

That's great! Just remember: Do not ride over the top of buildings (Cooks Woodshed) – these structures are historic, have had countless hours of work done to restore them, and are made of wood. The weight of the snow is more than enough – your snowmobile can and will cause damage to the shake roofing and could result in us losing this area to ride!

If you see someone riding over the top of buildings or using them as a jump, politely educate them to the fact their actions could cause us to lose more riding on Mount Spokane!

2015 wild fires may impact your riding area – Know before you go!

The wild fires of 2015 have wreaked havoc on thousands of acres in our state and may have negative impacts on some of our riding areas for the 2016/2017 winter season. Winter Recreation Program staff is working with the U.S. Forest Service and other landowners to determine what areas may be closed for this winter season while danger trees are dealt with and infrastructures are determined safe. Please check our website and look at the map of the area you want to ride before you go. We will update maps and indicate all temporary closures and newly opened temporary routes for the season. If you have questions about a particular area, please give us a call or call the local snowmobile club. If you see area closed signs, take them seriously; not only is it illegal to go into these areas, but dangerous, that's why they are being closed.

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Satellite Communicators

One of the things I love the most about snowmobiling is it takes me away from every day life and away from civilization! This is also the thing that makes our time in the backcountry potentially very dangerous! Most of the places I ride in Washington State take me out of cellular phone service areas that can make it nearly impossible to be able to communicate with the outside world if I were to have an emergency. Sometimes, I simply want to let my wife, Edythe, know that I am running a little late. The good news is we now have a few consumer products that allow us to communicate with the outside world via satellite communication. There are two satellite communication products I have personally used so far and will discuss today. Below is some basic info I was able to capture from each company's website and a little bit of my own experiences with these products.



SPOT Gen 3 Messenger

The SPOT Satellite GPS Messenger is a product that works very well here in the U.S. and Canada. With this messenger you create an account on www.findmespot.com and once this account is established you are able to set up the four different predetermined messages for each button on the device.

Here is what each button is used for in the exact words found on the www.findmespot.com website.

- **SOS:** Use this function in the event of a life threatening or other critical emergency to notify emergency services of your GPS location and you need assistance. The GEOS International Emergency Response Center alerts the appropriate agencies worldwide – for example contacting 911 responders in North America and 112 responders in Europe.
- **Help:** In the event of a non-life threatening emergency, you can use this function to notify your personal contacts you need assistance. Additional SPOT Assist services can be purchased and programmed to your Help button as well. When activated with SPOT Assist, the Help button will notify professional services on the land. SPOT has partnered with national service providers to offer non-life threatening assistance.
- **Check-in/OK:** This feature allows you to let your friends and family know all is OK with a pre-programmed message along with your GPS location. With a push of a button a message is sent via e-mail or SMS to up to 10 pre-determined contacts and your waypoint is stored in your SPOT account for later reference. Your stored waypoints can be easily integrated into a SPOT Shared Page or SPOT Adventure account.
- **Custom Message:** This feature allows you to let your friends and family now receive a custom message along with your GPS location with a push of a button. Use this feature as a secondary okay message or transfer your personal help alert to this message function if you are using a SPOT Assist service on your Help button. SOS = An emergency.
- **Service Fees for SPOT:** \$149.99 per year or \$14.99 per month including unlimited regular and SOS messaging with basic tracking along with social media posts and Spot Adventure social networking. Additional services like unlimited tracking can also be added for additional fees.



Delorme inReach SE/Explorer

Delorme inReach SE/Explorer is a product that adds even more levels of customization and usability by allowing two-way custom text messaging on the fly. Instead of being limited to predetermined messages that are required to be a onesize fits all, you can share exactly what you need to communicate and can receive confirmation responses from your contacts. If you step up to the Explorer model you get some additional GPS/Navigation features that work in connection, via Bluetooth, on your cell phone. Similar to

the SPOT devices you can also create an account on line at www.inreachdelorme.com to review your routes and tracks.

Here is some additional data directly from www.inreachdelorme.com:

- Trigger an SOS, receive a delivery confirmation and communicate back and forth with our 24/7 search and rescue monitoring center.
- Send and receive up to 160-character text messages with GPS coordinates to cell numbers or e-mail addresses worldwide.
- Delivery confirmation for all text messages and SOS signals.
- Track your trip with adjustable tracking intervals and share your location, including GPS coordinates, course, elevation and speed.
- Pair with mobile devices using our Earthmate app to make communication with family and friends even easier and to access downloadable topographic maps and U.S. NOAA charts. Plus, inReach Explorer users have access to powerful navigation features.

- Service fees for inReach: Range from \$11.95 per month to \$99.95 per month for services ranging from a basic limited usage service up to a completely unlimited service plan. You can sign up for annual plan contracts or 'Freedom Plans' that offer month-to-month service flexibility.

Comparison overview:

- Both products will allow you to send an emergency signal out to search and rescue.
- Both products will allow various tracking features that can be reviewed online.
- SPOT products allow you send predetermined messages to up to 10 contacts.
- InReach allows for custom text messages to an unlimited amount of contacts.
- InReach provides message 'sent' confirmations and allows for others to send messages to you back.
- InReach allows you to send messages to other inReach users in the field.
- InReach Explorer allows basic GPS functionality with expanded functions if connected to your mobile phone Earthmate App via Bluetooth.

Which one did I choose?

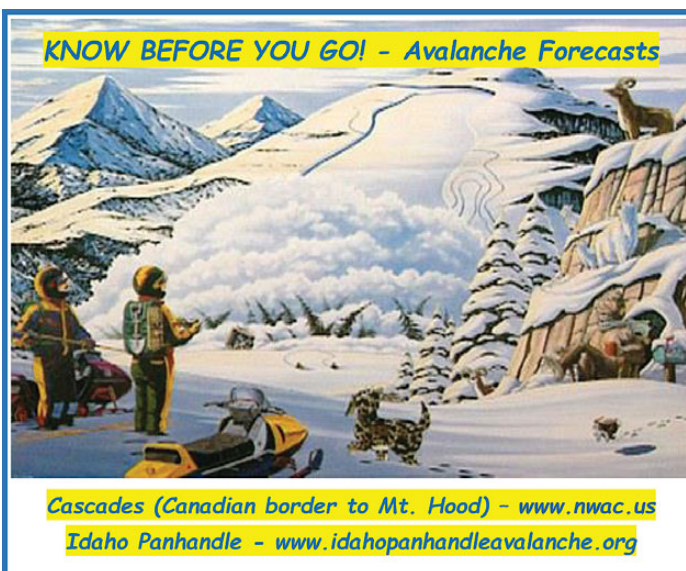
Both of these products worked very well for me within their intended designs. For me personally I ended up purchasing an inReach Explorer model because of the ability to send and receive custom text messages. If and when I am ever in an emergency where I need somebody to come and rescue me, I love having the piece of mind of knowing exactly what is happening with two-way communications.

Have a satellite communicator story?

If you have a story of how a satellite communicator made a difference in your life I would love to hear your story. Please send me an e-mail at wasafety101@gmail.com and we may share your story online for others to learn from.

Sharing my passion!

(Editor's note: SPOT Messenger Gen 3 is on sale for \$75 [normally \$149.99] through December 31st at many major retailers such as Cabela's. In addition, a \$9.99 annual or \$.99 a month 'Network Maintenance Fee' has been added on top of the regular service plan of \$149.99 a year/\$14.99 a month. Delorme inReach SE lists for \$299.95 on the Delorme website and \$224.89 on Amazon. [The Explorer model lists for \$379.95 and \$284.89 respectively.]



Yellowstone Winter Use Update

Yellowstone opens to snowmobiles on December 15th with non-commercially guided access - Adaptive Management practices for motorized winter recreation in use

By Jack Welch, Vice President, Sharetrails.org/BRC, (303) 489-9477

On December 15th, the gates will open to another season of snowmobile access to Yellowstone National Park. This access will be regulated by the Final Regulation to implement the Record of Decision (ROD).

According to the Park Service, the ROD provides a framework for more effectively managed access for snowmobiles and snowcoaches in Yellowstone National Park while minimizing impacts on visitors, air and sound quality, and wildlife. The final regulation will guide management of winter use in the Park and will implement the preferred alternative in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

This 2016/2017 Winter Season the Park will permit up to 110 'transportation events' daily, initially defined as one snowcoach or a group of up to 10 snowmobiles, averaging seven snowmobiles per group per season. Up to 50 transportation events may be groups of snowmobiles. Management by transportation events is an impact-centric approach designed to minimize the impact of over-snow vehicles (OSVs) on air quality, soundscapes, and wildlife rather than focusing solely on the number of ve-



Jack Welch guiding as a "non-commercial guide" in Yellowstone in 2015.

hicles allowed in the Park. Under this approach as many as 500 snowmobiles could be allowed in the Park per day this winter.

In addition, another important part of the Final Regulation is four transportation events per day (one per gate) would be reserved for non-commercially guided snowmobile access. Please note: A lottery was held in September based on requests entered into the www.recreation.gov website during September. This lottery determined initial non-commercially guided access to the Park this winter. Please remember any dates not allocated by the lottery for non-commercially guided groups will be available in November.

Note, the next phase of the Yellowstone Winter Use Plan is in process, which is the development of the framework for 'Adaptive Management of the Winter Use Plan'. The final Adaptive Management Plan should be released from the Park Service before the end of 2017.

For additional information on Yellowstone Winter Use Plan, please visit the BlueRibbon dedicated website of www.saveyellowstonepark.com.



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WSSA Awards submission deadline is January 31st! WSSA wants to honor those who make significant contributions to organized snowmobiling in our state. If you know a deserving person/couple/club/club president/dealer/groomer, submit them! Click on the 'Awards' tab on the WSSA website at www.wssa.us. Winners announced Saturday night during the WSSA Winter Rendezvous on President's Day weekend.

Cool things happening on the grooming front! At the last WSSA meeting, Pamela McConkey, our State Parks Winter Recreation Program Manager, updated us on the status of current and future trail grooming contracts. The most interesting news is the requirement for GPS tracking. GPS tracking offers a couple of benefits. First and most importantly is the ability to monitor and verify grooming and ensure the contractor is meeting contract obligations. I know several groomers around the state and don't question the honesty and integrity of any of them; but that is today, who's to say we won't have an issue with new groomer operators in the future. These are taxpayer dollars being spent on grooming and we have to be able to ensure we are getting our money's worth. Just common sense, right? What is more exciting though is the future ability to have near real time, and eventually real time, grooming updates available to snowmobilers. The goal is for snowmobilers to be able to log on to the State Parks website and see the routes mapped that were recently groomed, and eventually, hopefully, see it as it happens. The first step is getting GPS tracking requirements in the contracts and this is being done as contracts come up for renewal; several were renewed for this season, so the requirement is written into those. More contracts expire after this season, so the replacements will have the GPS requirement next season. This is a work in progress, so we hope to see some tests done this season and maybe we'll see some info posted on the website this winter. If not, just know it is coming!

Spreading the gospel... As I was checking my Google Alerts for snowmobile-related stuff, a story about snowmobiling on Snoqualmie Pass popped up. Upon clicking, I saw it was the Cascade Drift Skippers who had taken a somewhat apprehensive news reporter out late last winter. Wow, great publicity for snowmobilers in Washington! You'll want to read it and you can find it here: www.seattletimes.com/life/outdoors/jumping-on-a-snowmobile-to-confront-my-inner-fears



This Polaris Switchback could be yours for a \$20 raffle ticket purchase from the Pink Ribbon Riders.

confront-my-inner-fears

Who doesn't like a good snowmobile raffle? The Pink Ribbon Riders (PRR) have teamed up again with Polaris and are raffling off a 2017 600 Switchback Pro-S. Call this the PRR Limited Edition model! Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased online (with a \$4 processing fee) here: www.pinkribbonriders.com/wp/2017-snowmobile-affle-fundraiser-r

If you aren't aware of PRR, they are a non-profit group providing financial assistance to both men and women diagnosed with breast cancer. PRR hosts snowmobile and many other events as fundraisers. They are a small volunteer based organization; you can find out more about them at www.pinkribbonriders.com.

Craigslist is a problem... I'll tell you straight up I'm broke. Well,

maybe broke is pushing it, but my slush fund for motorized toys is pretty empty at the moment. But that doesn't mean I don't scan Craigslist daily. This time of year... actually every time of the year... I'm looking at the ATV/UTV/Snow category. I start in Yakima, then check the Tri-Cities, Wenatchee and East Oregon sites. If I haven't been distracted by other things at this point, I may do a selective search of Spokane and Seattle, and sometimes Portland. I see a lot of overpriced and/or junk machines in the listings. Of course there are some fair deals and bargains too. What am I looking for? Mostly classic snowmobiles; I'd really like to find a nice clean Ski-Doo PRS chassis sled. I once owned an 87 MX LT and would like to own another with that hood design. I also find myself looking for older muscle sleds like Yamaha V-Max 750/800s and Arctic Cat Wildcats. Anything out of the ordinary too like Mantas, Elites and Alpines, and then more traditional brands like John Deere and Scorpion that faded away. I've also been watching the price of Yamaha 4-strokes fall to bargain levels and thought a RX-1 would make a great trail sled for those times when I just want to cover some miles exploring new trail systems. And finally, I'm always looking for a steal of a deal on a 3-place enclosed trailer; this one has proven to be a bit elusive! What do I do when I find something that catches my eye? Lately I just drool a little and then move along. If something truly extraordinary pops up... I guess I'll just have to beg my forgiving wife and see if she'll let me borrow from the general fund... I'm sure many of you spend way too much time on Craigslist too. What motorized treasures are you looking for and/or have purchased? If you have an interesting Craigslist story regarding snowmobiles, let me know and maybe I'll share it here in the Snoflyer.



Man dies in snowmobile accident... in Antarctica. Gordon Hamilton, a University of Maine professor and researcher, died in a field accident while conducting research in Antarctica. He was working as a physical glaciologist on White Island in the Ross Archipelago, an area where he had conducted research for several seasons. His snowmobile hit a crevasse and he was killed in a 100-foot fall. That's tough.

I mentioned last month... the passing of Dick Coppock. Several members representing WSSA attended his funeral and brought a beautiful arrangement of flowers with a small snowmobile attached. Bonnie Coppock, Dick's wife, sent WSSA a thank-you note which included the following info: Dick was buried in his WSSA T-shirt and his snowmobile jacket adorned with meaningful patches. He also wore his Thirsty Dog lanyard, all of which he had previously planned. Dick truly supported organized snowmobiling and as mentioned will be sorely missed.

Facebook and Twitter? Facebook 'likes' are over 1,890! We are on Twitter at @wssaustool!

Snoflyer or website comments? Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have a concern or question with the Snoflyer, WSSA website or our Facebook site. Send an e-mail to snoflyer@wssa.us or call (509) 697-6062.

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Washington Tractor	PO BOX 1098	Okanogan	WA	98840		877-422-3030
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