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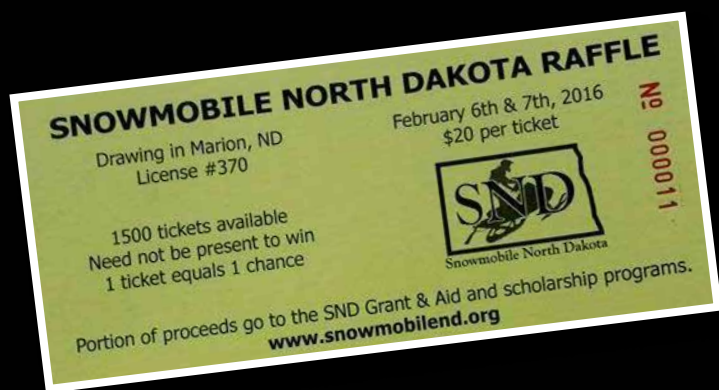
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# Board Messages



Good day to everyone! I'm hoping this finds you all happy and waist deep in well deserved snow. It's definitely our turn!

It has been a busy fall as Tari and I settle into our new positions, attend meetings and prepare for the snow. We are excited for the upcoming season and the opportunity to work with all of the members and volunteers across the state. I must say I am enjoying my new position as the director of SND and look forward to a successful snowmobile season. Along with Tari as the office manager, we are well equipped to tackle any challenges put before us.

By the time this is published, I'm sure all of you will already be done signing the trails. I hope all went well and everyone had a chance to enjoy the comradery gained from working together and the sense of pride earned from reaching your goal. Remember, your hard work does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated.

You all know your trails very well but someone on them for the first time has no idea of what is coming up on the trail. For this reason, I hope everyone remembered to sign it like you've never been there before.

I truly believe us snowmobile enthusiasts are perpetual optimists as we prepare the trails for the coming year. We have no way of knowing what the big snow maker has in the plan for us, but you all just do it, with the expectations of a great snow season. For this dedication, I am grateful. It is a pleasure to work with you.

I encourage you all to urge a friend or acquaintance to join your local club and become a part of the fun by getting involved. See you on the snow!

*Todd Thronson*





# Board Messages



**President**

Hi everyone,

So far, how is your winter going? I wish it would snow. The dense fog is getting old. So what happened to the old wise tale, when you have fog you count out 90 days and then there will be snow or rain, instead we keep getting fog. Well our luck has to change sometime, so keep doing your snow dances!

The SND office has been very busy preparing for the snow year and getting ready for the convention. This year there will be a new president. I can't believe it already has been three years, since I have been president. Boy does time fly. I can't wait to work with the next president and the old and new board members that will be joining our team. It will be great to hear their ideas so SND can grow. We have received word that the RTP program will not be touched at the next legislative session. This is great news for SND and NDP&R.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact myself Todd, Tari or myself.

I hope to see you at the convention, if you can't make then see you on the trail.

*President Laura Forbes*



**Vice President**

Hello fellow snowmobilers!

Atari & I just got back from the Saskatchewan Snow Show in Saskatoon, SK. It was about 600 mile drive (one way) for me, a little less from Bismarck.

I have attended a few shows as a snowmobiler and a few with SND. This was quite a show. I am not sure how many total vendors there were, but the 4 manufacturers were there, along with clothing, avy gear, helmets, and anything else remotely associated with snowmobiling. There

were a number of clubs and vacation destinations with booths as well as aftermarket products such as the Timberland kit to convert your motorcycle into a snow bike. It was quite impressive. Approximately 20,000 people go through there the 3 days of the show. While it is quite a distance from ND, there seems to be a fair amount of interest in Canadians bringing their sleds down here. It is also good for SND to make contacts in the industry. Thank you Chris, Leah, Jenn, and Debbie with Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association!

The Roughriders have set up a vendor show for us at convention along with some celebrity guests. Make sure you come join in the fun in Bismarck! Farming should be wrapped up and can't use the deer hunting excuse. Let's make this a great convention. Bring the kids! Your 10 & 11 year olds can take the safety class on Saturday. Get them ready to ride. See you in Bismarck!

*Sheri Hoffmann*





# Board Messages



**Office  
Manager**

As I am writing this article there is no snow on the ground, but I am hoping that by the time this article comes out there is lots of snow on the ground!!

I just finished sending letters to the media companies in North Dakota and having them switch from the OHV public safety announcements to the snowmobile public safety announcements! If anyone knows anyone who would air the announcements please have them contact me and I will get the information over to them right away!

While I am on the subject of safety, safety classes are under way. Please visit ND Parks & Rec's website ([www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov)) for a list of classes. If you don't see one in your area and are interested in hosting a class please contact on the safety line, 701-328-5389, and we will get a class going. Remember kids 10 and 11 are now permitted to operate on public lands & trails provided they are under parental/guardian supervision and have completed the approved safety course and received a snowmobile safety certificate.

*Tari*

## A great partnership for the snowmobiling community



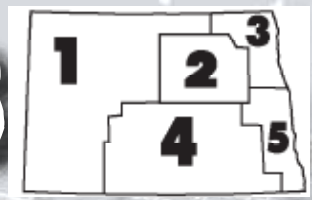
### Working hard to support the snowmobiling community

- Keeping trails open and developing new trails
- Supporting trail grooming
- Initiating and supporting lawsuits that threaten access
- Encouraging snowmobiler participation in clubs and associations
- Promoting snowmobiling as a family activity
- Providing safety awareness and education through the Safe Riders! program





# **Region Reports**



## **Dale Deibert- Region 1**

Dale Deibert reporting from Snowmobile North Dakota, Region 1 from Surrey, ND.

First off I would like to welcome Todd Thronson as Snowmobile North Dakota's new Executive Director. Todd has been involved with SND for many years as the Trail & Equipment Inspector and Chair of the Equipment Committee. So he knows the SND program well and will do a good job for SND.

Tari Norby will be the Office Manager and also Editor for the Sno-Dak News. She has been with SND for many years as an office assistant and working with the Sno-Dak News.

Keri Wanner and her husband Corey have started their own business working with snowmobile mountain riding schools and marketing. We wish them well in their new adventure. You both will be missed but hope to still see you both on the trails and at SND functions.

SND is having their annual fund raising raffle again this year. We have 1,500 tickets available and selling for \$20 each. The raffle is giving away 20 guns this year. The SND directors and club members will be selling the tickets or you can call the SND office at 701-328-5389 to get your tickets. The raffle will be drawn February 6th and 7th at the State Ride in Marion, ND.

I attended a meeting in Bottineau on October 23rd for a new club starting in the Bottineau area. There were 15 members in attendance. They are very excited about getting a new family club started in the area. Dave Vad from Johnson Sport Center is helping the club get started and organized. The new members had a trail clearing day on November 1st with help of other club members. There were 15 men, women and kids that came and cleared the trail of logs and brush. They got the NW trail open west of Lake Metigoshe. It has not been open for many years. They met again on November 8th with 20 members and elected officers and directors. The club has scheduled additional meetings and trail clearing days for the next few weeks of November and December.

The 2015 Legislature passed a bill allowing 10 and 11 year olds to ride snowmobiles on the trails. In past years you had to be 12 years old or older to ride snowmobile with a safety certificate. So now 10 and 11 year olds can ride after passing a safety class and in the presence of a parent/guardian. To host a safety course please contact Tari at 701-328-5348.

I would like to thank the SND office for getting the Annual SND Convention put together. A very special thanks to the Rough Rider Snowmobile Association of Bismarck for the involvement in hosting the convention, thanks again.

Snowmobile registrations are due again for the next 2 years, the registration costs \$50 for 2 years. A very cheap price to ride snowmobiles in ND. The non-resident pass is \$25 for the season.

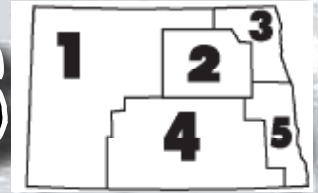
We are looking for clubs and/or associations to host the 2016 & 2017 conventions. Also, the 2017 State Ride. Please contact the office 701-328-5389 if interested.

I know I got a little long, but wanted to get out the new and important information.

Dale



# Region Reports



## Jesse Fritz Region 2

Hello again from Region 2! Have you ridden your sled yet? Do you have any trips planned for the year? Hopefully some of you can answer yes to one of those questions. It's early November and tomorrows high approaches 60 they claim. BOOOOOOOO!! I swear I'm relocating to some hole in the wall Rocky Mountain town if this mild, dry weather continues. We have a decal on our mini z that says "pray for snow". I believe we all need to pray for snow!! See you on the trail.

Congrats to all the "of the year" award winners and a special shout out to the Tyler Dosch Family and Joannie Bruggeman for their accomplishments.

Jesse

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### 1on1 Interview with Joel Lochthowe of Sport Specialties

*Sno-Dak News took the opportunity to chat one on one with Joel Lochthowe with Sport Specialties, a new Yamaha dealer in Minot North Dakota.*

**Sno-Dak News (SDN):** Can you tell us about your company and how it came to be?

**Joel Lochthowe (JL):** After 16 years in the industry, as a technician for multiple brands, I (along with some pleading from others) decided to start my own parts and service store and after 6 months was contacted by Yamaha and was accepted as a dealer in December 2014!

**SDN:** What products do you sell?

**JL:** We are a full line dealer including: motorcycles, ATV's, side by sides, snowmobiles, generators, pressure washers and water pumps.

**SDN:** How many employees do you have and what are some of their backgrounds?

**JL:** We currently have 8 employees! All of them are active in snowmobiling. 5 are active motorcycle riding and 3 are active in dirt bike racing.

**SDN:** What brands and products do you service?

**JL:** We service all major brands.

**SDN:** Do you ride or do your employees ride? If so what were some of your first snowmobiles?

**JL:** My first snowmobile was a '69 Panther. I rode and raced Cats throughout the 80's. Then I switched to Yamaha and have been riding them ever since.

**SDN:** Do you take trade-ins? If so what is the market like for used products.

**JL:** Yes, but the market has been slow lately.

**SDN:** Does Sport Specialties install aftermarket performance parts and if so, what type of mods do you do?

**JL:** We only do what the customer requests.





# one on one interviews

**SDN:** What type of special services does Sport Specialties offer?

**JL:** Tune-up Specials, Accessory Installation, etc. All the way up to full overhauling engines.

**SDN:** Do you plan on offering any kind of rental program? If so, what type of rentals will you offer?

**JL:** We do not offer any kind of rental program.

**SDN:** Are any of your employees involved in the local snowmobile clubs or Snowmobile North Dakota?

**JL:** Yes! We have 2 employees that are involved in the local snowmobile clubs.

**SDN:** What do you think the ratio of buyers for mountain type sleds to more traditional sleds is in your market?

**JL:** I would say the market right now is probably 50/50.

**SDN:** Are there any big events planned for Sport Specialties?

**JL:** We are currently trying to arrange a demo days when it snows!

**SDN:** What are some of the communities in your market area?

**JL:** Minot, Mohall, Lansford, Carpio, Stanley, Max, Garrison, Velva, Sawyer and Towner.

**SDN:** What are your hours of operation and where are you located?

**JL:** Monday – Friday: 9 am – 6 pm & Saturday: 9 am – 3 pm. Address: 111 45th Ave NE – Minot, ND (East side of Hwy 83, just off 83 Bypass intersection).

**SDN:** What would you recommend to someone looking for a good snowmobile for this area as well as some moderate mountain riding?

**JL:** I would recommend a SR Viper 137 or 141 Models.

**SDN:** Can you give us a few reasons an outdoor enthusiast should become a customer of Sport Specialties?

**JL:** We are dedicated to our service and parts department. We are loyal and honest to work with. As the saying goes "The customer is always Right!"

**SDN:** How can customers get in contact with Sport Specialties to find more out about the products and services you offer?

**JL:** You can visit us on our website: [www.sportsspecialtiesminot.com](http://www.sportsspecialtiesminot.com) or stop by and see us at 111 45th Ave NE – Minot, ND 58703. Or give us a call at 701-852-6092!

Sno-Dak News would like to thank you for your time and for sharing the details of your new dealership. Good Luck to You!



# 2016 SKI-DOO X-TEAM SNOCROSS SEMINAR IN AURORA, MN



Valcourt, QC October 23, 2015, The Ski-Doo race department will host a seminar to familiarize racers with the updated 2016 MXZx 600RS snowmobile in Aurora, Minnesota on November 21st, 2015. The event is scheduled in advance of the ISOC season opening race in Duluth, Minnesota.

The seminar will focus on snocross set ups for the rider's sleds and include coaching and tips from Ski Doo Factory Personnel and Pro race teams. Advance registration is required. Optional Track Time is available at a discounted rate of \$100 for 2 days at the nearby Planet X (Ski Doo Racers ONLY).

Riders can participate in either the Classroom Seminar, Optional Track Time, or take advantage of discount rates and do both. After three hours of classroom discussion, riders and crews will be able to test their newfound knowledge and work with experts to increase their podium finishes.

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 21, 2015

**WHERE:** Aurora Community Center, 15 West 1st Ave. North, Aurora, MN 55705

**COST:** \$25 per person (includes Race Manual, handouts & hot lunch)

**½ price track time** (\$100 for 2 days, Saturday (21st) & Sunday (22nd) only)

**WHO:** Ski Doo Sno X Racers

**TIME:** Check in 8-9 a.m. Seminar 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**MATERIAL DISCUSSED:**

- 2016 MXZx 600 RS
- pDrive & TEAM Clutch adjustments
- KYB Pro 40 Shocks
- Suspension adjustments
- Fuel
- Ordering parts
- Race Manual
- ISR Rules

For Registration Forms and additional information, contact: [tom.lawrence@brp.com](mailto:tom.lawrence@brp.com) For more information on Ski-Doo snowmobiles visit [www.ski-doo.com](http://www.ski-doo.com), or the On Track blog site for racing specific information

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# 2015 SKIDOO X TEAM SNOCROSS SEMINAR

**November 21, 2015**

**Aurora Community Center  
15 West 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. North  
Aurora MN. 55705**

**Check In: 8-9 a.m.  
Session: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

## **LOCAL HOTEL INFORMATION:**

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**Ray's Sport & Cycle: (218) 326-9355  
20890 US Hwy 169 S. Grand Rapids MN. 55744**

The seminar will focus on snocross set ups for the rider's sleds and include coaching and tips from Ski Doo Factory Personnel and Pro race teams. **Pre-registration is required by deadline date.**

### **Material to be discussed:**

- 2016 MXZx 600 RS
- P Drive & TEAM Clutch adjustments
- KYB Pro 40 Shocks
- Suspension adjustments
- Fuel
- Ordering parts
- ISR Rules
- Race Manual

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Cost of the schools is \$25 USD per person and includes, hot lunch, 2016 Ski-Doo X-Team Race Manual, and various handouts.

Mail your registration to the address below. Include payment, (cash, personal or business check - **NO CREDIT CARDS**), and registration form. **DO NOT MAIL TO COMMUNITY CENTER OR PLANET X.** No faxed registration forms will be accepted. Seating is limited and spaces will be filled in the order the registration/payment is received – return your registration promptly.

**At Check In you will receive, Race Manual, meal ticket, Wrist Band (Track Time), hand outs and other information**

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# **ARCTIC CAT SUPPORTS ONTARIO AND QUEBEC TRAIL SYSTEMS**

## **Buy a new Arctic Cat Snowmobile in November and get a free Quebec trail pass**

**Plymouth, Minn. (November 2, 2015)** – To show the support of Arctic Cat Dealers, the OFSC in Ontario and the FCMQ in Quebec, Arctic Cat gave their customers a free trail permit with every 2012-2015 Arctic Cat Snowmobile purchased during the month of October in Ontario and Quebec.

Arctic Cat will extend the free trail pass through the month of November (Quebec Only). For every 2012-2015 Arctic Cat snowmobile retailed (Excluding 120's, Race, Rental, Government and Special Services Models) during this promotion period, Arctic Cat will issue a refund to the consumer for the amount of \$310 for the cost of a Quebec Snowmobile Trail Permit.

Each consumer would complete a form given to them from their dealer and include a copy of proof of purchase of the Quebec Snowmobile Trail Permit, copy of the Arctic Cat snowmobile warranty registration and mail it directly to Arctic Cat. Once received, Arctic Cat will issue a check to the consumer for the cost of the Quebec Snowmobile Trail permit. This offer is limited to one Quebec Snowmobile Trail Permit per snowmobile. Buy your trail permit where you ride!





**MEDINA, Minn. (Oct. 21, 2015)** – Polaris® has partnered with ArcticFX Graphics®, the industry leader in snowmobile graphic wrap products, to offer Polaris snowmobilers the opportunity to create unique custom sled wraps using a new design app called SledWrapR®. Riders can design and order customized ArcticFX Graphics wraps for their Polaris snowmobiles by accessing the SledWrapR app through the Polaris Accessories page on Polaris.com.

SledWrapR is an interactive, user-friendly app that lets snowmobilers create one-of-a-kind custom wrap designs online using their home computers or a computer at a Polaris snowmobile dealership. This app makes it easy for riders to choose colors and graphics for the durable, adhesive-backed wraps that cover body panels of their favorite Polaris snowmobiles. It's free for riders to use the SledWrapR app and save custom designs online. Wraps vary in price based on design, once they submit their orders; the custom wraps will be produced and delivered in just days.

"We are excited about this partnership with ArcticFX Graphics and the custom opportunities it provides to Polaris riders," said Jill Theiss, Polaris Snowmobile Accessories Category Manager. "It strengthens our customers' experience by providing countless options for customizing their sleds, and implements a simplified ordering process for riders and our dealer network."

ArcticFX Graphics founder and owner Jordan Yankee said the SledWrapR app gives Polaris riders an unprecedented range of custom graphic options.

"Innovative designs, customer service, and fast delivery have always been the holy trinity of our sled wrap business, and we are so pleased to now have the opportunity to provide this through one of the leaders in the snowmobile sports arena," Yankee said. "This agreement to provide our services through our unique sled wrap design app, SledWrapR, has been carefully thought out. Now we are ready for the Polaris dealers to offer this level of customization to their own dedicated customers."

Polaris Accessories already partners with ArcticFX Graphics to offer a large selection of colorful and creative wraps for Polaris AXYS® and PRO-RIDE™ snowmobiles. Using the SledWrapR app accessible through the Polaris Accessories website, riders will be able to create wraps with the exact combination of colors and graphics that suits their personal style.





“In previous years we had only offered ArcticFX through the printed Polaris Accessories catalog. Now all current catalog designs are available online for customization with SledWrapR on Polaris.com,” said ArcticFX Marketing Director Bryan Flinker. “Our initial post-launch goal is to add all our previous years of Polaris printed catalog designs to SledWrapR as well as offer those same designs for past models to give the Polaris customer a wider range of options. We are especially excited that everything going forward will be digital so we can add new designs and special projects on the fly. Keep your radar pointed at the Polaris and ArcticFX partnership over the next year because we have big plans in store for Polaris fans!”

ArcticFX Graphics wraps feature premium materials, reliable adhesive backing, shapes and sizes that fit Polaris snowmobiles precisely, as well as durable, fade-resistant colors and graphics. Each wrap kit comes with an expert installation guide.

#### About Polaris

Polaris is a recognized leader in the powersports industry with annual 2014 sales of \$4.5 billion. Polaris designs, engineers, manufactures and markets innovative, high quality off-road consumer and military vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and the Polaris RANGER® and RZR® side-by-side vehicles, snowmobiles, motorcycles and on-road electric/hybrid powered vehicles.

Polaris is among the global sales leaders for both snowmobiles and off-road vehicles and has established a presence in the heavyweight cruiser and touring motorcycle market with the Victory® and Indian Motorcycle® and Slingshot® brands. Additionally, Polaris continues to invest in the global Work and Transportation vehicle industry with Global Electric Motorcars (GEM), Goupil Industrie SA, Aixam Mega S.A.S., and internally developed vehicles. Polaris enhances the riding experience with a complete line of Polaris Engineered Parts, Accessories and Apparel, Klim branded apparel and ORV accessories under the Kolpin®, Cycle Country® and Pro Armor® brands.

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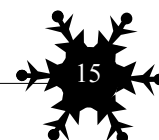
Information about the complete line of Polaris products, apparel and vehicle accessories are available from authorized Polaris dealers or anytime at [www.polaris.com](http://www.polaris.com).

#### About ArcticFX Graphics®

ArcticFX Graphics®, UTVFX Graphics, and MotoFX Graphics are graphic design production companies based in Washington, Michigan, USA. Customers can design their own graphics for snowmobiles, UTV, or dirtbikes using a specially developed application available on the websites [www.arcticfxgraphics.com](http://www.arcticfxgraphics.com), [www.motofxgraphics.com](http://www.motofxgraphics.com), and [www.utvfxgraphics.com](http://www.utvfxgraphics.com). All companies were created by owner Jordan Yankee, an avid powersports participant himself.

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# club News



## Magic City Drift Busters

It doesn't seem to take long after the holidays for a little cabin fever to kick in. So make plans to get out on Saturday, January 9th to join us for our club Fun Run. The run starts at 11 a.m. at the Hooterville Bar & Restaurant in Ruthville and will end at 5 p.m. at the same location, with festivities immediately following the run.

The route this year includes the trails to the following destinations north of Minot: Ruthville, Deering, Glenburn, and Lansford. Lansford was a new addition to our ride last year, featuring the new trails to Lansford. Each stop on the trails offers a little different small town flair along with something to warm you up.

So plan to join us, snow or no snow, for a good time with friends and

fellow snowmobile enthusiasts for some merriment, refreshments and maybe take home a door prize too.

If you are into old sleds, another great event in the works again this year is the 3rd Annual Vintage Show and Ride. The tentative date for this event will be either Sunday, February 28th or the following Sunday, March 6th. So whether you want to show your vintage sleds and snowmobile gear, or just enjoy the walk down memory lane, this is the event for you. Please keep an eye on our facebook page for more event updates. Last year's gathering had a record number of sleds shown, and Deering merchants had great food and refreshments available for attendees.

For anyone who is interested in checking out our club, our meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. the first Friday of each month from September to March. The clubhouse is north of Minot just east of Hwy. 83 on 86th avenue. A Steak Fry is held at 6:30 p.m. on the third Friday of the month. If there is snow and good weather, the third Friday of the month may be a ride night instead of the steak fry. If weather permits there are rides on Tuesday nights and on Sunday afternoons as well. Updates should also be posted on our facebook page: Magic City Drift Busters Snowmobile Club.

Jenn





# Tri-County Snow Dusters

Santa Day sponsored by Tri-County Snow Dusters. Sunday, December 13th at Dusty Roads in Brocket, ND. 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Special Guest "Santa" will be arriving about 4 p.m. Soup, chili and hot dogs provided. Horse drawn sleigh rides provided to young and old. Everyone welcome! For further information call 701-655-3691.

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Dr. Tim Juelson a Bone and Joint surgeon will give us a presentation on how to handle medical matters that may occur while snowmobiling. Amber Holt and Bret Rasmussen will each give a presentation on snowmobiling in the mountains and riding in general. Otherwise, there's the youth Snowmobile Class, Trail signing class, Grooming Class and of course the business meetings.

If the events don't keep you busy enough there's always talking to the vendors reps. about what they have to say about their products. Check out the complete schedule in this SnoDak. Think SNOW. See you soon.

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# North Dakota Parks & Recreation

Greetings from the Pembina Gorge.

May this edition find you all in good health. For the gorge it has been another fantastic summer season for trail riding. The highlight of my summer has been witnessing the increase of animal populations such as Ruffed Grouse, Whitetail Deer and Wild Turkeys. In one day I saw three different broods of Ruffed Grouse, pretty exciting.

I am sure all of you have been following the winter predictions for 2015/2016. With this "EL Nino" it should bring a pretty interesting winter season. I have read it will either be mild with above average precipitation, or very cold with below average precipitation. We will have to wait and see what Mother Nature will unleash. Hopefully, it will be a hefty amount of snow!!

Our department has made the shift for the year from OHV safety certification classes to Snowmobile safety certification classes. As I am sure you have all heard, the minimum age of snowmobile riders has been dropped from 12 to 10. If you have a child, or know of a child that wants to get certified, or want to schedule a class in your area, you can call (701) 328-5348 to get them signed up. To find out where the classes are scheduled, visit [www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov). The fee is \$20 and the classes typically run 4 hours with 3 hours of lecture and the rest of the time is spent testing. Any parent or child under 10 who is interested in just sitting in the classes are encouraged to come. Have a great winter and safe riding,



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