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Executive Alfector Todd Thronson

Howdy All! Hope this finds everyone healthy and waist deep in snow! As I write this, I've just returned from another run around the state checking trail signing. Again, as in previous years, the signing has been very good. All the hard work that goes in to signing, planning and maintaining the trails really shows. At this time we have a couple loops open in the Grafton area. Many areas need only one more snow event to be able to turn some tracks. Keeping our fingers crossed!

This year I am following an ever increasing presence of snowmobile clubs, county, provincial and state agencies on the internet. It is very interesting to see the different grooming equipment and the many ways everyone finds to get the job done. These organizations deal with the same things we do such as keeping club membership and landowner relations. These are a very common theme across the snow belt. It takes many parts to make

it all work and I have enjoyed networking and sharing with these organizations through Facebook and Twitter. I invite you all to venture out on the interweb to connect with our fellow snowmobilers and groomers. It can be very helpful and rewarding as well to share how we help the sport we love. Keep up the Snow Dance!!

Todd Thronson



Board Messa

Laura Forbes Vice President

Hi everyone, How has the winter been going for you? I would like to see some more snow, but we will take what Mother Nature gives us. Thank you for everyone that showed at the convention in Bismarck. First and foremost, thank you SND for hosting the convention. I know it is a busy time of year.

We had good discussions about the UTV's on snowmobile trails. The snowmobile members brought up good questions for the SND board and ND Parks & Recreation to research. We will be working on the impacts they have on snow, the social impacts and input from an attorney on land leases and land owners. As things develop we will keep you informed. The 2018 SND State Ride will be held in Edinburg ND on February 10th.

The 2018 SND Convention will be held in Minot ND on November 30th through December 1st. Ride safe on trails.

Laura Forbes





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Greetings from the Northeast!

With what seemed like promising а start to winter as the threat of snow around Halloween finally gave my kids some reality to the stories of creative costuming over snowsuits from

m y childhood, here we are in January already and the snow, much like the migrating birds, went south, both literally and figuratively. There is still time to turn it all around with a couple good snow events and with the fluctuating temps, it could very likely happen.

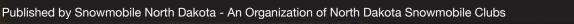
There has been a lot of discussion lately in the northeast part of the state regarding outdoor recreation and destination development. The goal is to create that unique experience that brings people to our regions for something they cannot get elsewhere. What makes North Dakota special between December 1st and April 1st, besides sometimes being the coldest place on the planet? The answer: 2800 miles of groomed snowmobile trails! The trails are great and they get people moving around the state but I think it's the connection of community between the clubs and associations who oversee the system and the welcoming spirit of the towns along those trails that

Orth Dakota Parks & Recreation

keep people coming back and make for that unique experience. In college, I spent a couple weeks in Costa Rica learning about tropical biology and touring throughout the country. I went white-water rafting, ziplining, sea kayaking and hiked some amazing trails, but when I think back to that trip, the first thing that comes to mind was a conversation I had with a server at a restaurant and the overwhelming pride he had in his job, his village and his country. It's the same sense of pride I've written about in the past as I speak with the pioneers of this trail system and hear about the accomplishments over the years. It must be contagious as I feel a sense of pride for your organization as I talk to the inquiring public about the extensive opportunities for snowmobiling in North Dakota. That opportunity exists because of the great work that is done each year by the people in the clubs around the state.

As always, I'd like to thank the volunteers who spend their valuable free time ensuring that the trail systems are up and running each year. It's that spirit of volunteerism and community that makes this program what it is. I look forward to seeing everyone in Edinburg for the State Snowmobile Ride.

Mike Duerre Park Manager Icelandic State Park



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Rough Riders Snowmoblie Club

Lack of snow is making for a boring winter compared to last winter, hopefully that will change soon. Even some of the places out west are lacking snow. The groomer operators are ready and the tucker is ready and so are our trails. We had a fun run on the calendar for this weekend but looks like a no go with the lack of snow. Be safe if traveling to the mountains and traveling home. One thing we did get done was our refresher training for our CERT members so let it snow a lot. Keep up the snow dances. Great to see other clubs getting training to help out in emergency situations good PR for the clubs also.

Don Schmidt Trail Coordinator

Dakota Trailblazers

Well the weather patterns sure have not been very good for snowmobiling thus far this winter. It has been very cold and very little snow around the Minot area.

The only activity the Dakota Trailblazers did have was a Fun Run on December 9th. There were 214 cards sold and this was below the normal amount.

The Dakota Trailblazers attended the Magic City Driftbusters Fun Run on January 6th. There was still not enough snow. Although five brave souls did ride the route. There were over 400 cards sold.

The Vintage Driftbuster will hold their 5th annual Vintage Snowmobile show in Deering on Sunday February 25th. It will be in memory of Joel Lochthowe who passed away on November 23, 2017 in Minot. Joel was a great fan of the sport.

The men's ride will be on February 23rd and 24th at Lake Metigoshe.

Bye for now and keep up the snow dance.

Dale Deibert President of Dakota Trailblazers



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The Economic Impact of Snowmobiling:

United States: \$26 Billion annually Canada: \$ 8 Billion annually Europe & Russia: \$ 5 Billion annually

Over 100,000 full time jobs are generated by the snowmobile industry in North America. Those jobs are involved in manufacturing, dealerships and tourism related businesses.

The average age of a snowmobiler is 44 years old.

The average snowmobiler rides their snowmobile 1175 miles / 1891 km per year in North America.

The average snowmobiler spends \$2,000 each year on snowmobile-related recreation.

47% of snowmobilers trailer their snowmobiles to ride. 53% snowmobile from their primary residence or have a vacation home where they keep and use their snowmobiles.

Snowmobilers are caring neighbors, they raised over \$3 million for charity annually.

There are 3000+ snowmobile clubs worldwide, involved in trail grooming, charity fund raising, & family activities.

There are over 42 registered non-profit associations representing snowmobilers in the US, Canada, Europe and Russia.

Snowmobiling is great exercise bringing people outdoors interacting with nature and each other. It is an invigorating sport, great for stress release and good mental health.

Snowmobiling is a great family lifestyle. It is an activity keeping parents and kids together. Historically individuals who snowmobile at a young age continue to snowmobile with their parents throughout their lives, sharing great experiences as a family. In many winter regions, snowmobiling is simply the main form of winter outdoor recreation and in some cases the main method of transportation available.

The use of snowmobiles in National Parks is regulated by federal Law Enforcement. Snowmobiling occurs on roads groomed and marked for snowmobiling, the same roadways used by recreational vehicles, cars, trucks and busses. Snowmobiles are NOT used as off road vehicles in National Parks such as Yellowstone, Rocky Mountain and Grand Teton.

On US National Forest Land, most of the trails used by snowmobiles are on groomed roads used by summer recreationists. There are also secondary and seasonal roads within the forests used by snowmobilers. These roads are groomed and marked by volunteers who work closely with the local U.S. Forest Service staff in maintaining and managing those areas.

The manufacturers have always been actively involved in promoting safe riding behavior while snowmobiling. Over one million safety related brochures and decals, and hundreds of thousands of posters and safety DVDs have been distributed free of charge to snowmobile enthusiasts throughout the world. Safety trainers, enforcement officers, Chambers of Commerce, etc. use safety materials provided by the manufacturers through the Safe Riders! You make snowmobiling safeTM safety campaign.

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Paula Berg Region 1

Greetings from Region 1

Thanks to Tari and Todd for a great convention in Bismarck. It was good to see everyone and hope to see you again at the State Ride in Edinburg. I seems like there is a little more snow out that way so hoping it will be a good ride.

As of early January we are still waiting for snow! People have been riding around the Turtle Mountains but with only 5-7 inches of snow there are not many sleds around. There is also very little snow cover in the Minot area.

Some fun facts:

According to the SnowGoer magazine the average snowmobiler rides 920 miles a year, is 43 years old and has an annual household income of \$65,000. Breakdown by gender is 75% male and 25% female.

There is a calorie calculator on www.fitday.com that figures out the calories you burn per hour while snowmobiling. Just enter your weight, height, age and gender. Let's just say that the 139 calories I burn does not come close to making up for all the snacking I do on the trail!

Hope you all are having a safe winter wherever you are finding snow to ride!

Randy Knain Region 2

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Years! Well, we are still waiting for the snow to come. The trails are ready, the sleds are ready, and most of all the riders are ready. We just got back from Island Park ID, and they have good snow. While we were out there playing in the powder, we were watching the weather back in North Dakota and reading our cell phones hoping the snow would get somewhere in the state and it did. Our system in Rugby still does not have enough snow on it to start grooming. The local riders have been out driving on the trail and trying to make a base in hopes of getting more snow.



Don't forget to mark your calendar for the state ride. It's coming fast and hopefully the snow is just a little faster to fill the voids in the state. Ride safe and enjoy the North Dakota trails.

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