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Executive Director Todd Thronson

Good day all! It's been a busy fall going it to the beginning of the snowmobile season. Some early season snows and cold temperatures have really raised the morale among our snow lover ranks. It is shaping up to be a good snow season at this point.

Region 1 Director Dale Deibert and I attended the Saskatchewan Snow Show in Saskatoon, SK, Canada the first weekend in November. This show is always very well attended by enthusiasts from across Saskatchewan. Manitoba and Alberta. All four manufacturers were there with all the new models and bling. Many dealers display products their at great discounts. There were also

many clubs and associations from across Canada showing off their area trails and attractions. Dale and I visited with countless snowmobilers and handed out information about our trail systems and trail program. Many knew of our trails and were interested in checking us out. The gate attendance count was up this year at 15,525 in attendance. It is truly an amazing show! In my daily interaction with people involved with the local clubs and associations across the state, as well as nationwide and Canada, there is always seems to be a common theme. All seem to have a core group that actually gets the trails signed and maintained. This core group in many areas is becoming increasingly weary of doing all the work. If you are available to assist in trail signing or maintaining the trail, please step forward and lend a hand. Even if it be for a few hours, every little bit helps. None of our trails are possible without our volunteers. A big thank you to all of you!

I am excited for the 2017-2018 season and looking forward to a big snow year. Hopefully we have a good freeze before the snow so we don't have the thin ice to deal with again. Again, as always, if any of you need information on how to organize and lead an official snow dance festival just contact us at SND! See you on the trails!

Todd Thronson



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Troy Klevgard President

Hello All,

It's a difficult task to sit down and write these articles so far in advance of when they are published. Hopefully when this edition is out, all the trails in the state have been opened up and we are having a fantastic snow year. If there isn't snow in your local area, chances are you have a trailer to go visit another trail system that does have snow. If you do go out to another trail system, in or out of our state, make sure to thank the local club for the work they have done to make your ride an enjoyable one. Our club has gotten feedback like this and it makes all the hard work worth the time.

I'd like to take this time to thank everyone throughout the state that has taken their time to volunteer. It's the volunteers that make SND successful. Whether you have put in 1 hour or many many hours, Thank you. Thank you for grubbing, signing, grooming, organizing events, submitting paperwork. I sat down the other day and though about some numbers. On the average mile, there are 7 signs that are put into the ground. Think of those numbers, if you take the 2,800 miles of trails x 7 signs per mile, almost 20,000 signs that have been put into the ground. Thank you! Just a reminder that the 2018 State ride is being held February 9th and 10th in Edinburg. Make your plans early and let's fill the trails!

It's not about the miles, it's about the Smiles.

Troy Klevgard.

Laura Forbes Vice President

Hi everyone,

It is the beginning of November and the temperatures are starting to drop. I hope everyone is getting their trails signed before we get too much snow. When you are signing a trail if you have a question on how to sign a section of your trail call your trail coordinator and if they are not available call the SND office. In Minot we have about one inch of snow lying on the ground and yes we took our old snowmobiles out and rode them around the yard. SNOWMOBILING FEVER!!! Don't forget to register for the **SND** Convention. It is very important you participate so we can hear your voice on the topics that have come up since the last convention.

One of the topics that will be discussed is UTV's with tracks on snowmobile trails. Please come to the convention so we can hear your voice.

Laura Forbes



North Dakota Parks & Recreation

Hello all,





Winter is finally upon us up here in the North East. We received our measurable first snowfall in early November. In fact, I was able to pull the sleds out and rode around for a few hours on November <u>7th. That's pretty</u> unbelievable considering last year around this time I remember getting a good sunburn.

Speaking of early winter, we are also having an early ice-fishing season. First and foremost there is no such thing as safe ice. 6+ inches of ice is needed for snowmobiling, but keep in mind just because one section of the lake has 6 inches, doesn't mean the rest of the lake has that ice thickness. It's very important to keep your head on a swivel and always watch your path of travel for dangerous ice conditions.

If any parent is interested in having their child certified in Snowmobile Safety, you can check out the ND Parks and Recreation website under the OHV/Snowmobile tab. Also, if any Club is interested in hosting a class, you can contact Tari Norby with Snowmobile ND at 701-328-5348.

Lastly, don't forget the State Snowmobile Convention will run from the evening of December 15th through the

16th at the Bismarck Ramada. Hope to see you all there.

As always, Ride Safe Ride Smart





Rough Riders Snowmoblie Club

Hi to everyone from Bismarck! As I'm writing this article it's snowing and I also received a call that our trail signs are all up. That's great! Let it Snow!!

We made a lot of new signs this year because of damage to old ones over the years. We had a great crew making and putting up the signs this year, which makes my job a whole lot easier. Thanks guys for all the help!

Swap meet went off without a hitch as well, as well as avalanche safety class held at Moritz Sport & Marine by Mike Duffy with Avalanche1. We have had a new number of new club members join our club this year which is good, some of us are getting old! Well let's hope for snow and a good and safe season. Thanks!

Don Schmidt





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Paula Berg Region 1

Greetings from the Turtle Mountains

As of early November it looks like we may be set up for a better grooming season than last year. Last year it snowed early before we had a hard freeze so that left us with some troublesome trail conditions. The last couple of weeks we have had below freezing temperatures which is good news for future trail conditions. It got cold a little early for me but it is that time of year. We have also had 3-4 inches of snow. The old timers say it is the third snow that stays on the ground but I think this year that might not be the case.

The association and clubs in our region have been meeting to set their agendas for the upcoming season. Trails are being signed, leases renewed, and soon it will be a waiting game until adequate snow falls. There are a lot of landowners with elk permits in the Turtle Mountains so some our trails will have to be grubbed and signed a bit later than normal.

Hope to see everyone in December at the convention.

Brent Haugen Region 5

Greetings from Region 5. This area around Fargo has had a few light snow falls already, but has been melting right away. I hope this is a sign for the season. This area has not seen significant snow the last few years. Most of the crops are harvested in this area with a few acres of corn left in the fields as I write this. Trail signing will start soon after. Our clubs and volunteers will put be out clearing and signing the trails. Volunteers are needed to make this happen. I encourage all members to get out and help with this task. Let's hope for snow this year, and have a safe riding season.



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