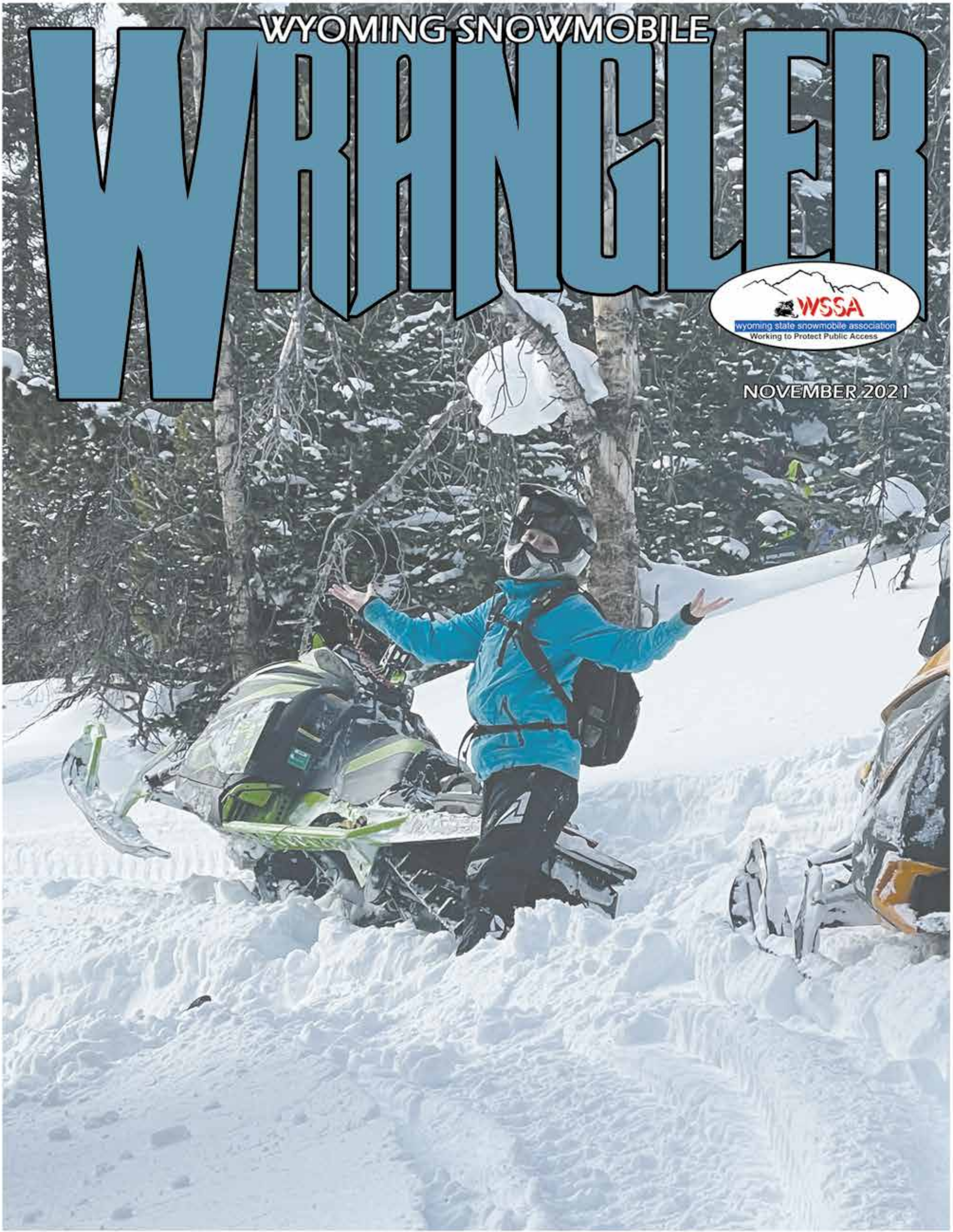


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WSSA President

BRENDA MILLER

By the time everyone reads this article the 30-comment period for the Shoshone National Forest Travel Plan Environmental Assessment will be over. I want to thank each one of you who took the time to attend the virtual meetings that were held on Nov. 2, 3 and 4. The Shoshone National Forest covers nearly 2.5 million acres in the state of Wyoming. There are four wilderness areas within the forest, protecting more than half of the managed land area from development. Of these 2.5 million acres in the forest approximately 580,000 is open to motorized recreation and most of that is snowmobiling. This still is not much of the forest considering what is set aside for the non-motorized community to have all to themselves. We must continue to fight for the access that we have. With that being said, I had sent the WSSA comment letter to each of the directors in Wyoming and asked them to spread the word to club members as well as our other snowmobiling friends that may or may not belong to clubs. Like I said, we can use all the help that we can get. I hope you all took time to write a comment letter as well.

Our comments to the Shoshone Forest were in support of their proposed Alternative #4 with a few minor suggestions that we hope they consider while they are working on their final plan. This has been a very long process, but we cannot give up, I believe there is a light at the end of the tunnel. This will be the beginning of the other forests in Wyoming to finish their travel plan if they have not already done so.

Please continue to be a good steward of our forest lands. We need to continue to work as a partner with the federal agencies, as well as any private landowners that manage the lands of our riding areas. We need to ask their permission to do work or help them do work. We do not want to be a community that asks for forgiveness instead of permission. Use your social media sites for good things.

Clubs work on the same STP (same two or if you are lucky, the same ten people) but we cannot give up on trying to get others to help. If we do that then we work ourselves into extinction. Don't give up hope. Something my husband says often is that you can catch more flies with honey than you can with vinegar.

I have been trying to get in touch with Mother Nature and it appears that she must be on an extended vacation. I hope she returns soon because I know that we NEED some snow in the mountains. She is way behind in this category. We gotta keep doing the snow dance. Something else we cannot give up on.

I hope all of you have a great Thanksgiving and get to spend time with family and/or friends. Until next time...

WSSA Vice President

JUSTIN MADDEN

It has been an extremely busy fall for me so far. When I was able to get away from work, I did get to represent WSSA at the Denver Snow Show in October. I met a lot of people and explained the benefits and the need for people to join a snowmobile club. We did quite a bit better than we have in the past as far as new memberships go. We got to network with some very good people in the industry. I got to attend several wood cuttings and picnics with the Snowy Range club this fall.

I am hoping for lots of snow to start the season off right.
Happy Thanksgiving!

WSSA Secretary/Treasurer

SUNNY MADDEN

Hello snow lovers! I hope you are all enjoying the chill in the air because I know I sure am!

I have WSSA Business and Associate member stickers. Please let me know how many you need and I will get them mailed out. I also have WSSA Raffle tickets! Same with those, let me know how many you need.

I would just like to emphasize how important it is for me to receive your membership info. Without a list of your new members each month prior to the Wrangler being mailed out, your new members will not receive the paper. They also will not receive emails from me with information about WSSA. Also, if you could please send a list of the membership to be electronically, that will speed up the process. In the past, I received a lot of handwritten membership info. I hope that we can save both you and me time by getting the information via email. I will be sending out an email with a blank copy of the Excel sheet I use. That way your club knows what info I need for each member. Even if the check is in the mail for the dues, but I have their info in an email, I will add your new members to the mailing list for the Wrangler. I also think electronic copies will help reduce my misinterpretation of hand written information. This will greatly help with email and mailing address errors causing members to not receive important information.

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and hopefully can get your first rides of the season in!

On The Cover



Chyauna Dodge, Youth Representative from the Riverton club.

Photo courtesy Kristy Eckley

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GEORGE PRYCH

Greetings Everyone! The Snowpokes are holding an avalanche awareness class on Dec. 3 and 4. This year, the class will be offered to Western Wyoming Community College students for credit as part of WWCC's Wilderness First Aid course. We look forward to future collaboration with WWCC. Avalanche awareness class every year is an essential part of preparing for the season, no matter how you enjoy recreating in the snow. Plans for Fun Days are under way. Take time to reflect and remember during the holiday season. May you have a peaceful holiday season.

Districts 6 and 10

TONY NISWENDER

Hello Fellow Sledders from the Southern Bighorns! Winter is slow to start this year. She gave us a test early on but turned back to fall.

Well, the clubs are starting up getting ready for winter fun. The Big Horn Snow Goers got the safety shelters set and stocked for the winter. They have their monthly meetings the second Thursday of the month at the Elks Club in Worland at 7 p.m.

The Powder River Sno-Buffs are still working on getting members. They are planning to take part in the parade of lights in Buffalo on Dec. 4. Their meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at Bozeman trail Steak house at 7 p.m. They have got a few younger people showing up. Hope they will feather the flame to help it grow.

The 307 Riders got their safety shelters stocked and ready for winter. They had their Grass drags this fall and had a fair turn out. They are setting up to do the Christmas parade of lights on Dec. 4 there in Gillette. They are planning a few club activities this winter. For the spring they have the Hill Cross races at Antelope Butte April 9! So, mark your calendar.

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Cody Country Snowmobile Association



Sweetwater Snowpokes

ANGELINA PRYICH

Here's a photo from the August fun run held in the Upper Green when the August date betrayed us with cold, wet conditions. Thanks to all who supplied photos for the first two Wranglers! Capture the outdoor time in photos and send them in to share with others. Thank you.



Photo submitted by Ryan

The boosted shaggin' wagon that provided course layout for Sweetwater Snowpokes August fun run!

BERT MILLER

As we get ready for the coming season, we are tightening up a few loose ends. The Cody club did our back trail cleanup which where our Trail A goes from the Pilot Creek parking area to the junction at highway 212 and highway 296. Every year we have trees that have blown over and need to be removed. This year things went every well we only had about 5 trees big and small to remove over the four-mile stretch.

The club also did our Highway clean up. We have an eight-mile stretch on the Beautiful Chief Joseph Scenic Highway we clean. This Highway is the highway up to our trails system and parking area. It was relatively clean with only about eight bags for trash. This was an enjoyable walk over the eight miles with 12 club members breaking down in teams of two made for a refreshing walk. The Safety Shelter has been moved onto the mountain and is ready to go.

Our club has also been working on the Shoshone Travel Management EA plan. We have had several meetings and attended the virtual meetings. We also had Casey McQuiston our Shoshone District ranger attend one of our meetings for a Q&A. The Shoshone Forest has approximately 2.5 million acres with only approximately 580,000 only open to the motorized community. We want to thank our club members for their help and input letters. Special thanks to Kim Raap with Trails Work Consulting for putting our thoughts and words into form. Nice Job Kim. Alternative 4 seems to be a reasonable fit so we will see down the road what the next steps will be when the Shoshone Forest comes out with Forest Service Travel Plan.

History will be coming to the Cody Country Snowmobiles Association: Our club was founded in 1968 and this coming year 2022 we will have a birthday of 54 years. Great to visit with some of the club members who helped start the club back in the day, look out for our Birthday of 55 in 2023!

The Cody Country Snowmobile Association will be hosting Avalanche Training Jan. 7 and 8 in Cody at the Holliday Inn. Friday the 7th will be the classroom evening and Saturday the 8th will be the field training day on the Beartooth mountains at the Safety Shelter. Friday night will start at 6:30 p.m. with a free sandwich bar for dinner. Saturday we will meet at 10 a.m. at the Safety Shelter with a free chili lunch served at noon. The training is for all who recreate in the snow and will be free to all those who attend. It is hosted by the Cody Country Snowmobile Association in participation with the Wyoming State Trails and the Park County Travel Council along with other local sponsors. Please make sure you save the date. The life you help save is somebodies loved one.

Come join us and have some fun!



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Rev It Up Girls

SUSAN JOHNSTON

Here is what Rev It Up Girls have been up to the last few months and our plans on some future projects.

Last summer we implemented the "Host an Event Program" in which a club member hosts an event in their area. Lyric Murphy started us off with a campout in the Wind River Range, and the dirt bike trails were super FUN. Can't wait to go back. Thank you Lyric. Janice Enos is hosting a winter event on Feb. 18 and 19 in the Gallatin Mountains of Montana to include a ladies basic mechanics class on steroids, ladies' skills days and a ladies club ride. I am super excited to be joining her event.

We have changed the name of the Sponsorship Program to "Women Off-Road Wish (W.O.W.) Program". Hopefully this will clear up any confusion of what our program means to us. Look at the end of this article for more information and how to nominate a rider.

Thank you for your continued support

2021 B.R.A.A.P Consignment Sale...



We had a successful Consignment Sale in Alpine on Oct. 22-23 with lots of great items for sale from you (the vendors). We made the decision in 2020 to cancel the sale do to Covid constrictions but decided to make it happen for 2021. Our hopes are to continue our annual consignment sale which allows us to get great, quality used, gear, parts and accessories to all motorized sports enthusiasts. This year, the 10% donation of each item sold went to Alpine Fire/EMS and to our non-profit W.O.W program.

Skills Day

Last winter we added a FREE "Skills Day" on Fridays from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in low consequence terrain to teach and practice mountain, snowmobiling skills. All the ladies with a bit more experience helped out the ladies with less experience with their powder turns, side hilling, j-hooks, donuts, popups and whatever else we could think of. This was so popular, needless to say, we will be bringing FREE "Skills Day" back for our 2021-22 winter season.

Our Box Y Lodge overnight in December was also canceled last year due to Covid and at this point it will not be available in December for this season. We are working on alternatives and will keep you informed on our progress.

We are working on making the Avy Savvy and Survival Day an annual event for the early season of December. More information and dates will be posted on Facebook, Website and Instagram (along with all our other events)

Winter Events

Nov. 19: Skills Day (snow dependent);
2022 Season Kick Off Club Meeting (locat-



tion: Mountainist "try on party")
Nov. 20: Club Ride (snow dependent)
Dec. 18: Skills Day; Club Meeting
Dec. 19: Club Ride
Jan. 14: Skills Day; Club Meeting
Jan. 15: Club Ride
Feb. 4: Skills Day; Club Meeting
Feb. 5: Club Ride
Feb. 18: Montana Ride – Skills Day; Evening mechanics class on steroids
Feb. 19: Montana Ride – Gallatin National Forest, 45 minutes north of west Yellowstone
Mar. 4-5: WSSA Fun Days, Rock Springs
Mar. 11: Skills Day; Club Meeting
Mar. 12: Club Ride

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Dubois Sno-Katters

CALLIE SLAGOWSKI

Thoughts from a Sno-Katters Treasurer
It's hard to believe it's been over 10 years since I bought my first snowmobile. At 17 years old, I started my riding journey borrowing my boyfriend's 1992 Polaris Indy 440 Sport. I still remember how intimidated I was even following one track in what seemed like endless powder. There were PLENTY of stuck fests, including a shallow pond and a track full of slush, tears, and frustrations, but most importantly, small triumphs.

By the end of the season, I was not much better at maneuvering the sled, but I was determined to improve. So, the following fall, I purchased my very first snowmobile, a 2011 Polaris 600 RMK. Over the years, my love of riding has only increased, and I still get so excited after a challenging ride, I struggle to sleep for days. I lay awake thinking of that one hill, creek or drainage that got the best of me and what I could have done differently. So that I know what to push myself on the next weekend.

I've certainly upgraded my sleds at a much quicker pace than my abilities and am now up to a 2016 Polaris 800 Axys. Much of the time, I get myself into places I have no business being. But it pushes me to be a better rider, and I have the best group of guys that put up with me, including my husband, Trent, who once lent me my first sled and took me on my first adventures, and my father-in-law, Jay, who's also been there for almost every ride. It's been such a rewarding hobby, in seeing the progress I've made as a rider in the last decade.

Looking ahead at the next decade, I'm preparing to enjoy the sport in a whole new way. January of 2020, I became a mother and though our whole

world changed, our love of snowmobiling remains. So, this season, I'm looking forward to a transition from long days stuck in the trees and creeks, coming back to the truck dog-tired but full of smiles and reliving the ride with each other all the way home. Instead, we'll start the morning loading the 120 Kitty-Cat, and spend short days in the meadows, roasting hot dogs. Carrying home a dog-tired toddler who's full of smiles (and some tears) who sleeps all the way home, her parents hoping she'll develop the same passion for the sport that they have. I've no doubt, I'll get even more enjoyment cherishing our adventures as a family.

Here's to a fun and safe season!
Cheers!



Riverton Sno-Goers

KRISTY ECKLEY

Hello my fellow snow lovers! I hope this finds everyone safe and well and that you all had a wonderful fun filled summer. This article will be short and sweet this time, maybe...or not! 😊 The Riverton Sno Goers did not have a whole lot of action over the summer. However, we did manage to get one great trip in as a club over the summer. We did our annual Wind River Canyon float trip in Thermopolis. We had some new families from Grand Junction Colorado and a couple all the way from Florida join us, and fun was had by all! Other than that, most of us have just been working our tails off in our usual jobs all summer, you know what they say, "you've got a pay to play!" So, we have been busy stocking our bank accounts so that we can play in that beautiful white gold all winter! 😊

Onto our current happenings. Our club is currently in the middle of a remodel, so to speak, but a lot of our progress was put on the back burner due to COVID. So now we are finally in full swing with our revamp. We have some very exciting updates coming up very soon, including designing a new club logo and creating a brand new interactive, Multi page website, which will have links to helpful other sites in the outdoor and snowmobile community, among other cool additions! We may have some other fabulous people joining us on our website, but that is a secret that you will have to wait for our unveiling to find out. 😊

We are also working on getting electronic payment up and going for our members to pay dues, and purchase club swag.

SPEAKING of SWAG, we are also in the process of designing and making a whole bunch of new swag, including hoodies, T-shirts, hats, coffee mugs, etc. which will be another way for us to raise funds towards our club, gifts and rewards for our paid members and supporters.

Once we have all of this made, it will be available for purchase through our website, email, or any of our club officers. Stay tuned, very soon, we roll out the red carpet and unveil our newest creation! We are very excited about our progress and hope it will help our club to thrive.

We also had a slight change of officers after our nominations and votes, at last month's meeting. Some officers of our club will remain the same, with Kristy Eckley staying our club president, and Bj Dodge being our vice president. The newest additions and nominations are, Dane Hermansky is now our treasurer and Chyauna Dodge is our new secretary and youth representative.

We are very proud and excited to have a new youth representative position for our club. She will be working hard to recruit more Fremont County youth to our club, teach our youth riding skills, and be an advocate in the community.

We have some returning events on our calendar this year, such as the Light Up Lander parade, in Lander, Dec. 4 and some new events including, A Family Day on the mountain, some avalanche training, and a couple of "ride in & cookout" days planned.

You can view our event calendar with all of our upcoming events, view our updates on the progress of our new club happenings, join our club, or reach any of us anytime on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SnoGoers/> click on the Files tab and you will find our meeting minutes, newsletters, and our RSG membership PDF.

Or email us at: rivertonsnogoers@gmail.com

If you would like to join us at our meetings, we are now meeting the 3rd Wednesday of every month, at our new meeting place: Bunks BBQ 201 E. Washington Ave. in Riverton. Our next meeting will be November 17, 6 p.m. for dinner and 7 p.m. for the meeting. All are welcome!

That's it for now. I hope to see you out there are playing in the Pow!



Big Horn Mtn. Snowmads



DOUG NELSON

Unbelievable...It's hard to believe another summer has slid by and it's time to start dusting off the snow equipment! But nature is telling us it must be coming soon already get a dusting of snow in the Big Horns! Also heard on the news that the Laramie's got some as well – woop hoop!! Hopefully starts to settle some of the fires around the country. I personally am from Western North Dakota and it's been terrible dry up here.

So, the Snowmads have been busy as beavers cutting and chopping wood for the winter at our safety shelter by Woodchuck last weekend. We used to always do it Halloween weekend but the last few years has been so much snow it's been miserable trying to get there. So, a huge thank you to all who planned and got it all done!

It is greatly appreciated especially by club members like me who can't make it for summer events. Sounds like they had plenty of help with 14 people and then had lunch afterwards at Elk View Lodge. Thanks Rick and Roberta and staff Is for continuing a great service up on the mountain!

Also, the Snowmads season schedule should be out soon and that also will be available on the Snowmads website on Facebook. We are also always looking for new members Look for that on the website as well on how to join. This is a great club with lots of good friends who make lots of memories And has made a great winter pastime. We work hard then play hard! Sometimes the playing exceeds the workflow! Well, I think I have blabbed long enough. Happy fall everyone. Let's get those machines out and get them cleaned up and start doing a snow dance!



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Top of the Rockies

ANDREA BURCHARD

We are thrilled to announce we've joined forces with our local American Legion Post and will be co-hosting Bingo twice a month through the winter. The Legion was short on help due to many of the members having health concerns and they asked the club if we could help. It's such a popular community event we jumped at the chance to assist. Our first big night was Oct. 29 and it was a huge success.

In preparation for the coming snowmobiling season we've been busy

getting our safety shelters ready to go. We treated the poles for the tipi with linseed oil and repaired a few tears in the canvas. It will be setup and open for business mid-December in its regular location at the top of the Squaw Creek Trail off Greys River Road.

A group of our awesome volunteers worked together recently to cut firewood for the winter safety shelter we place off Greys River Road at Murphy Creek. We estimate we've got enough firewood cut to last 2-3 years. Once the shelter is moved to its winter location we'll go back and stock it up!

For Halloween the club handed out candy at Alpine's Annual Trunk-or-Treat, seeing all the fun costumes is a "Treat" in and of itself!

We're busy planning our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, it's one of our favorite events of the year. Not only is the club providing a valuable service to the community, we get to spend the holiday with some of our favorite people – each other!

The dinner is free and anyone is welcome, we view it as a great way to bring the community together and kick off the holiday season.



Star Valley Snow-Skippers

MICKEY SUTTON

The Star Valley Snow-Skippers had their first meeting Monday night, Nov. 1. Everyone seemed excited just thinking about the new season. The creative juices were flowing as some members came up with the idea of having a club float in the upcoming Parade of Lights with notes attached to candy canes which will be handed out. The notes will have an email to go to so you can enter a drawing for some gift certificates. They are hoping to have a live Facebook event when they have the drawing.

The club is working on planning a Snow Days/Family Days for early February. We're hoping to have some fun races for all ages and to just have an enjoyable family event.

Our club is very fortunate to have quite a number of young people who generate a lot of enthusiasm but also take part in the planning and actual work.

We're working on partnering with the local Search & Rescue to put up some trail cameras in both the safety shelters that snowmobilers in our area access. Apparently there was some vandalism at both shelters last summer.

Our next meeting is planned for Mon., Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

