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WSSA President

BRENDA MILLER

Happy fall everyone! Congrats to all of you for all the hard work you are all doing. Cutting wood, clearing trail, and getting your safety shelters ready for the season. It has also been fun to see the other things that the clubs are doing to get into the swing of things like hosting bingo nights and planning for the season ahead.

The first weekend of November I attended the Wyoming State Trails Council meeting in Casper. If you have never attended one of these meetings, you should, there are great people on this council, and they do great work. The trails council consists of representatives for motorized users, non-motorized users, and multi-use users. There is also representation from the Federal Highway Administration, the BLM, and WY Dot. I want to thank both Bert Miller and Taylor Jones for sitting on this council. The council covers a lot of different topics including RTP funding and legislation that Wyoming legislators are working on. It is good to hear the updates from Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources, the Office of Outdoor Recreation and most importantly Wyoming State Trails. The State Trails crew is fully staffed now, and they are looking forward to a great snow season.

After the Trails Council meeting Bert Miller, Forrest Kamminga, Lettie Mensching and I joined the Casper

Snow Gypsies for their potluck dinner and Bingo. It was a fun surprise for their club and it was great to visit with everyone after the festivities.

I am hoping that you are all seeing the ACSA E-News and that you are sharing it on your social media as well as with your club members. There is great information in this newsletter each week. In a couple of the more recent ACSA E-News publications there was information on the Rock Springs BLM Resource Management Plan (RMP). This is not only being commented on by the Sweetwater Snowpokes, WSSA, Wyoming Legislators, but also at the Federal level. Senators Mike Lee and Mitt Romney from Utah have joined Wyoming Senators John Barrasso and Cynthia Lummis in condemning what they call an "outrageous" Bureau of Land Management proposal.

An effort led by Wyoming Republican Congresswoman Harriett Hageman to block the Bureau of Land Management's controversial Rock Springs Resource Management Plan gained traction Thursday when the U.S. House passed her amendment to that effect. The House passed the amendment offered by Hageman to the Interior Appropriations bill that prohibits the finalization of the draft Rock Springs Resource Management Plan, according to a press release from Hageman's office. In a statement, Hageman called the RMP "one of the largest land grabs we've ever seen."

Former BLM Director William Pendley, commented on the proposed management plan for the 3.6 million acres and said the plan "probably won't stand up

to court challenges because it's unconstitutional". He continued, "That's because it represents an attempt by the Biden administration to exercise authority over public land that only Congress has," he said. "Congress declares how this (BLM) land is to be used. And it's for multiple use, not preservation."

The BLM manages about 3.6 million acres out of the agency's Rock Springs Field Office, much of it in Sweetwater County. Their RMP designates 1.8 million acres of that as "areas of critical environmental concern." The BLM encourages the public to comment on the draft RMP during a public comment period that closes on Jan. 17, 2024. If you need additional information on writing substantial comments to the BLM please reach out and I can share information with you.

If what the BLM is proposing is successful, this will certainly set precedence for other Federal Land managers. Which will be detrimental to all users of public lands.

Keep an eye out for the upcoming Travel Management process to begin in the Bridger Teton some time soon. There is a new Forest Supervisor for the Shoshone Forest, hopefully he gets up to speed soon on the Winter Travel Management plan and we can get that wrapped up. Probably just in time to start all over again.

In closing, I hope all of you have a Happy Thanksgiving and that you have started making out your Christmas list. The holidays will be here and gone before we know it.

Looking forward to a GREAT snow season!

WSSA Vice President

JAY SLAGOWSKI

Happy thanksgiving everyone!

I hope you all have had a productive fall, weather you've been hunting, fishing or just getting in some end of summer play time. Most of us have seen the first signs of winter throughout the state, and if you're like me, the snow brings on a childlike excitement that we will be riding very soon.

As I read through last month's Wrangler, it was great to see all the clubs doing all kinds of things from safety shelter prep to community services projects and fund raisers. Keep up the good work as I think those activities and events send the strongest message as to what we're all about.

Currently here in Wyoming, there are a couple land management proposals that could have direct impacts on some of our winter motorized activities. The first being the Rock Springs BLM plan that if their preferred alternative is implemented will close a large portion of motorized roads and trails including winter motorized routes on the historic continental divide system. Comments originally were due on November 16th and The WSSA has submitted letters in opposition to all those proposed alternatives that exclude motorized recreation in the plan. The comment due date has since been extended to January 17th, so You still have time to review and comment on the proposed actions with this link. Scroll through the lefthand

tabs for more information then, click "Participate Now" to comment <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/13853/510>

Another proposed project for us to keep an eye on is by the Shoshone National Forest and is called the Green Union project. This project is located on the Wind River Ranger district above Dubois. It is a proposed vegetative treatment/timber project that for the most part, the WSSA is in support of but have commented with some concerns in identifying logging operations on our annual trail maps and maintaining groomed routes in conjunction with winter timber harvest operations as well as opposing some language to decommission some routes that may be a part of the approved continental divide system. We have asked the forest to work closely with Wyoming state trails and the local club to prevent unnecessary closures and conflicts in this historic and very popular riding area. Unlike the Rock Springs BLM, the Shoshone NF

has included the WSSA as a stake holder and partner in the planning process and we feel at least we have a seat at the table on this one.

If you have any additional questions or concerns about the Green Union project, you can contact: Jeff Von Kienast, Wind River District Ranger at jeff.vonkienast@usda.gov or 307-455-2466

The Shoshone NF has finally hired a permanent forest supervisor, so we may finally see some progress with their travel management plan that has been stalled for nearly a decade and we will keep you updated on the Bridger Tetons travel management progress as well.

In closing, I encourage you all to keep up the great work you are doing with your clubs.

Whether you have five or fifty on your rosters, what you do is important for your community and snowmobiling in Wyoming.

Always look ahead.



WSSA Scholarship

SHANNON GLANDT

Hello everyone!
The 2024 WSSA Scholarship rules, application and essay topic are now available. You can reach out to your Club or WSSA District Rep for details, find on the WSSA website, or feel free to contact me for details (shannonglandt@gmail.com).

There is an additional fun activity included with the scholarship this year for students to potentially win a \$100 gift card so don't miss out!

Last year the WSSA was excited to give away 9 scholarships ranging from \$500 - \$3,500, for a total of \$19,500. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our amazing clubs and club members for making this program such a huge success and for supporting our college students!

The WSSA Scholarship submission deadline is February 1, 2024, and winners will be announced at Fun Days in Dubois in March. See you all there!

2024 WSSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please submit all questions and completed forms to: Shannon Glandt – shannonglandt@gmail.com

The Wyoming State Snowmobile Association (WSSA) will again be offering scholarships to either graduating high school seniors or persons currently enrolled in college full time (12 semester credits), either physically or online. Scholarships will be given to the winners regardless of other grants or scholarships that the students may also receive.

Requirements are as follows:

1. The applicant or immediate family must be an active paying member of a club in the WSSA. That club must confirm the applicant or immediate family is in fact active. A letter of approval with a signature from the club President is required.

2. The applicant must submit the completed application form.

3. The applicant must submit a cover letter.

4. The applicant must submit a resume detailing his/her involvement in snowmobiling as well as extra-curricular activities.

5. The applicant must submit an essay (essay subject located on the application form). The essay MUST follow the format below to be accepted and should be sent in Word or Google Docs:

- a. **Minimum** of 2 pages – typed.
- b. Double-spaced.
- c. Font – Times New Roman.
- d. Font size – 12 point.
- e. Margins – set to 1 inch for all margins (top, bottom, left side, right side).
- f. Page numbers (if included) should be .5 inch from the top of the page (not within the 1" margin).
- g. A header (for example, the essay

question) can be added 1 inch from the top of the 1st page, and then enter a double space and begin your essay.

h. **Do NOT include your name, OR the name of your club, school, town, business, etc.**...anywhere within the essay. For example, you should use "my local club", "my high school", "my local riding area" and "my hometown", instead of actual names.

(NOTE: This information will be included within your application/resume/cover letter where applicable, just not within the essay).

- i. Do NOT use bold-faced type or other special settings.
- j. If work is cited, please add an additional 'work-cited' page at the end of the essay. This information will NOT be counted as part of the 2-page minimum.
- k. The essay must follow the essay topic or be disqualified.

6. Students are not allowed to use

any kind of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology such as ChatGPT to write the essay. We will be checking essays via an AI detecting App.

7. The applicable documents must be received by the WSSA Scholarship Chairman by **February 1, 2024**.

8. Any entry that does not meet ALL of these requirements will be disqualified. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Additional rules:

- 1. Students must use the scholarship within one year of receiving it.
- 2. All scholarship checks will be written directly to the college and not to the student – **no exceptions.**
- 3. The student ID#, college name and address to send the scholarship check to, needs to be provided to the WSSA Scholarship Chairman by August 1st of the current year OR within 30 days of enrollment.

WSSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2024

Applicant Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State / Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

State Association / Provincial Federation: _____

Member of which local Club(s)? _____

Graduated from what high school or GED equivalent? _____

Attending which college, technical or vocational institute? _____

If already enrolled in a program, what year are you in? _____

High School or Equivalent GPA: _____

If applicable, College, Technical or Vocational GPA: _____

- Have you attached a cover letter introducing yourself?
- Have you attached a resume detailing your involvement in snowmobiling as well as extra-curricular school activities?
- Have you attached an essay on the following subject (must be at least 2 pages, double-spaced and typed)?
- Have you attached a letter of approval with a signature from the club President verifying you or your immediate family is an active, paying member of the club?

Essays will be judged on depth of content, clarity, organization, and persuasiveness.

ESSAY TOPIC: How would you approach a land management agency (federal/state/private) when a trail system or riding area is threatened? Please use a current Travel Management Plan (Shoshone, Bridger-Teton, Bighorns, etc...) of your choice as a basis for your essay.

Your essay should describe the problems briefly and offer an organized, well-argued plan of attack.

You may want to consider one or more of the following:

- History of the system/area
- Condition of the system/area
- Ecosystems involved
- Other potential stakeholders
- Options to closure or restriction/solutions to problems

EXTRA, FUN ACTIVITY – this does NOT count towards your essay judging and is not required, but we hope you will enter a video! Create a 30-second video (TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, your phone, etc...) letting your peers know why they should join a snowmobile club. Make it fun and creative! The person who creates the best video will receive a \$100 Visa gift card.

*Disclaimer: providing this video allows the WSSA to use the video on our website and social media sites, as well as for various events.

On The Cover



The youngest member of the Dubois Snowkatters takes a break from helping the club get the safety shelters outfitted for the season.

courtesy photo

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District 9

GEORGE PRYICH

The comment period for the BLM Rock Springs RMP Draft Revision/Draft EIS was extended to January 17, 2024. In addition, an amendment to the Interior Appropriations bill that prohibits the finalization of the Draft RMP Revision/Draft EIS was passed in the U.S. House of Representatives. All users of public land must pay attention to this document. The document and a guide for filing comments are [available online](#).

Thank you, Taiden, for an excellent article about that extreme night in March! It's time for the pre-season check of your snowmobiles.

Check oil and gas levels, make sure belts are in good shape, replace spark plugs every year and make sure they are gapped correctly. Check the muffler and silencer assemblies for any broken springs. Inspect the track and adjust if needed. Make sure the ski runners are in good shape.

Check safety equipment: charge the Avy packs, check that shovels and probes are in good shape, and change batteries in all your avalanche beacons. Test the beacons and practice opening the probes.

Check the supplies you carry when riding. Restock as needed. Be prepared for any circumstance.

Being prepared is important (see Taiden's article in the October Wrangler)! Get it done well before riding time arrives! Take an avalanche preparedness and/or rescue class.

District 10

TONY NISWENDER

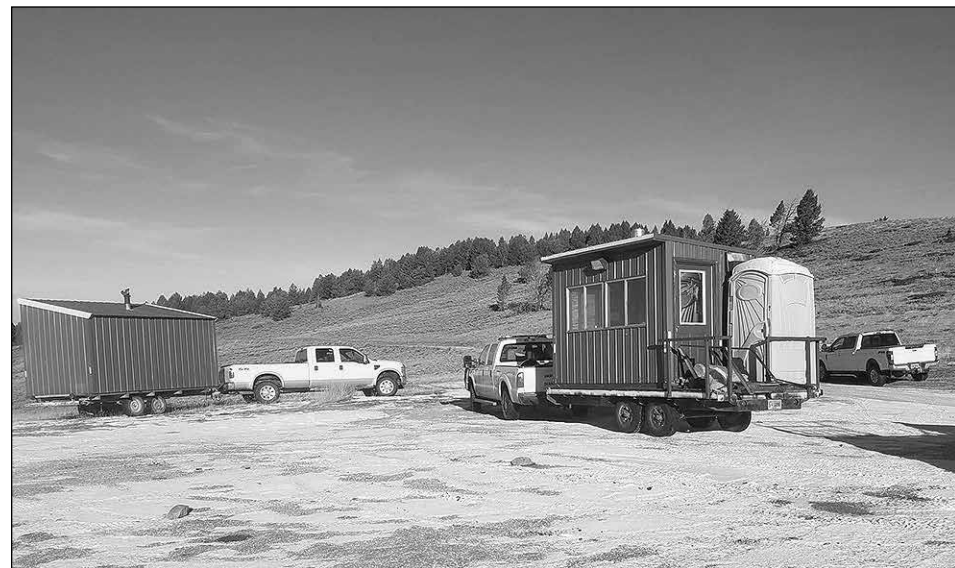
Good day Fellow sledders! Well, the season is just around the corner.

The clubs from the southern Big Horns are just getting fires up. They have had their first meetings of the year and are planning for the season to come. The Big Horn Sno Goers along with the Washakie Search and Rescue got the three safety shelters set and supplied up

for the start of the season.

Good news for the south Big Horns is that rumor has it that there may be new place to stay and or stop and have a beverage or food come the first of the year. Deer Haven was bought last spring and the new owners are working hard to get it back up and running again. They will also be doing the grooming out of the lodge. So, if you are in the area after the New year stop by and welcome the Wittlief family to the mountain!

Let's get the snow dance fired up and get that snow coming!





Casper Snow Gypsies

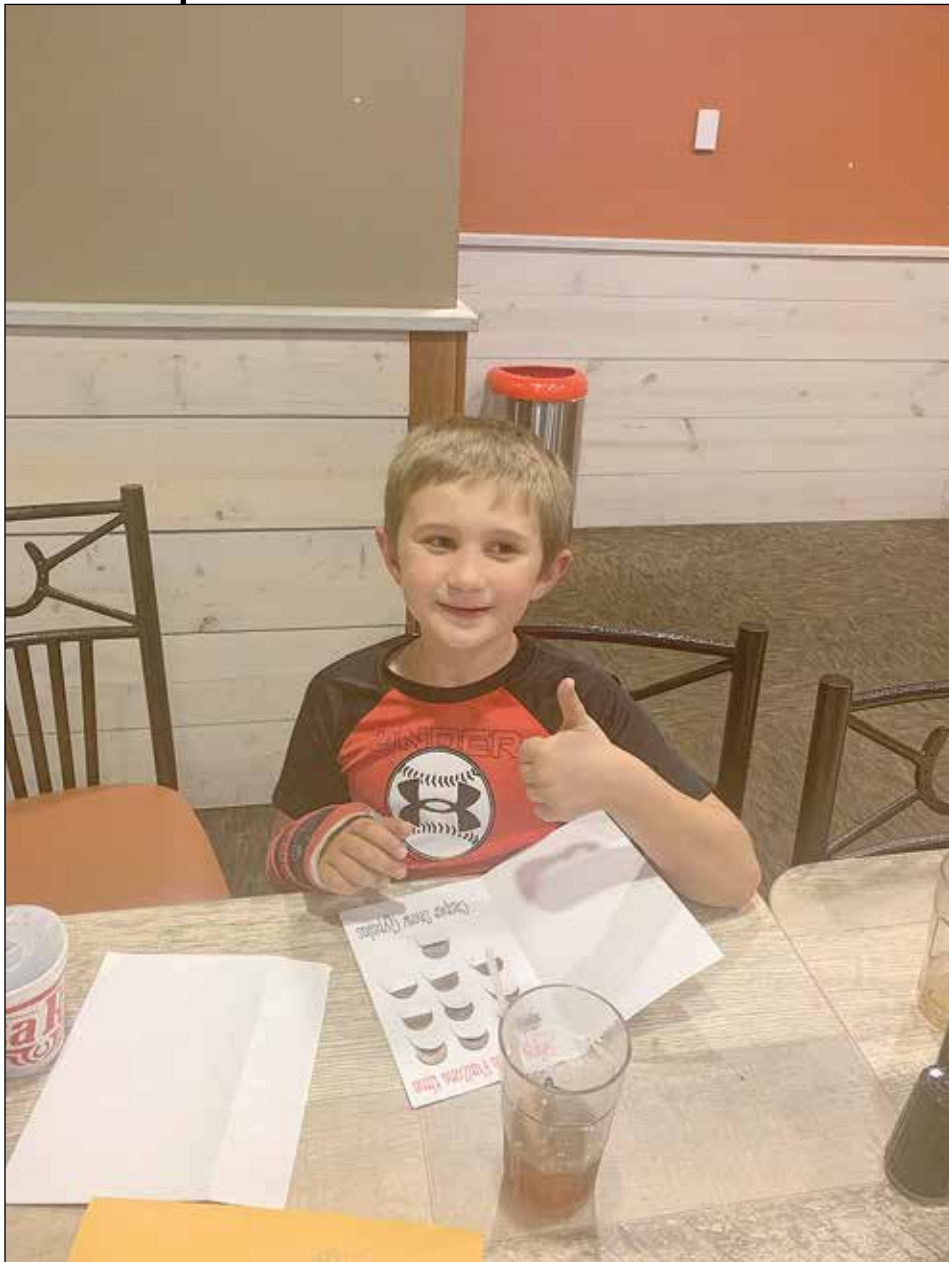
BECKY THORNE

Hello from Casper! We have been busy getting our 3 safety shelters cleaned and stocked with wood. We appreciate Mark and Heather for letting us cut wood from their property. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Thank you to Ollie, Lilly and Parker for getting their coloring books in for the September Youth challenge. its not too late for others to turn one in. October Youth challenge is Safety Posters!

Bingo Night was held on Nov. 3. This is always a great family night. Christmas Party date is yet to be determined. We are planning on participating in the Christmas Parade in November too.

Winter will be here soon! Get out and ride!



Lander Snowdrifters

JIM SPRIGGS

Hi Everyone,
 Lander had a very good turnout of about 19 people at our first meeting. We hope that this continues. The club believes that we need to get some special project going and we know that we have more riders out there needed to help support our snowmobiling privileges. We also have been discussing how to get the Riverton Snowgoers back going again.

Our fall road clean was completed on October 21. We had a great turn out and surprisingly little trash. We plan for safety shelter clean out and re-stocking with supplies next. Some progress on the Blucher Creek shelter has already been made. We are gearing up for the grooming season with a work session planned in December to go through our equipment.

We look forward to our next meeting and greatly appreciate our business and associate members for their continued support.

Til next time.





Top of the Rockies

CHERYL DICKERSON

B.I.N.G.O. It's all about Bingo. Bingo Season kicked off on October 6 in Alpine with our friends the American Legion Post 46 and American Legion Auxiliary Post 46. Bingo is the first and third Friday every month from October until April and it's the place to be! Not only is it a fun event for the community, it's also a terrific fundraiser and a way for our club to help out local people or causes and give back to the community. At the kick-off Bingo, the club donated proceeds from the 50/50 raffle to Veterans Suicide Prevention, a wonderful cause to help Veterans in a mental health crisis find support and resources.

Halloween Bingo is always an extra good time, as costumes are encouraged and prizes awarded in the Costume Contest. Halloween festivities continued at the Town of Alpine's Annual Halloween Trunk-or-Treat. We mixed it up this year by handing out movie theater popcorn made with our newly donated popcorn maker. It was a big hit and we learned we needed to make a lot more ahead of time to keep up with the demand. It was a good thing someone had a secret stash of candy to keep the trick or treaters happy while more popcorn was popping!

But it can't be all fun and games. With our firewood stashes dwindling, it was time to replenish our safety shelters with firewood. On a very cold Saturday morning, a wonderful turnout of club members gathered up the Greys River area to fell trees, split and stack firewood in two safety shelters. Thank you volunteers for your help and those in need of a warm fire this winter thank you as well. Bring on the snow!



Cody Country Snowmobile Association

BERT MILLER
DISTRICT 5 REP.

Hello all from the Cody Country. Looks like we all have been doing the same thing. Moving the safety shelters, repairing and stocking the shelters with wood. We did some trail cleaning this past month using the ORVs. We had a lot of fun since mother nature dropped 15 to 18" of fresh snow for us to ride through. The trail was relatively clear except for a few

good-sized trees that we needed to cut out of the trail. We started having club meetings in September and planning for the upcoming season. One of the big things will be Avalanche training this coming January. We are looking forward to the two-day event with SKI Doo Pass Grant and Park County Travel being two of our great sponsors. Of course, we have many more great sponsors to list as we get closer. At our December meeting we are looking forward to meeting the new Shoshone Forest Supervisor Ken Coffin.

Brenda and myself and a few others attended the Wyoming State Trails Council meeting in Casper Wyoming this November. This council works very hard on

outdoor recreation. Our meeting got started at 9 a.m. and we finished up at about 3 p.m. A lot of work gets done in short period of time working with issues and approving of grants. Great job to all the members and it was so nice to see all of you.

I did mention we were in Casper right! Well Brenda WSSA President, myself ACSA President, Forest Kamminga State Trails manager and Lettie Mensching paid a surprise visit to the Casper Snow Gypsies. Friday night was their club's BINGO night. We flew in under the radar and surprised a few folks.

Got ya Becky and Lou!! LOL. We had a wonderful time playing bingo and catching up with old friends. Plus, the potluck dinner was very good.



Your WSSA President Brenda Miller holding the new American Council of Snowmobiling Scholarship plaque with WSSA being the first state to start the fundraiser.

The Cody Club thought it was Presidents Day on their trail cleanup day – Cody's Club President Lynn Lamb, WSSA's President Brenda Miller and ACSA's President Bert Miller. What a beautiful day!

Moving that big tree off the trail, Bert and Lynn doing the cutting and Ed pulls the sections off with the side by side. Fun day had by all.

Dubois Sno-Katters

JOHN LEE

Greetings from Dubois, The Dubois Sno-Katters are in full swing on our membership drive. If you are reading this and have sent in your membership, thank you so much for your continued support! If you still need to do so, please send it soon. Our treasurer, Callie, has Venmo set up for your convenience.

The club members worked on our two safety shel-

ters to fill them full of wood and ready to be moved to their winter location. Jay also did some much-needed maintenance on one of the shelters. A big thanks to Jay for donating all the needed hardware. The oldest member of our club was present as well as the youngest member of our club. She enjoyed a bouncy ride in the sled after all the hard work was completed.

The big news of the year is Dubois will be hosting the WSSA Fun Days this year. We are all busy making plans and Fun Days will be spectacular.

You will want to get your registration in and join the fun! Friday night's Meet and Greet will be held at the world-famous Rustic Pine Bar and Tavern. Bunk's Barbeque is booked for the banquet Saturday night. James Bunker and his crew are from Riverton and do an outstanding job smoking meat and other sides. Our club is very excited to host Fun Days this year. We look forward to seeing everyone in Dubois the weekend of March 1-3! Until then, stay safe and here comes winter.



Rev It Up Girls

SUSAN JOHNSTON

WHAT WE WERE UP TO THIS SUMMER

In June, we hosted "Back It Up Girls" in Alpine, WY. We set up cones in an empty parking lot and all day girls practiced backing up their trailers. Having these skills, gives women more confidence heading to the trailhead and having the ability to park their rigs.

In August, we sponsored 2 events. Our annual "Family Friendly Water Weekend," and our 1st "Charity Fun Ride" in Alpine, Wyoming. We successfully raised 900 dollars. Proceeds of 500 dollars will go to the Afton Food bank and 400 dollars to our WOW Rider program.

Lastly, we had our First Annual Leadership Retreat this September in Thayne, Wyoming, for our new elected 2023-2024 Stewards, club officers and members at large. Our retreat was by invitation only. Our main focus, was growing our mission statement, discussing organizational tricks, tips and safety on our club events, creating other fun and interactive service projects, local youth program, our WOW Program, and various other fundraising ideas.

We are excited for this season, and we have official expanded outside Wyoming into Idaho and Montana. See our winter events below.

OUR 2023-2024 WINTER EVENTS

Last season we had such amazing snow, on our Montana, Idaho and Wyoming skills days and club rides, we are hoping for another fabulous winter.

November 17 Skills Building / Club Ride: Star Valley, WY (snow dependent)

November 18 Club Ride: Star Valley, WY. (snow dependent)

December 8-9 FREE AVY SAVVY & SURVIVAL PRACTICE DAY in: Etna, WY at the Star Valley Community Center (Registration)

December 15 Skills Building / Club Meeting: Star Valley, WY

December 16 GRINCH CLUB RIDE: Star Valley, WY.

January 5 Skill building and Club meeting. Star Valley, WY.

January 6-7 BOX Y OVERNIGHT club ride: Alpine, WY (Registration)

January 31-February 4 2nd ANNUAL 5-DAY RETREAT Afton, WY (Registration)

February 16. Skills Building / Club Meeting: West Yellowstone, MT

February 17 Club Ride**: West Yellowstone, MT

March 1-3 Wyoming State Snowmobile Association Fun: Dubois, WY(Registration)

March 8 Skills Building / Club Meeting: Star Valley, WY

March 9 CO-ED Club Ride: Star Valley, WY

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING ON A REV IT UP GIRLS WINTER SNOWMOBILE EVENT

Well maintained, functioning, mountain snowmobile or snow bike. Beacon (Aka transceiver). Avalanche Shovel and Probe. Radio (channels are 11.18 and 6.18). All applicable Snowmobile gear...If you need help with this, please let us know via email or text message. We have a gear closet, to help those in need. Lunch/Hydration/Snacks.

REV IT UP GIRLS CHECKLIST

PRIOR TO HEADING INTO BACKCOUNTRY:

- Check Avy and weather report Never ride alone.
- Always bring your safety equipment, even on short rides.
- Group check... all beacons and radios are working properly.
- Tell someone where you are going and expected return time.
- Always wear your tether (install one if your sled doesn't have one).
- Use hand signals on the trail.
- Wait at all turns for all party members.
- Avoid known Avy areas when possible.
- Cross Avy terrain one at a time.
- Don't park at the bottom of a potential avalanche hill.
- One at a time when playing on a hill.
- Don't help a stuck sled in Avy terrain.
- If someone is missing... go back to last known area.
- If you are lost...stay in one place.

WHAT TO WEAR IN YOUR PACK: Shovel (not plastic). Probe. Fire starter. Communication Radio. Flashlight (Headlamp). Compass. Paracord. Tape (Small bits: Gorilla and Electric. Not the entire roll.) GPS: SPOT or GARMIN or Map. Extra Batteries. Tissues. Hand and toe warmers. Emergency blanket. Saw. Signal flare (suck and seal). Emergency food lightweight (IE snacks, Teas, Hot Cocoa,



Soups, electrolytes packets, drink mixes). Metal container (bottle, cup, muffpot) to melt snow for water. Dry socks, beanie, gloves, packable down jacket.

WHAT TO PACK ON YOUR SNOWMOBILE or SNOW BIKE: Extra shovel. Medical kit. Snowmobile Tool Kit or Snow Bike Tool Kit. Bungees. Tow Rope or Para-cord. Tape (Gorilla and Electric, not the entire roll.). Fire starter. Food (Yummy hearty lunches) and Snacks. Hydration: IE Thermos/Plastic bottle. Hatchet or saw. Emergency blanket. Dry base layer, gloves, hat, balaclava and goggles (store in dry bag). Signal flares (suck and seal). Ultralight camping sleeping pad (packable).

MEDICAL KIT: Sam splint. Finger splint. Coban or tape. Ace wrap. Band-aids. Triangle bandage. Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Prescription drugs. Baby aspirin. Quick Clot.

SNOWMOBILE TOOL KIT: Spring puller. Exhaust Spring. Allen/TORX combo wrenches Socket Wrench... 8-17 mm. Wrench (combo box/open) 8 -17 mm. Small crescent wrench. Multipurpose tool (Leatherman). Wire cutters. Vise grip (small). Needle nose pliers. Zip ties... heavy duty, various sizes. Lock-tite or JB Weld stick. Relays for your sled. Spark plugs w/wrench. Extra clutch belt. Extra drive belt

(snowmobile dependent). Temporary starting rope. Tow strap.

OPTIONAL: Battery Booster (jump starting snowbikes) or charging gamins/spots, communication radios, phones etc. Muff pot (for those that are high altitude gourmet chefs). Gas siphon/Snow Bike Extra fuel.

We hope this checklist helps our new backcountry members and a reminder to all our seasoned riders to reset and repack before the winter starts.

Be Safe Out There and we Hope to see you on the mountain.



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Snowy Range Snowmobile Club

SUNNY MADDEN

Hello from Laramie! We've had a very busy fall with two wood cuttings, the Denver Snow Show and our first meeting for this season. Our club maintains the Nelson and Quealy safety shelters in the Snowy Range. The great part about being so close to the Colorado border is that we have many Colorado residents who are part of our club and who come help with wood cuttings and hut maintenance. Thank you to everyone who has helped out this season!

We have HUGE news for the Snowy Range this year!! State Trails was able to work with WYDOT and get permission for our club to place a safety shelter at Lake Marie! For anyone who has ridden across Libby Flats in a blizzard and you couldn't see the tips of the skis on your own sled, you will appreciate having a warm place to stop and get out of the wind. We think this shelter will be a great addition to the Snowy Range and be there in case of emergencies.

We cannot thank our amazing donors enough for helping us purchase a semi-trailer that we are currently transforming into a safety shelter. Also, thank you to State Trails and WYDOT for allowing this to happen. We will be working on the inside of the trailer to add benches, doors, windows, a stove and a walled off portion for firewood storage. Pictures to come next month!

If you would like to join our meetings, they are the 3rd Thursday of each month starting at 6:00pm at C3 Guiding in West Laramie. For those of you with kids going to school here in Laramie, please have them join us as well. We often have food and would love to have more youth members involved. We have a Zoom option for each of our meetings as well for those who aren't able to attend in person. Our Zoom Meeting link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81761499579>.

We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and hope you get some snow!!

Heather Tupper photos



**Deadline for the next
Wrangler will be Monday,
December 4**

Sweetwater Snowpokes

ANGELINA PRYCH

The club has new shirts and hats available. Although the club's logo has not changed, we like to have fun swag available for purchase at our Fun Runs. The cabin at Blind Bull has a fresh coat of stain. Thanks to all the volunteers for all you do. And thank you to all the folks who enjoy our fun run events. We'd also appreciate your support as members of the club. We plan to participate in the Rock Springs Winter lighted parade on December 2. We'll have a potluck dinner and a fun gift exchange at the December meeting.



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2023/2024

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- 120 stock - \$35 age 4-8
- 120 improved- \$35 age 10 and under
- 200 stock- \$45 age 14 and under
- 200 improved- \$45 age 14 and under

- 9:30 am sign-ups
- 10:00 am Riders Meeting
- Followed by warm up laps for each class. Race to start after. 2 heats of each class.



2023/2024

RACE SCHEDULE

- 12/9- Sagebrush Downs Cora, WY
- 1/13- Bondurant, WY **TBD**
- 1/27- Alpine, WY **TBD**
- 2/3- Sagebrush Downs Cora, WY
- 2/11- Pinedale Rodeo Grounds Pinedale, WY
- 3/9- Bondurant, WY **TBD**
- 4/13- Sagebrush Downs Cora, WY
- 4/27- Sublette County, WY **TBD**
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