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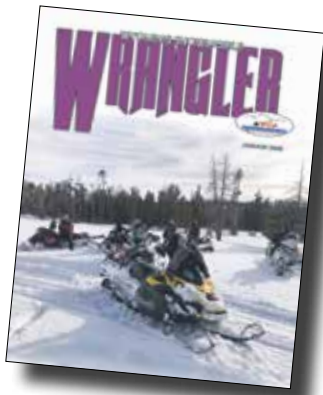


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# On The Cover



The Trail Crew.

Photo courtesy Lander Snowdrifters

# WSSA Vice President

JAY SLAGOWSKI

Happy New Year Fellow Snowmobilers!

It appears that mother nature has started cooperating in most of our mountain riding areas and we are finally getting the snow we've been praying for. I was able to get out and ride with the family over the holidays to begin "knocking off the rust" so to speak, and quickly realized just how out of riding shape I actually was. Just as things were feeling pretty good, the arm pump would set in and all the maneuvers that were taking place in my head, didn't always get executed as planned, but it still felt really good to be out on the snow again.

With all the new snow that has fallen, comes **considerable to High avalanche** danger that is currently the case in all of our forecasted areas above nine thousand feet, and probably won't be going away any time soon due to the old crappy base layers from late November and early December. Many of the avalanches observed have been remote-triggers witch makes it ever so important to pay attention while riding in and around slopes greater than 30 degrees and have good accountability for your group. Please remember to get the avalanche forecast for your riding zones when possible, have a plan and carry all of those safety and rescue tools with you when you ride.

Many of you have following news that the Rock Springs BLM Resource Management Plan (RMP) was recently approved by the Governor and a final record of decision was posted in the federal register. Most of the news was related to the pending sale of the states Kelly parcel to Grand Teton National Park once the RMP was accepted by the Governor. The state of Wyoming recently sold the Kelly Parcel to GTNP for one hundred million dollars, with provisions for the state to buy federal lands in the Powder River Basin for oil and gas development. But in the back pages of the plan was a significant and historical part for snowmobilers and fortunately for us, the final alternative did finally address and include the southern portions of the Continental Divide Snowmobile trail system established decades ago. We are grateful to all of you who commented and lobbied on behalf of snowmobilers and the winter trails program. Unfortunately the plan will have much more negative impact to many of the summer motorized roads and trails throughout the management area, with new conservation restrictions and wildlife protection measures many traditional areas and routes will no longer be open to motorized use. We will now be focusing on the Bridger Teton Forest plan revision and the Shoshone National Forest Travel management plans to make sure our riding areas and opportunities are there for the next generation.

In closing, don't forget to check out the recent updates Sunny and Holly have been posting on the WSSA web-site and Facebook page and remember if your clubs have announcements or information regarding functions or events, you can contact me or Brenda using the directory info in the Wrangler. I hope all of you have a chance to get out on the snow in the coming weeks. Take a kid, a friend or someone who hasn't ridden before on your next ride. It's important and fun to share our passions with others and hopefully bring new riders to our sport.

Always look ahead.



(1/2/2025)  
 These avalanches occurred across north and south aspects at middle and upper elevations at Togwotee. Every recent avalanche has failed on weak snow near the base of the snowpack (~8-10 inches up from the ground)  
 Photo: Bridger-Teton Avalanche Center

(1/2/2025)  
 These avalanches were remotely triggered above riders lower a E/NE facing slope. The snowpack at Togwotee remains very weak and shallow and should be regarded cautiously every time change (more snow, more wind, warmer temperatures) occurs.  
 Photo: Bridger-Teton Avalanche Center

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# WSSA President

**BRENDA MILLER**

Happy New Year WSSA members!

Fun Days is just around the corner and will be here before we know it. Are you registered? If not be sure to check out the information on the WSSA website <https://snowmobilewyoming.org/fun-days-2025/#!event-list>. There is also information with their schedule of events on the WSSA website.

For the members that are in college (or trade school) or returning to college, I hope you all got information on the WSSA and ACSA (American Council of Snowmobile Associations) scholarship opportunities. The scholarship applications for both scholarships are due Feb. 1, remember to follow all of the rules so that your essay does not get disqualified. I hope we get some great essays to read!

Hopefully you are thinking about your club members that you would like to nominate for the WSSA awards as well as nominations for the Wyoming State Trails awards. These are due on Feb. 1 as well.

I know that there are a lot of Avalanche trainings going on in Wyoming from Awareness to Avy 1 and Avy2 classes. I hope you were able to get out on the snow this year to do your field training. If your club has not offered any Avalanche training talk to them about the possibility of having training in the future. Some clubs do their training early in the season and use "beacon parks" for their hands-on training. We have riding areas in Wyoming or close by that are prime avalanche riding. If you have not done any type of Avalanche training, please plan to do so.

Soon we should be hearing about the draft assessment on the Bridger Teton National Forest travel management. It should be released to the public sometime this month. Once it is released to the public we will be looking to the Wyoming State Trails office for guidance.

There is still nothing new on the Shoshone National Forest travel management plan. Maybe we will hear something in the next couple of months. One can only hope anyway.

I see that Mother Nature is being more generous with snow in Wyoming this year than she was over the last couple of years, I hope she keeps it up. The time is going by so quickly it seems, I for one would like to get out on the snow more this season. Hopefully one day soon I will see you on the hill or on the trail.

Stay safe!

# WSSA Scholarship

**SHANNON GLANDT**

Happy New Year everyone!

Just a reminder that the **scholarship deadline is coming up on Feb. 1**. Please be sure to check in with your high school seniors and students attending college and encourage them to continue working on their essay and help with reviewing paperwork if needed to assure all the rules are followed. The essay topic and paperwork can be found on the WSSA website or feel free to reach out to me for details - [shannonglandt@gmail.com](mailto:shannonglandt@gmail.com).

Also, please encourage the students to submit their video (information on the scholarship form below the topic) for a chance to win \$500!

I look forward to seeing you all in Rock Springs in March!

# WSSA Secretary/Treasurer

**MANDY NICHOLS**

I hope you all had a great holiday season and enjoyed some time in the snow.

The snowflakes are finally falling in Alpine; we were treated to a beautiful white Christmas!

Fun Days is just around the corner, so don't forget to send in your registration to the Snowpokes and reserve your hotel rooms!

Here are some important upcoming deadlines:

Wyoming State Trails award Nominations are due to Forrest Kamminga by Feb. 1.

Scholarship essays are due to Shannon by Feb. 1.

Club Awards nominations need to be submitted to Holly and me by Feb. 5.

Keep selling those raffle tickets! 50% of the proceeds go back to benefit your club! A big thank you to everyone for getting your membership lists submitted for the January Wrangler! Please remember to send me any new membership information each month.

Let's keep the snow falling and braaap on!



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## District 9

### GEORGE PRYICH

Sad news for the Snowpokes and the WSSA; Bert Smith passed away the first weekend of January. Bert has been a long-time member of the Snowpokes and served the WSSA as a director for many years. He loved to ride his snowmobile and go Jeeping. He also was the best 50-50 raffle ticket salesman ever. To borrow a Sinatra phrase, Bert did it his way! He will be missed by the Snowpokes and many other friends throughout Wyoming. Our sympathies to the family.

Reports from club members who couldn't wait to hit the fresh snow: there isn't any base. That didn't stop folks from riding even if their group was stuck all day long. You know the t-shirt - 'A bad day riding is better than a good day at work' even when you step off and the snow is north of your navel! Along with the buzz from riding fresh powder, injuries and equipment failure happen and spoil all that.

Avalanches are a real danger for all who ride in the mountains and have already occurred in Wyoming; a fatality was reported in the Togwotee Pass area. Use the Bridger-Teton Avalanche Center (BTAC) to check the Avalanche Forecast before you go out. The Home Page contains links to other states' avalanche center, the Avy App and more: <https://bridgertetonavalanchecenter.org/>.

Take an avalanche class when offered in your area or elsewhere in the state. Be smart. Check the avalanche danger forecasts and observations. Don't put yourself in danger. Be aware of your surroundings.

Download the App and submit your observation(s) of the snow conditions. Browse through the site to learn more. This link shows the forecast for Sunday, January 5, 2025 for the Salt River and Wyoming ranges: <https://bridgertetonavalanchecenter.org/forecasts/#/salt-river-and-wyoming-ranges/>. Forecasts are updated daily.

FUN DAYS 2025 is coming - fast! Please register soon. Send any questions about Fun Days [oscarsdadies@yahoo.com](mailto:oscarsdadies@yahoo.com) or call 307-875-3387 and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

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- 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





# Jackson Hole Snow Devils

COURTNEY HODGES RUDDAT

Happy New Year from the Jackson Hole Snow Devils! It's very nice to say that we ended 2024 with more snow than we started 2024 with! Hope everyone had a joyous Christmas surrounded with friends and family. The Snow Devils held their annual Christmas party at Togwotee Mountain Lodge celebrating the season with a family club ride and as always, a visit from Santa. There wasn't a bunch of snow for long club ride but we were able to get out and enjoy some terrain as well as use the time to brush up on our avalanche skills and refresh on our equipment! Our youth even got in on the action learning how their equipment works in hopes they are never in a situation where they have to use it!

Now with the new year the hard work begins as we work to put the pieces together for the 48<sup>th</sup> annual World Championship Snowmobile Hill Climb. It's hard to

believe that the event is a little over two months away, but we are looking forward to putting on a fabulous show with the help of all our volunteers near and far! We hope to see everyone there, but until then stay safe out there. We look forward to seeing you on the trails!



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# Cody Country Snowmobile Association



## BERT MILLER

### DISTRICT 5 REPRESENTATIVE

Hello all,

Happy New Year! With kicking off the New Year we finally received some fluffy white stuff we call snow. We are up to about 40" of snow but it is dry and bottomless. Still fun to play in and have some really trenching stuck sleds.

We held our Avalanche Awareness training on Jan 3rd and 4th. We had about 70 folks come to the Friday night classroom training at the Holiday Inn. For a quick light dinner, we served sandwiches that were great. The Holiday Inn did a fantastic job with dinner and the setup of the whole ballroom. Thank goes out the Cheyenne and her staff, you knocked it out of the park! At Saturday's field training we had about 60 folks on the mountain. For lunch we dined on chili, Fritos, cheese and cookies. Our trainers Frank, Alex, Ben and Liz were fantastic. On Friday night they kept the training upbeat and engaged the class with fun questions. Saturday's field day training was a blast with four trainers having three different modules to train us with. This really kept us hopping and made the afternoon go by faster. We had a lot of great compliments from the participants, and they are already looking forward to next year's training.

This also leads me back to all our sponsors this year, we could not have done this great training without your help and support! Also, big shout goes out to Wyoming State Trails and the grant funding for this great training. We had drawings both days and gave away to lucky folks that attended the training – two AVY backpacks, three beacons, two

In-Reach devices, two BCA radios, and so much more. We also made a sponsorship donation for two club members to move their training to level 1 with Beartooth Rides and Guides who are putting on a Motorized Avy 1 training.

Near and dear: A few of our club members put together a youth package which consisted of a Klim backpack,

beacon, probes and shovel, what a great package. This was in the loving memory of two family members who were caught in an avalanche and did not survive. It was very hard to keep a dry eye during their presentation.

We hope you enjoy some of the pictures in the article. We are hoping for some more snow and some moisture in

the snow would be nice so that we could get a good base. As we look forward, we are hoping to get out and ride and pack the snow down so we can help mark and sign the trails this year. Snow at this point is looking a lot better this winter than it did last winter.

Let's all get our snow Boogie dance on!







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**Thank You!!**  
 We couldn't do this without you!





# Dubois Sno-Katters

JANET LEE

Have you ever walked out to the horse pasture with a bucket of grain? Shaking the bucket and spilling some grain and the herd of horses come thundering in your direction. Last week, Mother Nature shook her bucket of grain, only it was full of snow. The truck and snowmobile trailers came thundering into town, chasing the snow for the thrill of the ride. Finally, some snow on the mountain—not much but enough to bring the herd running. Hopefully, more snow is on

the way.

The Sno-Katters Club met at Crooked Creek last night. The dining lodge is festively decorated, and the food was delicious. John will highly recommend the elk ravioli. I recommend saving a little room for dessert such as the hot brownie sundae. Whatever menu item you select, I think you will be very pleased.

Tragic news to begin the new year that a skier was killed in an avalanche accident January 4 near Breccia Cliffs in the Togwotee Pass area. Please check the conditions and be aware when riding. The Wyoming State

Snowmobile Association website has great information and resources regarding riding safety and avalanche awareness. Your safety is important to all of us!

Thank you to all our members for their continued support of snowmobiling. Once again, be sure to visit the WSSA website for more information about events and sponsorship.

Our youngest member as well as our oldest member are out on the snow making tracks! Their birthdays are one day apart, their ages 81 years apart!! Happy birthday to both and Happy New Year 2025 to you!



# 307 Riders

BRANDON KLEMM

Happy New Year fellow sledders! I hope everyone had a great holiday season. It looks like Wyoming finally decided to join in on receiving some snow. We are still pretty thin and not much base in the Bighorns but it's getting better weekly! We had a few members go border jumping to ride Revelstoke. We have also had club members ride Rabbit Ears Pass and of course Togwotee. Hopefully everyone has had a chance to get the first ride out of the way! Look forward to seeing each other on some mountain pass this winter!





# Lander Snowdrifters

## CAL ANACKER

Greetings from the Snowdrifters!  
 The New Year has brought a few snow showers to the southern end of the Winds, accumulation has been relatively light and it has been a challenge keeping it due to the winds and warm temperatures. The sun on the south aspects is also keeping slopes somewhat bare.  
 The Club has two out of the three side trails track packed. Marginal off trail riding conditions in the area exist at this

time of this writing.  
 The Club made its annual donation to a local charity; this year's contribution was to the Lander Pet Connection.  
 Remember to support those local businesses that support our clubs!  
 The Lander Snowdrifters meet monthly on the second Thursday at the Oxbow Restaurant; 6 p.m. dinner and 6:45 p.m. business meeting. Come join us if you are in town. We can also be reached at [landersnowdrifters@gmail.com](mailto:landersnowdrifters@gmail.com).



WYOMING STATE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION FUN DAYS  
 MARCH 7-9, 2025 – Rock Springs

HOSTED BY: **Sweetwater Snowpokes – PO Box 1731 Rock Springs WY 82902**

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 Youth Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees (Dinner included):**

Adults	\$125 (\$135 after 2/1/25)	x _____	= \$ _____	Shirt Size _____
Youth (6-12)	\$75	x _____	= \$ _____	Shirt Size _____
Child (≤ 5)	\$25	x _____	= \$ _____	Shirt Size _____

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**Dinner Menu:** Ribeye - Qty: \_\_\_\_; Chicken Alfredo - Qty: \_\_\_\_; Vegetarian Lasagna - Qty: \_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee Includes:**

- ✓Friday Night Pizza                      ✓Swag Bag                                      ✓1 Drink Ticket
- ✓Saturday Ride                              ✓Saturday Night Dinner                      ✓21 & over Tour Bus Pub Fun Run

**Friday:** Charter Bus Pub Crawl - 21 and over - Qty: \_\_\_\_

**Saturday Rides:** (subject to weather conditions and ORV / OSV registration required)  
 Snowmobile: Trail Ride - Qty: \_\_\_\_; Intermediate Ride - Qty: \_\_\_\_; Advanced Ride - Qty: \_\_\_\_  
 SxS/ATV Ride to Killpecker Sand Dunes (Flag on machine required) - Qty: \_\_\_\_  
 Paint party at Holiday Inn Banquet room - Qty: \_\_\_\_

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Deadline for the next Wrangler is February 10!



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# Top of the Rockies

ALEX SINCLAIR

Top of the Rockies Merry belated Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope Santa brought everyone some cool swag this year!

Mother nature sure has been a bit bi-polar so far this winter here in North West Wyoming. TOR had their first club ride on December 22nd and although there was snow, it was a bit thin to say the least. Seven of us braved the conditions to check on our Steer Creek shelter and run out some stale fuel from the summer. The shelter is in great shape and all sleds made it out "straight ". One bent carbide and a few bruises wasn't a bad swap for enjoying some early snow and friends!

Christmas came and went. Our first big snow came in just after, but with warm temps, we also saw our first RED avalanche danger at all elevations, making for the beginnings of a tough year. With the New Year came more normal temperatures and more snow! Although the avalanche forecast has decreased its danger level, there are layers of unstable snow from early on, which we will be dealing with for some time.

Our second club ride was on Jan. 1. Seventeen sleds and two tracked buggies made our way up Squaw Creek to erect our Tee-Pee. Thank you, George (our local groomer), for scraping out an area for the Tee-Pee. It saved us loads of time not having to dig! With that much help, it didn't take much time to get the Tee-Pee up and ready for the season. Thanks everyone!

With most of the work completed, it was then on to our final shelter at Murphy Creek. Some new signage and housekeeping were in order. We made the most of the new snow and enjoyed our ride down. Now we are set for the year! Bring on more SNOW!





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# Sweetwater Snowpokes

ANGELINA PRYICH

Thank you to the volunteers for setting up the Are You Beeping? sign along the Horse Creek trail. Remember to check your beacons with your group in the parking lot as we learned in many avalanche field exercises.

Thank you to the volunteers who checked the Strawberry safety shelter after the Pack Trail Fire and those who filled the wood boxes of both Strawberry and Blind Bull shelters before the riding season. Thank you everyone who helps keep both shelters clean and stocked with firewood and supplies during the season. You are appreciated!

What does taking care of the safety shelters involve? Strawberry: add firewood to the deck if needed, sweep the floor, pick up trash. Blind Bull: please take a few moments to fill the inside wood box, sweep the floor, pick up trash, check the toilet paper supply.

If you can, haul out the trash on your way back to the parking lot. Please notify the Snowpokes (by Facebook or email) if supplies or repairs are needed. The time you spend is appreciated by everyone who stops there.

Join us for lunch at Crooked Creek on Jan. 18. We'll meet in the Upper Green parking lot with departure set for 9 a.m. Please join us for the day, enjoy lunch at Crooked Creek, and have fun playing in the snow along the way. Some of will stay overnight. If you're interested in joining in, please RSVP to snowpokes@yahoo.com. If interested in staying overnight, please call Crooked Creek directly for availability (307-455-2815).

Enjoy lunch at Box Y when we ride there on Feb. 8. Please meet in the Horse Creek parking lot and be ready to leave at 9 a.m. If you RSVP, we'll know to expect you, even if you are running a little late (e.g., weather).

Any weekend on the Snowpokes calendar that shows Maintenance is also a weekend that can be a group ride in the Upper Green or Horse Creek. Suggestions welcome.

### Mark your calendars:

- Jan. 18, Crooked Creek Ride
  - Feb. 1, Wyatt Sheppard Memorial Ride,
  - Feb. 4, Club meeting in Rock Springs
  - Feb. 8, Box Y Ride
  - Feb. 15, Fun Run in Upper Green
  - March 4, Club meeting in Rock Springs
  - March 7-8, WSSA Fun Days in Rock Springs
  - March 9, WSSA Meeting in Rock Springs
  - April 1, Club meeting in Green River
- Visit Snowpokes on Facebook for more information.



What's up there?



Must have been a great day - Look at that smile!



A recent day in fresh powder.



Oh Yeah!



Thank you, Roy, Brian, Pete, Macenzie, Margaret, Cambrie, Daney, Lorenzo and photographer Chris!