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# WSSA President

## JAY SLAGOWSKI

Hello again fellow snowmobilers, I hope your summer, and fall "close outs" have gone well, and you have had a chance to enjoy the mild fall conditions while we all get ready for the upcoming snowmobile season.

I know many of you have been busy with your club's annual safety shelter maintenance as well as hosting fund raisers and community service events. A special thanks goes to all the folks across the state who have been helping the WSSA sell our sled and avy gear raffle tickets to help raise funds for our WSSA Outreach Program. This program allows us to provide funding to our Wyoming clubs and their members for a variety of events and functions. Some examples include Racer sponsorships, Trophies and awards for youth races, Travel expenses for youth riders to attend national and regional events, antique snowmobile show promotions, avalanche education and training and WSSA "swag" and financial support for club poker rides, banquets and fund raisers. Additional information and Applications for outreach funding can be found on our WSSA website at <https://snowmobilewyoming.org>

Our 2026 WSSA Student Scholarship information is now available so don't forget to pass that information along to all of your

upcoming graduates and student members who plan on continuing their education or Trade school training. We have been able to award financial support to multiple scholarship applicants for many years and are very proud of the program and the folks that support it year after year. Just click on Scholarship info on the WSSA website.

Recently, our partners at Wyoming State Trails Announced that after 22 years of dedicated service, Joshua Milek will be retiring from his role in the Trails Program at the end of this year. Josh began his career with the Program as a seasonal grooming operator and, through his hard work and commitment, advanced through every position within the program. His extensive institutional knowledge, unwavering dedication, and countless contributions have been invaluable to the agency, and he will be greatly missed by all. Best of luck to Josh from all of us at the WSSA!

Additional updates from Wy State trails include a new promotion to Patrick Hickerson, previously a lead trail crew member, who has been promoted to the Contracts and Support Manager position. Patrick has been an integral part of the Trails Program for eight years. During this time, he has gained extensive practical experience, including operating snowcats and various trail-building equipment, providing crucial assistance to the grants program with Forest Service grants, and successfully supervising numerous trail projects. Patrick brings a significant amount of hands-on knowledge,

a deep understanding of operations and most importantly, passion to this new management role. Congratulations to Patrick in his new role and we look forward to working with him in the future.

The WSSA would also like to welcome Rick Higley from the Lincoln County Snow Bears as our newest Director. Rick will be a great addition to the board and will do a great job representing all of the snowmobilers from the Kemmerer area. With that said, I encourage the remaining clubs that haven't appointed a director yet to please do so as we need your ideas and viewpoints as part of our organization.

I would also like to remind all of the clubs to email your updated officer's information and memberships to Sunny as soon as possible as it helps us keep the information in the Wrangler current and accurate.

Last week I was able to jump online and purchase my 2026 snowmobile registrations and would encourage folks to take advantage of a relatively easy process that delivers your annual sticker right to your doorstep so to speak. Then there's no last minute emergencies when it's time to load the trailer. You can buy registrations at <https://wyoparks.wyo.gov> click on permits and fees.

The final count down to winter has begun and it won't be long before we can all get back on the mountain doing what we love. Thanks again for all that you do and...

Always look ahead.

## WSSA Secretary/ Treasurer

### SUNNY MADDEN

Hello fellow snowmobilers!

It's so exciting to see reports of snow starting to fall in the Wyoming mountains! I can't wait to get out there soon for the first ride of the season.

Thank you to those clubs who have sent me their officer information and membership lists! For those who haven't, please do so as soon as possible so I'm sending updates to the correct people.

The December Wrangler will only be mailed to members whose information has been submitted by their club. It's a great time of year to renew your club membership and ensure you don't miss out on any issues of the Wrangler. You can also join your club on the WSSA website!

Everyone has been doing a great job selling the sled raffle tickets and this looks like it will be a great fundraiser for WSSA. It will be very exciting to see who ends up winning the sled and other prizes. If you haven't bought a ticket yet, please reach out and we can get you one.

If you or someone you know would be eligible for the WSSA Scholarship, head on over to the WSSA website and download the 2026 application. Applications are due February 1st 2026.

Hope you all have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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# Scholarship Chairman

SHANNON GLANDT

Hello everyone!

The 2026 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 again this year for students to potentially win a \$500 Visa gift card so don't miss out! Last year Heaven Mackler from Casper won the gift card with her creative and fun video!

Last year the WSSA was excited to give away 7 scholarships ranging from \$1,250 - \$4,000, for a total of \$20,000. You are all AMAZING! Your support for this program over the years has made it such an incredible success and we look forward to continuing to provide scholarships to our club high school seniors and college students.

Over the past 17 years we have given away 155 scholarships totaling \$250,650 (and this doesn't count the years prior to 2009 so this total is significantly more). WOW!

The WSSA Scholarship submission deadline is February 1, 2026, and winners will be announced at Fun Days in Cody in March.

## 2026 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:

- 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.
- The applicant must submit the completed application form.
- The applicant must submit a cover letter.
- The applicant must submit a resume detailing his/her involvement in snowmobiling as well as extra-curricular activities.
- 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:
  - Minimum of 2 pages – typed.
  - Double-spaced.
  - Font – Times New Roman.
  - Font size – 12 point.
  - Margins – set to 1 inch for all margins (top, bottom, left side, right side).
  - Page numbers (if included) should be .5 inch from the top of the page (not within the 1" margin).
  - A one-line header can be added 1 inch from the top of the 1st page and then enter a double space and begin your essay. Do not include the full topic - one line only.

SEE "SCHOLARSHIP" PAGE 4



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WSSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM  
2026

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?

- 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).

- Do NOT use bold-faced type or other special settings.

- 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.

- The essay must follow the essay topic or be disqualified.

- Students are not allowed to use any kind of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology such as ChatGPT to write essays.

- The applicable documents must be received by the WSSA Scholarship Chairman by February 1, 2026.

\*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.

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

Essay Topic:

How do you, as a young snowmobiler, perceive how to get the business of the organization (your local club) done on a monthly/timely basis and not make the meeting boring, as is often a sentiment expressed.

Essay Challenge:

1. The business aspect of an organization includes finances, records/minutes, projects your club is doing for your local trails, fundraising and other club activities and decisions.

2. The social aspect of an organization includes enticing meeting attendance, an enjoyable setting, membership growth and representation of your club at a higher level, such as at State Association, American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) or International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) meetings/events.

3. How would you propose transitioning an existing club into what you would like your club or club meetings to be like.

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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 (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 \$500 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.

# REACH YOUR TARGET AUDIENCE!

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# Big Horn Sno Goers

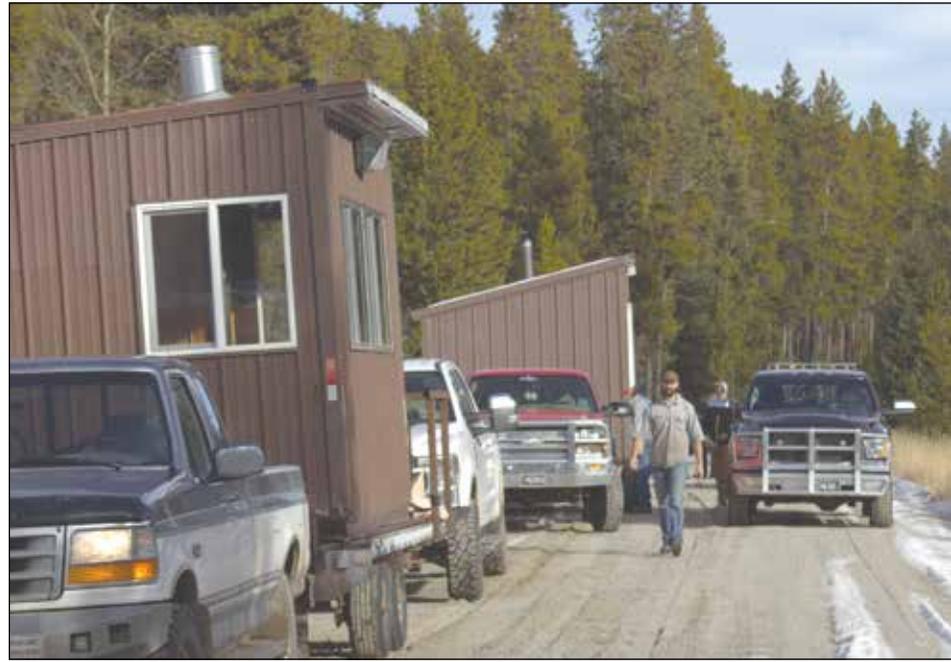
LYNDA SCHATZ

Finally! Snow on the mountain and a whole crew of people came to help install the safety shelters at Battle Park, Spring Creek and Webb Creek. Now it can snow like never before!

Washakie County Search and Rescue were a huge help with cleaning out the shelters and placing Spring Creek shelter. Thanks, Dave Michels and your guys, for all your help.

Big Horn Sno Goers took in Battle Park and Webb Creek with no mishaps and are all levelled up with plenty of wood on hand for those upcoming snow days!

Our next meeting will be Nov. 13 at the Green Hills Country Club in Worland. We will meet at 6 p.m. if you would like dinner and 7 p.m. for the meeting. Come one, come all!



# 307 Riders

**BRANDON KLEMM**

Hello fellow sledders and state members. I hope everyone has had time to get



ready for winter and has had a hand in cutting wood for safety shelters across the state! I am starting to really get the fever to ride more than ever as I had to trudge through snow for miles trying to elk hunt this season. While hunting was highly unsuccessful for me it was so nice to be back up in the high alpine in the cold and snow again reminding me of my favorite season about to kick off.

I don't have a whole lot of stuff to write up on this month other than we got our refurbished shelter stocked with fire wood for the season. State trails did a great job of rebuilding that for us and we couldn't be any happier! Jeff and the Sled Wyo crew showed up big time for us with some extra fire power and those boys split the wood in record time by hand and didn't even save one log for me to do.... Shucks!

Since we have time everyone please start pulling out your winter gear and going through everything now. I am ahead of the game this year and currently have my gear ready to go and all of my avalanche gear is ready to hit the mountains. My son on the other hand who wont stop growing is getting new gear again head to toe so let the money burning season commence!



## Lander Snowdrifters

**CAL ANACKER**

Hello from the Snowdrifters,

We have been enjoying a prolonged fall season with warm temperatures and limited moisture in the basins and also the high country of the Southern Wind Rivers. It's always a crap shoot when the "door" will slam shut and winter begins in earnest. Until then, the Club will continue working on the Side Trails and also stocking safety shelters with wood. Barring any major wind events the trails should be in good condition to start grooming.

We had a successful Fall highway clean-up with a small, but energetic crew!

At the Club's first meeting, our new President, Chad, presented some new ideas/events for participation which we will be working on at future meetings throughout the upcoming season. Cheers!



## Casper Snow Gypsies

**BECKY THORNE**

Hello from Casper! A few light dusting of snow but nothing significant. November we have a Bingo night planned and our Christmas Party set for December.

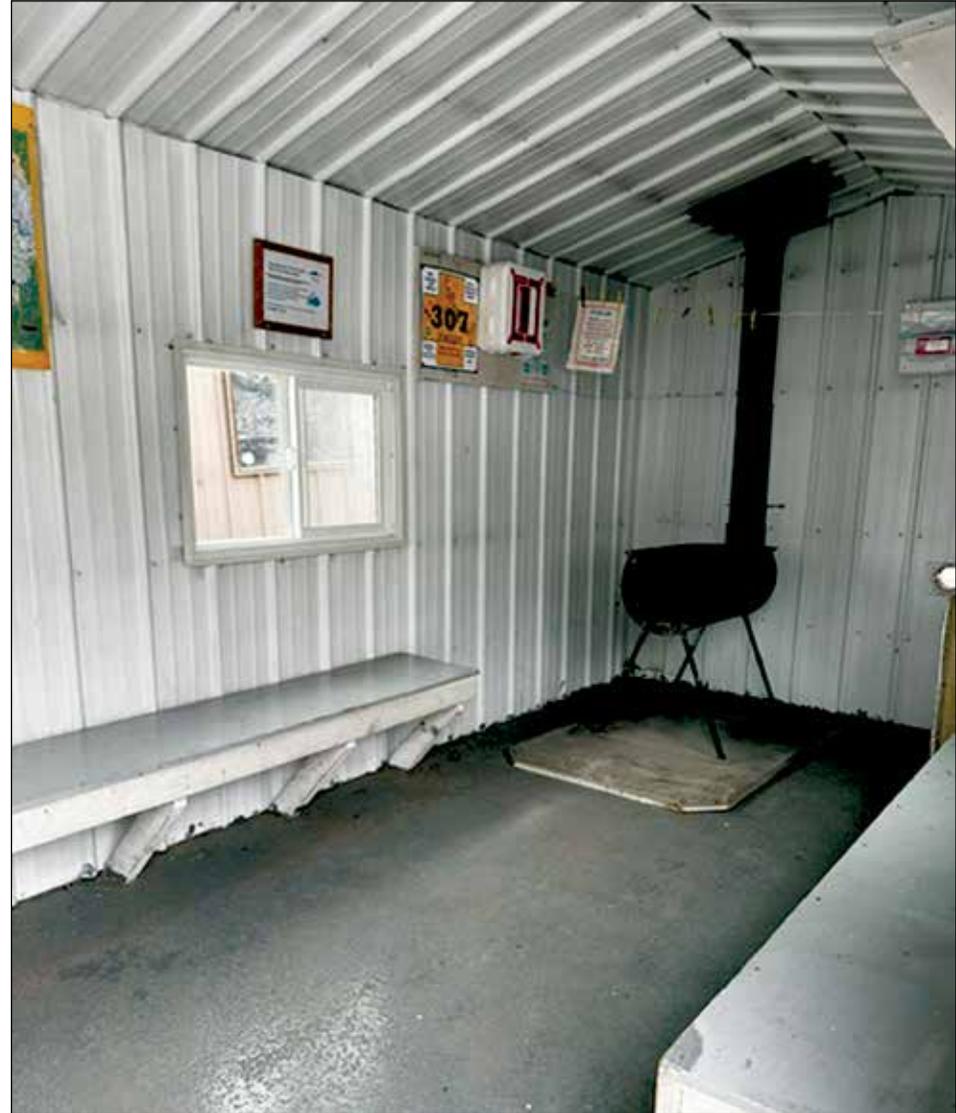
All three safety shelters have been cleaned and stocked so we are ready for the snow to fly. Thank you to the Husman's for hosting their cabin for a BBQ during the cleanup. Hopefully this winter we get can get some rides in on Casper Mountain and a few Poker Runs. Hope everyone has a great snowmobiling season!



# Dubois Sno-Katters

TRENT SLAGOWSKI

Greetings from the Dubois Sno-Katters. I hope everyone is having a great fall and enjoying the indian summer that we are having. Dubois is finally starting to slow down a little after the summer season. I'm looking forward to mornings where there is snow on the ground and more in the forecast. The club just had their first meeting in October to set off the season. We are working on our membership drive. Making our rounds throughout town makes me really appreciate the community that we live in, we have businesses that are longtime members and don't bat an eye to buy a membership when you walk through the door. We gathered as a club and had a fun day preparing and stocking the safety shelters with wood and are ready for the snow to fly. I hope all the clubs across the state are doing well and anxiously waiting for enough snow to go put some break-in miles on and blow the cobwebs off.



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# Cody Country Snowmobile Association

BERT MILLER

Hello from the top of the world in Northwest Wyoming. Looks like we are all moving right along with the WSSA Snowmobile raffle, great job folks.

The Cody club has been working on cleaning up some of our trails. Seems we always have some downed trees, some dead and some not. This time of the year we get some high winds that bring some trees down. Not too bad this year though. We had a good turnout, about 10 of us. Always fun to see each other.

We have also been working on things Fun Days! Watch for information in next month's Wrangler and an invitation in your club mailbox.



## Wyoming State Trails Program Encourages Riders to Prepare for Winter Season

The Wyoming State Trails Program encourages snowmobile enthusiasts to prepare early for the upcoming winter season by purchasing their required user fee decals and reviewing key safety information before heading out on the trails.

Snow season arrives quickly across Wyoming, and riders are encouraged to purchase decals in advance to ensure compliance and avoid delays once the snow flies. Decals are available for purchase online at [wyotrails.onewyo.gov/wyotrails](http://wyotrails.onewyo.gov/wyotrails), where users can choose to have their sticker mailed or pick it up in person at one of several authorized selling agent locations statewide.

Under legislation approved by the Wyoming Legislature during the 2025 session, snowmobile user fees have been updated to better support trail maintenance and operations. Wyoming law requires that all snowmobiles display a current Wyoming resident or nonresident user fee decal prominently on the outside of the machine. The updated fees are \$50 for residents and \$75 for nonresidents, available for purchase online or through several permit-selling agents throughout the state.

Additionally, all commercial snowmobiles operated in Wyoming must have a commercial permit, which is \$150 and must be purchased through the State Trails Field Office in Lander.

Revenue from the decal program goes directly toward maintaining more than 2,000 miles of designated snowmobile trails throughout the state. These funds support grooming, signage, equipment maintenance, and trailhead facilities.

"The Wyoming State Trails Program takes great pride in maintaining one of the best snowmobile trail systems in the nation," said Forrest Kamminga, the

Wyoming State Trails Program manager. "This recent fee adjustment will help ensure we can continue providing safe, well-groomed trails for residents and visitors to enjoy for years to come."

Riders can easily register their snowmobile and purchase the required user fee decal through the State Trails Program's online registration system, launched in 2024. The online process combines registration and decal purchase in one step. Users can create a new account or log into their existing one – if it has been more than 90 days since the last password reset, a reset will be required before logging in. During registration, riders must provide the year, make, model, and VIN for each snowmobile. Once payment is complete, customers can choose to have the decal mailed to their home or pick it up at an authorized selling agent. A map of selling agent locations is available on the Wyoming State Trails website, and those who prefer to buy in person are encouraged to complete their online registration beforehand for faster service.

The Wyoming State Trails Program reminds riders to enjoy the season responsibly by following key safety and courtesy guidelines: know your route, weather, and terrain before heading out; dress appropriately for cold and changing conditions; obey on the ground signage and obtain maps of riding areas to ensure you avoid any on the ground closures that could have an impact on wilderness designations, critical wildlife winter range, and private property. Maps are available for download at [wyotrails.com](http://wyotrails.com), or paper copies can be picked up at selling agent locations and visitor centers throughout the state.

Snowmobile user fee decals are valid from July 1 through June 30 each year. Trail grooming operations

typically occur from mid-December through early April, depending on weather and snow conditions.

The Wyoming State Trails Program, part of the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources, manages more than 640 miles of off-road vehicle trails and over 2,000 miles of groomed snowmobile trails across the state. The program partners with land management agencies, local clubs, and volunteers to ensure Wyoming's trail systems remain safe, sustainable, and enjoyable for all users.

For updates on trail conditions, safety information, and more, follow the Wyoming State Trails Program on Facebook at [@WyomingStateTrails](https://www.facebook.com/WyomingStateTrails).

For more information or to purchase your snowmobile decal, visit [wyotrails.onewyo.gov/wyotrails](http://wyotrails.onewyo.gov/wyotrails).

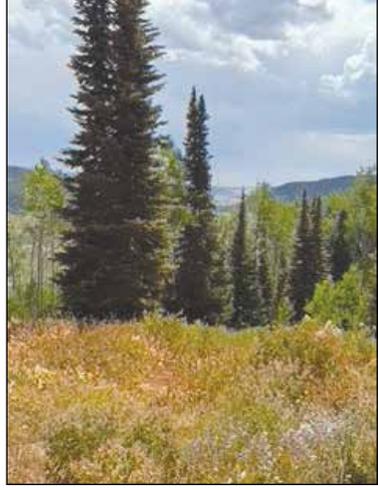
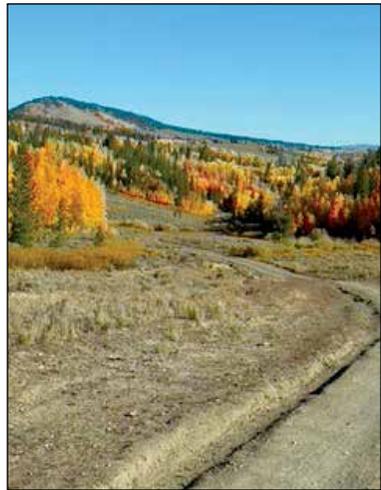


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**The Wyoming State Trails Program grooms thousands of miles of snowmobile trails each winter to maintain safe and enjoyable riding conditions across the state.**

# Lincoln County Snowbears

## Lincoln County Snowbears Wrap Up Summer, Look Ahead to Snow Season



The Lincoln County Snowbears recently wrapped up their final summer ride of the season with a beautiful mountain adventure to Crystal Lake. Riders enjoyed perfect late-season weather and stunning scenery, covering just under 130 miles on the day. The turnout was solid, with members and guests alike enjoying a full day on the trails, camaraderie around the camp, and a shared excitement for the snow to come.

This summer also included a club ATV ride, giving members a chance to stay active and connected during

the off-season. The ATV outing offered another opportunity for families and new riders to get involved, explore local trails together, and keep that Snowbear spirit going strong even without the snow.

As summer draws to a close, the Snowbears are already gearing up for the winter riding season. Trail preparations and early maintenance efforts will begin soon to ensure safe and enjoyable conditions once the snow flies. The club also encourages new and returning members to renew their memberships, stay tuned

for meeting announcements, and watch for updates on upcoming winter events and group rides.

The Lincoln County Snowbears continue to promote safe, responsible snowmobiling and community involvement throughout southwest Wyoming. Whether you're a seasoned rider or just getting started, the club welcomes anyone who shares a love of the outdoors and the thrill of snowmobiling.

For more information, contact Ron Dillree at 307-679-4702 or Kevin Gentry at 307-723-8589.

**Deadline for the next Wrangler will be Dec. 8!**

**Please send all news and advertising to [stan@sundancetimes.com](mailto:stan@sundancetimes.com)**

## Sweetwater Snowpokes

### Club Rep. Report

GEORGE PRYICH

Hello from southwest Wyoming. The Snowpokes will bring the Bridger-Teton Avalanche Center (BTAC) session of avalanche fundamentals to Rock Springs. The Friday evening (January 16) session will convene at Western Wyoming Community College at 6:30 pm. The BTAC avalanche professionals will cover avalanche hazards, terrain identification, essential rescue gear/functions, and basic trip planning. The field course will be held on Saturday, January 17; details will be announced on our facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Snowpokes/](http://www.facebook.com/Snowpokes/).

Some of our future snowmobile events need to have FS permits and logistics arranged with our working groups, but the government shutdown is causing delays and may downsize or cancel events.

Thank you to Vivian Shedden who was the featured speaker at the Green River Chamber monthly Lunch and Learn. Vivian, Danny, and Korey represented the Snowpokes so well that two new memberships were received. Topics covered included access to public land, purpose of WSSA and Clubs, our community involvement, and more. Thank you all!

Follow the Sweetwater Snowpokes at [www.facebook.com/Snowpokes/](http://www.facebook.com/Snowpokes/).

### Club Report

ANGELINA PRYICH

The Fun Runs and 50/50 raffles we have help us to maintain the Blind Bull and Strawberry safety shelters



and allow us to help organizations in our communities. This year, we heard about the Student Storehouse at Western Wyoming Community College and made a donation to support the students. Here's the story from the college:

Western Wyoming Community College's (Western) Student Storehouse recently received a generous \$700 donation from the Sweetwater Snowpokes and ATV Club, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to community support. The funds were raised through a 50/50 raffle hosted by the group, which regularly supports local causes.

The opportunity for this donation came to Western through Korey Heikes, a valued Western staff member and building operations systems specialist. Heikes recommended the Student Storehouse as a recipient, recognizing its vital role in supporting students throughout the academic year.

The Student Storehouse is Western's on-campus necessity bank, available to all students regardless of income, financial aid status, or credit load. Whether a student is full-time, part-time, or attending a single course, they are welcome to use the Storehouse to access food, hygiene items, clothing, and more.

Since January 2025, the Storehouse has seen 437 student visits, showing a marked increase from the

359 visits during the entire 2024 calendar year. This upward trend highlights the growing need for accessible, on-campus support as students balance academic, personal, and financial responsibilities.

Western's Dean of Students shared, "We are so grateful for this generous donation! Because of this, many students who frequently use the Student Storehouse will not only be able to meet their basic daily needs of food and personal items but instead be able to focus on their classes and academic success! Western is fortunate to have a student storehouse to help so many students, and it is because of so many amazing donations that it is successful!"

Community support is essential to keeping the Student Storehouse well-stocked and responsive to student needs. In addition to shelf-stable food, Western is now able to accept fresh and perishable items, thanks to the recent addition of a refrigerator alongside the existing freezer. Items currently in demand include: non-expired canned food, frozen food items, fresh produce and dairy products, personal hygiene and feminine products, toiletries, and winter coats.

Donations can be made in several convenient ways. Community members are welcome to bring physical items directly to the Dean of Students Office or drop off shelf-stable donations in the designated bin near the Information Desk on campus. For those who prefer to give remotely, Western offers an Amazon Wish List where donors can purchase specific items and have them shipped directly to the Student Storehouse. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted and can be made in person at the Business Office by calling 307-382-1756.

Western is deeply grateful to the Sweetwater Snowpokes and ATV Club for their thoughtful support and to Korey Heikes for championing the Student Storehouse's mission. Contributions like these go a long way in helping students focus on what matters most, their education.

# Support those who support our efforts!

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# Rev It Up Girls

## How Rev It Up Girls helped Mickey gain confidence



As I wind down in a cozy space for the evening, I find myself watching lots of snowmobiling videos prepping for the sled season. Let's be real, I watch them all summer too! As I watch them, I am hoping to pick up any tips that might make me look like I know what the hell I am doing! Thinking back on how it came to be that I am now part of the Rev it Up Girls crew. I remember thinking to myself how am I, a female rider, going to gain confidence riding around these dudes... To really be able to hold my own. They are all so much better than I am already at riding. I don't want to be the weak link. I don't want to be left behind.

Rev It Up Girls Mission Statement is as follows; We strive to PROMOTE WOMEN AND YOUNG LADIES to explore and thrive in the backcountry, with emphasis on year-round safety and awareness while providing an atmosphere of FRIENDSHIP and FUN!

This was my way to learn and gain that confidence to handle my sled on my own! I had been at a snowmobile Christmas party and this cool chick came up to me and said to "come check out a ride" Terrifying wasn't even covering the thoughts I had swirling in my brain. But I took a chance and quickly snagged another female friend to come ride with me and put ourselves out there!

Impressive was the theme for the whole day. This right here was such an awesome display of women riders killing it out there! I got to be part of a group of badass women who are patient, kind, supportive and damn fun to be around... I of course felt like such an infant that day but the ladies never made me feel like it or left out! They cheered me on with enthusiasm which carried me to try these new things! ... Where have these baddies been hiding? I have learned so much from this group of women. Every lady has had something new to teach me! And most importantly show me how to rip on my sled! Fast forward 4 almost 5 years and I am gaining confidence more and more every time I ride. The tips and tricks that I am being taught one on one are amazing! Being able to have them next to me and helping me is such a wonderful experience. I have gained some wonderful new friends in which I have so much fun riding with.

- Mickey Russell



## The Season is Kicking off this Month

Our Wyoming Chapter is kicking off the season with a Meet and Greet on November 21st at the Alpine Library. It will start at 6:30 p.m. There will be food provided by some of our very own Board Members but we welcome any dishes that you would like to bring. This is a family friendly event so bring your significant other, your friends or even just yourself and get to meet the local Board Members and other like-minded people. This is our kick-off to winter. The snow isn't quite here but let's gear up and enjoy the company.

The Montana Branch is kicking the season off on December 13th. More details will be posted on our Facebook page.

Let's start doing our snow dances, because we are sure itching to get out!

We look forward to seeing new and old faces! Bring your friends and show them the empowerment of riding with a group of ladies.



## Get Involved

Whether you're a seasoned sledder or just curious about snowmobiling, there's a place for you here. Join the club, host an event, help with service projects, nominate a deserving woman for the W.O.W. Program, or simply spread the word about what Rev It Up Girls stands for: empowerment, friendship, and fun in the backcountry

Visit [revitupgirls.com](http://revitupgirls.com) to learn more, check out upcoming events, or renew your membership. Together, we ride for more than the view – we ride for each other.

# RevItUpGirls

## ◆ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ◆

### WINTER 25-26

**WINTER 2025-2026**

- December 13th ← Montana Meet & Greet Club Get Together- Bozeman, Montana
- December 19th ← Club Meeting- Star Valley , Wyoming
- December 20th ← Club Ride- Star Valley , Wyoming
- January 8th ← Club meeting - Star Valley , Wyoming
- January 10-11 ← Greys River Club Ride (BoxY Overnight) - Star Valley , Wyoming
- January 17 ← Montana Club Ride- Western Wyoming, Montana
- January 27 - February 1 ← 3rd Annual Women's Retreat - Kodiak Resort, Wyoming
- February 20 - 22 ← Joint MT & WY Club Ride- Island Park, Idaho
- February 28 ← Club Ride- Star Valley, Wyoming

**SPRING 2026**

- March 7 - 8 - Wyoming State Snowmobile Association End of Season Event
- March 7 - 8 - Montana State Snowmobile Association End of Season Event
- March 13th ← Club Meeting- Star Valley, Wyoming
- March 13th ← Wyoming CO-ED Club Ride - Star Valley, Wyoming
- March 28th ← Montana CO-ED Club Ride - Caribou Warming Hut, Montana
- May 2nd ← Female International Ride Day (ATV & Dirt Bikes only) - Idaho Falls, Idaho

**All rides are women only unless otherwise indicated**  
**Our dates and locations are subject to change.**  
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# Star Valley Sno-Skippers

## Gearing Up for an Exciting Winter Season!

MEGAN SAINZ

The snow is starting to fly, and the Star Valley Sno-Skippers are feeling the excitement build for another amazing winter season! We can't wait to hit the trails, enjoy the fresh powder, and make more memories with our fellow riders and friends.

Since last season, our club has been busy giving back to the community and preparing for the fun ahead. One of our proudest accomplishments was launching the Star Valley Sno-Skippers Scholarship, open to Star Valley High School graduates. Thanks to generous donations and our club's fundraising efforts, we were able to award three \$500 scholarships to deserving students from the Class of 2025. We're incredibly proud to support local youth and invest in the future of our community.

At the end of October, members gathered at the Poison Meadows Warming Hut to restock the firewood and share a delicious lunch together. It was a beautiful sunny day with a great turnout and a perfect reminder of what makes our club so special — community, camaraderie, and a shared love of the outdoors.

We're also excited to share that the Sno-Skippers will be supporting the Festival of Trees, an annual event that raises funds for local food banks. This year, we've teamed up with Top of the Rockies and Rev It Up Girls to sponsor and decorate a tree for the event. Each club pitched in

funds to purchase the tree and decorations, which will be raffled off to support this great cause. We've already finished all the shopping for this year's tree, and we think it's going to be our best one yet! Natausha Kennington and Megan Sainz, representing the Sno-Skippers, will be decorating the tree on behalf of all three clubs.

We're thrilled to announce the new Sno-Skippers presidency for the 2025–2026 season!

Marcuss Sainz will continue as our President. He has been doing an outstanding job leading the club and is a great example to all riders out there. Marcuss is passionate about the sport, his community, and his fellow riders, always encouraging safety and fun on the mountain.

Natausha Kennington will also continue as our Treasurer. She has been a dedicated member since the club restarted in 2018 and is deeply passionate about snowmobiling and improving safety practices for all. The new Avalanche Awareness Breakfast was her idea, and we're excited to see it come to life this season.

We'd also like to take a moment to thank Phillip Hall, our previous Vice President, for his hard work and commitment to the club. Phillip is always ready to show up, help out, and do whatever it takes to keep things running smoothly.

A big thank-you also goes out to Megan Sainz, our previous Secretary, for her dedication and behind-the-scenes efforts that helped move the club forward.

We're excited to welcome Heath Schmid as our new Vice President and Bailey Clark as our new Secretary. Heath is a skilled and knowledgeable rider who will be a huge asset as we prepare to host WSSA Fun Days in 2027. Bailey brings enthusiasm and a strong sense of community spirit — she's always ready to jump in, get work done, and bring new energy to the club.

Looking ahead, the Sno-Skippers are planning another exciting season of events and projects. Our cornhole tournaments will continue as a fun way to raise funds for future scholarships and club activities. We're also finalizing this year's scholarship essay and requirements, which will be announced soon.

One new event we're especially excited about is the Annual Avalanche Safety Awareness Breakfast, which we hope to launch this season. The event will take place at the Smith's Fork parking lot, where any rider heading out for the day wearing an avalanche beacon can stop by and grab a free breakfast burrito provided by the Sno-Skippers. It's our way of encouraging safe riding practices — and making sure everyone starts their day with a full stomach before hitting the snow!

And last but certainly not least — we're thrilled to announce that the Star Valley Sno-Skippers will be hosting WSSA Fun Days in 2027 in Afton! We're already gearing up for this big event with fundraisers, planning meetings, and a push to grow our membership. We can't wait to showcase the best of Star Valley and make Fun Days 2027 an unforgettable experience for snowmobilers from all over.

The Sno-Skippers meet the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Afton Fire Station, and we encourage anyone who loves snowmobiling or wants to get involved in the community to join us! Our December meeting will be a potluck dinner, and we invite the community to come enjoy good food, meet our members, and learn more about what the club does.

As we head into the new season, we want to thank all our members, donors, and volunteers who make everything we do possible. Here's to fresh snow, safe rides, and another fantastic year with the Star Valley Sno-Skippers!

