

WYOMING SNOWMOBILE

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WSSA President

JAY SLAGOWSKI

Hello again fellow snowmobilers and Happy Holidays!

As the snow finally begins to pile up in most of our local riding areas, the majority of us will be setting out on our first rides of the season and if you're like me, it never gets old. The anticipation and excitement of meeting up with our favorite riding buddies or the family regular's is as good as it gets. But in spite of the

excitement and joy, don't forget to take a few minutes to share your plan for the day with a friend or family member and make sure all of those safety and survival tools are in good working order before letting er rip.

While many of us were busy preparing and sending our Christmas gifts of the season, the WSSA sled and Avy gear raffle winners were drawn on Dec. 15 at RSC Power Sports in Cody, and I promise to share who those three lucky snowmobilers were with you in the January issue of the Wrangler or check out the live post on our WSSA Facebook page. Thanks to everyone that worked to make this fundraiser possible, and to all of

the members who sold tickets all across the snowbelt. That was awesome!!

Continuing in the true spirit of the holidays, I would first like to thank the WSSA clubs and their members for all of the work you do throughout the year for your communities, in your riding areas and for the WSSA. It is truly amazing when looking at the multitude of projects, services and accomplishments that you complete and I'm truly grateful that I get to work and play with folks like you throughout the year.

Happy Holidays everyone, and always look ahead.

WSSA Secretary/Treasurer

SUNNY MADDEN

Happy December everyone! I hope you all are ready for the upcoming holidays and time with family and friends. We have been lucky enough to get out for a quick ride to set up the Lake Marie safety shelter and get it ready for the season. The Snowy Range got a big dumb of snow last week and there was a lot of very tempting snow filled meadows, but we stayed on the trail because if you have ever driven across The Range in the summer, you know how many huge boulders are sitting out there.

Thank you to everyone who sold raffle tickets for the snowmobile fundraiser! All 350 sold very quickly and after the cost of the sled, avalanche gear, and 3rd place cash prize and expenses, we raised \$12,688.12! This money will be part of the WSSA Outreach program.

I have raffle tickets for the WSSA Visa gift card raffle as well as Associate and Business member stickers. Please let me know how many of each you need and I can get them mailed to you.

If any of you have mailed something to WSSA and it was returned to you by the post office, please try sending it again. There was some miscommunication at the post office here in Laramie and some of the staff thought the WSSA box was still

closed from when everything was transferred over to Mandy in Alpine. Everything is sorted out now and everyone there now knows that they need to deliver mail to the box. The mailing address is WSSA PO Box 695 Laramie, WY 82073.

Christmas break would be a great time for you or your college students to get to work on those essays for the WSSA Scholarship. The deadline for essays and applications is February 1st, 2026. I know Fun Days seems like a long time away, but it will be here before we know it. The online registration will up be and running soon.

As always, please keep sending in new memberships and dues. Let me know if you have any questions or need anything. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

WSSA Scholarship Chairman

SHANNON GLANDT

Hello everyone!! The 2026 WSSA Scholarship rules, application and essay topic are available! You can reach out to your club or WSSA District Rep. for details, download from the WSSA website, or contact me at shannonglandt@gmail.com.

This is such an amazing opportunity for our college students so please send them a reminder and encourage the students to get their essay started now if they have not done so already. The deadline will be here before they know it!

Last year the WSSA was honored to provide 7 scholarships ranging from \$1,250 - \$4,000, for a total of \$20,000. A huge THANK YOU to our amazing clubs and club members for making this program such an incredible success.

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

These won't last long!

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All proceeds to support The WSSA Outreach Program

Deadline for the next Wrangler will be Jan. 5!

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Top of the Rockies

SCOTT ZIENKIEWICZ

Getting Ready for the Season

It that time of year again to start gearing up for the snowmobile season. We all get excited and start working on our sleds, buying new gear, and this year more than most wishing for snow, but let's not forget about our avalanche safety gear.

Let's go over the must have avalanche gear and maintenance before entering the backcountry for the season. Shovel, inspect for cracks or bends and make sure handle attaches easily. Prob should be in good working condition and when it is in your back pack please remove it from the manufactures bag it was shipped in. Transceiver, check condition making sure there is no visible damage. Install fresh batteries, hopefully you removed the old ones at the end of last season. Also check your manufactures website for any updates.

Not needed but highly recommended is an avalanche air bag, depending on which bag you have make sure canister or capacitor is full. I also like to set my bag off a least once a season. For repacking there are plenty of videos online or go to your bags manufactures website.

Going through all your gear is a great start, but make sure you train with your gear and with your riding group on a regular basis. Always check the avalanche/weather forecast, and get avalanche training.

Have a great and safe season.



On The Cover

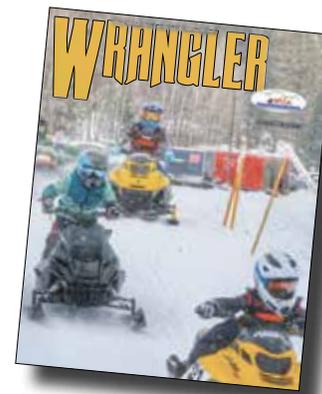


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Rev It Up Girls

EVA KIRCHLECHNER

Riding With Purpose: How Rev It Up Girls Empowers Women and Keeps Trails Alive

The women of Rev It Up Girls, look forward to the winter season more than any season we have — it's what brings together Connections, Confidence, and Community. As winter and holidays

approach families & communities come together to share laughter, lend a hand, and celebrate the joy of the coming winter. We enjoy riding not only with ladies from the previous seasons but also women from all over WY, ID and Montana. One day of riding with us has made life long friendships that go beyond the mountains. So if you are wondering if your daughter, wife, sister or grandmother ought to come ride with us, the answer is yes.

A Club Rooted in Adventure and Purpose

With our homebase in Star Valley, Wyoming and a chapter in Bozeman, Montana, Rev It Up Girls offers year-round opportunities for women to ride together, explore stunning terrain, and build lasting friendships.

Each of our events emphasizes safety, respect for the land, and camaraderie. Members learn the essentials of avalanche awareness, proper gear prep, knot tying, chain saw education, basic mechanics skills, high altitude medical, variety of fire making techniques and of course trail etiquette—all while sharing laughs, stories, swapping muff pot recipes and snacks all day long. No one will ever go hungry, get lost or get stuck for very long.

Our club goes beyond our local community, helping and donating our time with Top of the Rockies, Snow Skippers, Snow Devils, Gatlin Valley Snowmobile Club and Idaho State Forest Service. Did you know that our club membership supports not only Wyoming State Snowmobile Association (WYSSA) but also Montana State Snowmobile Association (MSSA) for each membership we receive. Coming together and joining other state snowmobile clubs, has an even greater impact on the future of offroad public lands. Are you working with other clubs in Wyoming or offroad club outside Wyoming?

Empowering Women, One Ride at a Time

Since launching the W.O.W. (Women Off-Road Wishes) Program in 2020, Rev It Up Girls has made it their mission to help women discover their strength through back-country adventure. The program is dedicated to women veterans, single moms, women facing serious illness or disability, young women overcoming tough life challenges and women who have a passion for offroading winter and/or summer.

Through the W.O.W. Program recipients are given the opportunity to experience a once-in-a-lifetime winter or summer ride—complete with gear, guid-

ance, and the support of a community of women who believe in lifting each other up. A

When a woman takes that first ride into the backcountry, she's not just learning to handle a snowmobile—she's learning to trust herself, to push boundaries, and to see how capable she truly is. We've also sponsored women hill climb racers, women who need safety gear such as beacon, pack, monosuit or boots. If a woman can dream it.. we do our best to help full fill their dream using the WOW charitable donation program from our members, sponsors, raffles and grants.

We have accepted two women for this winter season. If you would like to become a recipient of the W.O.W program, or would like to recommend a female. Please go to our website. We have one recipient left for our 2026 winter or summer ride season.

Off-Road Women Spotlight: Finding Strength from our W.O.W Program and Women Skills Days

"I came to my first Rev It Up Girls ride nervous and unsure of myself, But the moment I hit the trail, something changed. Everyone cheered me on. I learned that I'm stronger than I thought—and now I'm the one encouraging new riders." Lindsay, from Montana.

"Huge thank you to Rev It Up! I lowered my handlebars and I am able to get on edge much easier!" - Hope, from Soda Springs

"I want to give all the board members a shout out and a great big thank you for choosing to help me out with their W.O.W. program! I am forever grateful!! Thank you so much to Eva for recommending this great group of girls!" Shaina, from Michigan

"I am still pinching myself to see if I'm awake and not dreaming. This gesture is so full of love, generosity, encouragement, and proof that there are genuinely good people to boost your spirit in a world that sometimes can bring you to your knees. This gift and your love have touched my heart and lifted my spirits more than you will ever know. Your gift is one that keeps on giving as I now have the means to

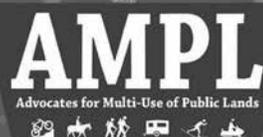
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MOTO AVY NIGHT

JANUARY 9TH, 2026

The Virginian Lodge - Jackson, WY

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- Avalanche awareness presentations!
- Important winter season reminders!
- Awesome raffle prizes!



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continue to enjoy this sport that I fell in love with the first day I went riding just four short rides ago. I am forever indebted to this wonderful group of women who are making a difference in so many women's lives. Women empowering other women!!! There's nothing better. I love you guys!! Thank you from the bottom of my heart." Mary, from Montana

Stories like Lindsay, Hope, Mary and Shaina are at the heart of what makes Rev It Up Girls special. Every member has a reason for riding, and every ride adds a new layer of confidence, courage, and connection.

Ride Responsibly, Ride Together



Rev It Up Girls encourages all members to prepare well and ride smart, bringing the right gear, respecting trail rules, riding with Wyoming snowmobile permits, watching out for one another and take an annual moto avalanche course together. Together, our clubs are building a culture of responsible adventure that keeps our trails safe and our community strong. Come join Advocates for Multi-Use of Public Lands (AMPL) Friday January 9th in The Virginian Lodge, Jackson, Wyoming and don't forget to order your snowmobile permits

Wyoming Snowmobile Decals Available Online

Decals are available for purchase, just scan the QR code and either mail to your address or go to an in-store, seller agent for pickup near you. Please bring your order summary with you to show the selling agent. Application for Vintage/Collectible/Tracked Vehicles also available. Fee \$25.00

Business Member

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Rev It Up Girls

WINTER 2025-2026

December 13 - Montana Meet & Greet Club Get Together - Bozeman, Montana

December 19 - Club Meeting - Star Valley, Wyoming December 20th - Club Ride - Star Valley, Wyoming

January 8 - Club meeting - Star Valley, Wyoming

January 9 - 10 Greys River Club Ride (BoxY Overnight) - Alpine, Wyoming

January 17 - Montana Club Ride

January 27 - February 1 - 3rd Annual Women's Retreat - Kodiak Resort, Wyoming

February 20 - 21 - 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



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Sweetwater Snowpokes

Club Representative Report

GEORGE PRYICH

Finally sounds like we are starting to get snow in the Upper Green and the Wyoming Range. My cabin neighbor reports that we had at least 8" of snow on the foothills above Pinedale; break out the plows and get the snowmachines ready! Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving weekend. Looking forward to a blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year.

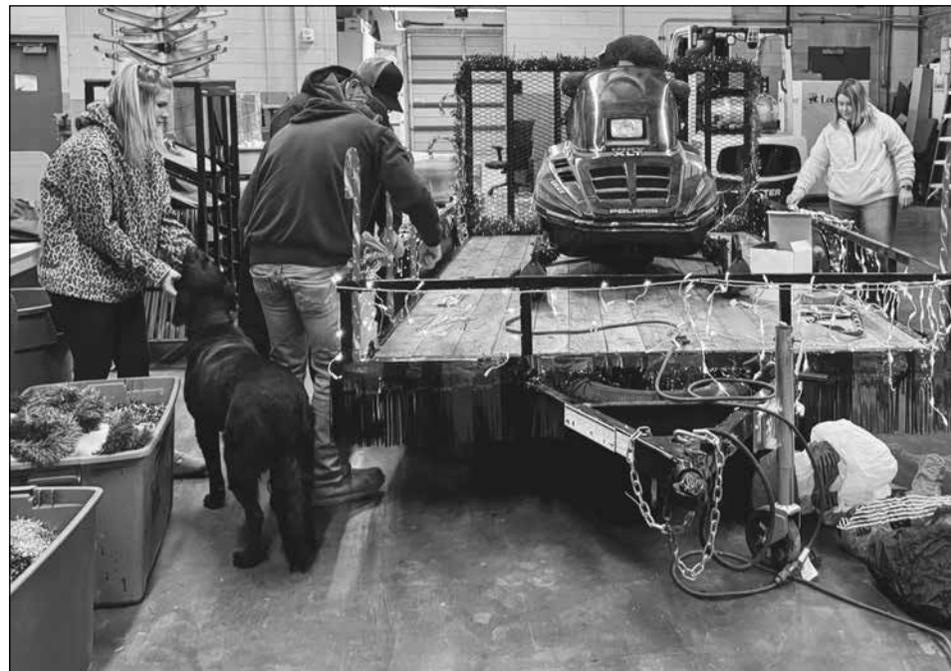
Club Report

ANGELINA PRYICH

The Are You Beeping sign was placed on the trail early in November. Thanks to Sander, Robert and Todd. As you can see, the road was still bare! As of this morning (Dec. 7), there should be fresh snow.

The Snowpokes held their December meeting on December 2 followed by the Christmas potluck and white elephant gift exchange. Thank you to everyone who brought the delicious food and to the Holiday Inn and Old Chicago! Then the fun started with the white elephant gifts – lots of fun!

The local lighted holiday parade is hosted by the Rock Springs Chamber of Commerce. The parade theme was "We Built This City on Rock and Coal." A small crew created the float that was imagined by Koryn, Ryan and Joey. Three trucks comprised the Sweetwater Snowpokes entry complete with lights, snowmobiles and colorful decorations.





Kid Friendly Family Fun Event

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Feb 18-22, 2026



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 - ▶ Hannah's Chicken Auction
 - ▶ Possible Freestyle Riders
 - ▶ Kids & Adult Bingo
 - ▶ Pizza Party
 - ▶ Kid Rides for all ages
 - ▶ Sledding Hill, 120 Sled Rides, S'mores & Hot Chocolate
 - ▶ Avalanche Session + Riding Clinic Demos
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Cody Country Snowmobile Association

BERT MILLER

Hello all
Well, the snow gods have been listening, we have approximately 33" on top of the Beartooths (according to the Sno-Tel site) and the Cooke City area has had close to 4' in some areas!

We have gotten our parking area all marked and the Beacon sign was put in. Things are looking up! We have been putting in the groundwork for Fun Days, and things are coming together well. Please get your registration and rooms as soon as you can so that we know if we need to add rooms to our block(s) of rooms. We will have a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn as well as the Comfort Inn which are both on the same property.

Brenda and I traveled to Rapid City and attended the South Dakota Snowmobile Associations Convention. They did a great job, and it was a lot of fun to attend. The weather was cold and snowy. On our way back we stopped in at the Elk View Lodge for lunch and visited. They too are having a good jump on the snow fall.

Ticket sales for the Visa gift card raffle sale has been going very well for us. In the picture, one of our youth Kaden Bales is brushing up on his salesmanship at a family event after Thanksgiving. He sold close to 3 books, way to go Kaden! They all said that it was his "presentation".

From here let's keep up the snow dancing, it seems to be working.



WYOMING STATE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION FUN DAYS MARCH 6-8, 2026

Host: **Cody Country Snowmobile Association – PO Box 1745 Cody, WY 82414**
Register by mail or at <https://snowmobilewyoming.org/wssa-events/>

Name(s): _____
Youth Name(s): _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Club Name _____

Registration Fees (for whole event):

Adults:	\$125 (\$135 after 2/1/26)	x _____ = \$ _____	T-Shirt Size(s) _____
Youth (7-12)	\$ 85 (\$ 95 after 2/1/26)	x _____ = \$ _____	T-Shirt Size(s) _____
Child (≤ 6)	\$ 20 (\$ 30 After 2/1/26)	x _____ = \$ _____	T-Shirt Size(s) _____

Saturday Dinner only (includes registration):

Adults:	\$50 x _____ = _____	T-Shirt: \$15 x _____ = _____	T-Shirt Size(s) _____
Youth (7-12)	\$25 x _____ = _____	T-Shirt: \$15 x _____ = _____	T-Shirt Size(s) _____
Child (≤ 6)	\$5 x _____ = _____	T-Shirt: \$10 x _____ = _____	T-Shirt Size(s) _____

Registration Fee for the whole event Includes:

- ✓Friday Night Social ✓Friday Night Singo Event ✓Swag Bag
- ✓Saturday Ride/Lunch ✓Saturday Night Dinner ✓ T-Shirt

Saturday Rides: (OSV registration required & proper avalanche safety gear)

Trail & Intermediate Ride - Qty: _____ Advanced Ride - Qty: _____
Skills Ride (see attached flyer) - Qty: _____

Lodging: Mention WSSA Fun Days for blocked room rate (both hotels are on the same property)

- **Holiday Inn Cody** – 307-587-5555 (restaurant on site)
 - **Comfort Inn Cody** – 307-587-5556 (continental breakfast included)
- Must call the number(s) above to get discounted rate.**





Dubois Sno-Katters

CALLIE SLAGOWSKI

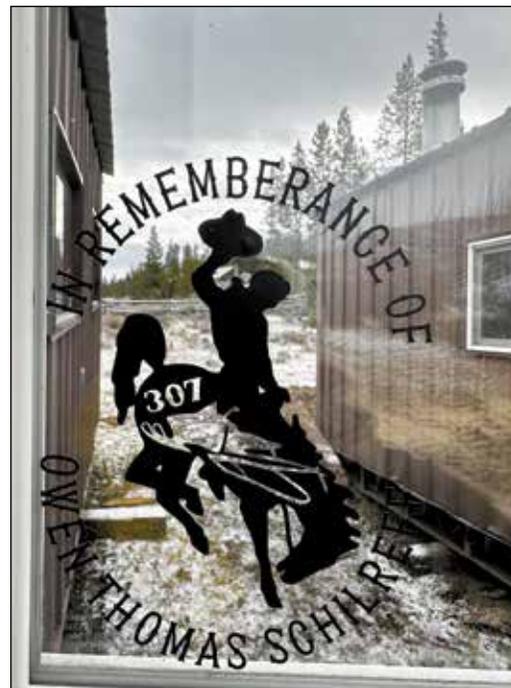
Greetings from the Dubois Sno-Katters! As our club is wrapping up our annual membership drive, we have all been waiting for snow! We've been getting just enough the end of November and beginning of December to tempt a few brave souls, though I'm betting on more than a few broken parts occurring on Togwotee. We've got some more snow in the forecast accompanied by some high winds, making it still a little unappealing for our family.

With the arrival of the new baby and the 5-year-old itching to try out her new 1997 Tundra, we're likely to find ourselves in lower elevations this year. Safety shelters were stocked the end of October and we are looking forward to using them for our family this year.

For those of you who use the safety shelters at Green Creek and Sheridan Basin, you will notice the plaques placed in Owen Schilreff's memory. Owen's family very generously donated money collected in his memory to our club.

The first aid kits are also new this year and were purchased with the memorial funds. We hope they may provide assistance to anyone in a time of need.

Hope everyone stays safe during their travels over the holidays and has a very Merry Christmas!



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Star Valley Sno-Skippers

PATRICIA NAUMOFF

Winter Is Here and We Are Rolling!

The holiday season has arrived in Star Valley, and the Sno-Skippers have been busy spreading cheer, building community, and gearing up for an incredible winter on the mountain!

From parade floats to charity trees to a packed pot-luck meeting, our club continues to be a vibrant part of the community this season — and we're just getting started!

Parade of Lights – Our Best Float Yet!

This year we proudly participated in the Parade of Lights, celebrating the theme “The 12 Days of Christmas.” Our float was filled with color, creativity, and Sno-Skipper spirit!

A huge thank-you goes out to our float dream team: Chris Christie, Frank Hemel, Red and Bailey Clark, Dirk and Jamie Hillyard, Megan and Marcuss Sainz and Kade and Natausha Kennington.

With whimsical snowmobile-themed verses like:

- One freshly snowy trail
- Three riders soaring
- Six Skippers revving



Red Ckarj as Sabta.



Taush and Bailey.



Bailey and the float.



The Sno-Skippers float.



All decked out.

- Seven riders roaring
- Nine trails a-twisting...

our float brought big holiday smiles to families all along the parade route.

And even though we didn't place, the joy, laughter, and community connection made the entire experience a win in every way.

Festival of Trees – A Community Coming Together



The Star Valley Festival of Trees continues to be one of our valley's most impactful holiday fundraisers, raising essential funds for all three food banks serving Alpine, Thayne, and Afton.

As President and Chair of the Festival of Trees, this event is something I (Patricia) hold incredibly close to my heart. Three years ago, after witnessing growing food insecurity valley-wide, I felt strongly that our community needed an event that not only brought people together but directly served families in need. Today, this event has blossomed into a cherished tradition of generosity, creativity, and community unity.

Honoring Our Volunteers and Creative Talents

For the second year in a row, Megan Sainz and Natausha “Taush” Kennington joined forces to shop for, design, and decorate the Sno-Skippers’ sponsored



Team FOT.



Plugging in the tree.



Shopping for Festival of Trees.



Shopping for FOT decorations.

A Heartfelt Thank-You to Our Community

We are deeply grateful to our incredible community, sponsors, donors, decorators, and volunteers who continue to show up year after year. This year, we truly believe we have exceeded last year's success, and we couldn't be more elated or more thankful.

Gingerbread Contest – Judged by Our Mayors!



For the second year, we were honored to welcome our three mayors — from Alpine, Thayne, and Afton — as judges for our annual Gingerbread House Contest. Their support, enthusiasm, and presence bring an extra special touch of holiday spirit to the event.

Annual Membership Potluck – A Packed House!



Our December membership meeting was a fantastic evening of food, laughs, and forward momentum. New members, longtime members, and guests came together for a fun and productive gathering.

Early Season Riding – Sno-Skippers Already On the Snow!



The snow has arrived, and some of our members just couldn't wait to get out and enjoy it!

Natausha Kennington and her family have already been embracing winter fun. Their little one absolutely loved sitting on Dad's sled, proving the next generation of riders is well on its way! They also enjoyed one of the best mountain traditions — building a warm fire in the snow and soaking in the beauty of winter.



Avalanche Safety and January Initiatives

We're excited to continue promoting avalanche safety this season. January will bring more updates as we encourage and educate riders to stay safe on the mountain.

Looking Ahead to WSSA Fun Days 2027

We are honored to host the 2027 WSSA Fun Days in Afton! Our team will be attending the 2026 Fun Days in Cody for inspiration as planning begins in earnest.

Cornhole Tournament – January 2

Start the new year with one of our most fun and successful fundraisers: Cornhole Tournament – January 2. This event supports scholarships, club activities, and Fun Days planning — and it's always a blast!

Sno-Skippers: Active, Engaged and Growing Stronger

With parades, fundraisers, early-season rides, club meetings, youth engagement, and major winter initiatives, the Sno-Skippers continue to be one of the most active and community-centered clubs in Star Valley.

We are so grateful for every member, volunteer, donor, and supporter who makes this all possible. Here's to fresh snow, safe rides, and a magical winter ahead!

Happy Holidays from the Star Valley Sno-Skippers! See you on the mountain!

tree — a stunning contribution supported by all three snowmobile clubs:

- Star Valley Sno-Skippers
- Top of the Rockies (Alpine)
- Rev It Up Girls (Etna)

Each club generously donated \$500, allowing for beautifully themed décor and strong fundraising impact.

This year also marked an extraordinary contribution from Bailey Clark, our newly elected Secretary. Bailey poured her creativity, talent, and countless volunteer hours into designing, purchasing, and decorating several sponsored trees for the Festival. Her themes were adorable, unique, and truly crowd-pleasing — including one particularly charming tree featuring a squirrel wearing a red-and-white scarf, perched among plaid ornaments.

I even had the joy of plugging in one of Bailey's delightful trees — and the photo of that moment says it all: joy, pride, and the magic of community creativity.

Between Megan, Taush, Bailey and myself, this event is a labor of love — and we could not be more honored to dedicate our time, energy, and hearts to such an important cause.

Search & Rescue Needs Your Help!

DAVE BURCHARD

Technology advancements have been a great thing for those of us that like to recreate off the beaten path. With our super bright LED lights, on board GPS, satellite phones and even Personal Locator Beacons we are traveling further into the wilderness taking more risk than ever before. One piece of tech however created unexpected challenges for Search & Rescue (SAR) teams everywhere -- and you can help.

The Issue: False Crash Detections

Every Apple iPhone produced since the 14 and the Apple Watch now have the ability to detect when you have crashed using the accelerometer and speakers to detect when you have experienced severe impact, rolled over or have simply fallen down. Your device will then sound alarms and vibrate giving you a 10 second countdown to cancel. If you do not cancel, Apple will then notify the nearest 911 dispatch center using

cellular or satellite to providing your location, emergency contact info and any medical alert information that you put into your device. This is all GREAT and it works well for its intended purpose.

However, the problem arises when a person carrying these devices participates in activities such as mountain biking, skiing and snowmobiling. These rough and tumble activities have the tendency to trigger this feature. If not cancelled by the user emergency services are activated. Often the user is not aware that the activation has even happened because they could not hear the alarm notifications...it just can't be heard over the WOOOOHOOOOs and the BRAAAAP BRAAAAPs of a great time in the mountains!

The Real-World Impact

In 2025 alone, **Star Valley Search & Rescue** has received over 20 crash detection alerts — and

every single one was an accidental activation. In the past, SAR teams responded immediately to every alert. But because so many have turned out to be false, dispatchers now must carefully vet each call before deploying teams — a process that can tie up valuable resources for hours. Then your local VOLUNTEERS leave work, their beds and families to gear up to drive to area indicated. We then deploy our hasty teams to the scene while others prepare to launch evacuation resources for the injured. They arrive at the location often to find the subject is no longer there. Sometimes we locate them uninjured, and they get a friendly education. On average each of these events cost our local unit about **\$500 in fuel and approximately 60 man hours**. There is an emotional cost to the rescuers as well. Often they are out past dark searching in places of high risk. This same scenario is being played out all across the US and Canada creating a significant strain on emergency resources. Imagine being the one who must make the decision to deploy the team!

It is recommended to disable this feature if you are participating in an activity that is likely to trigger it. Airplane mode WILL NOT DISABLE THIS FEATURE! If it is accidentally triggered please follow the onscreen instructions to cancel it and answer any incoming message as dispatchers will be trying to contact you to confirm your status. In a true emergency these devices with satellite SOS capabilities can still be used to manually activate SOS and get you the help you need! Learn how to use these features as well. The simple ability to communicate with friends or family when you're not injured but only running late could prevent rescuers from needless deployment.



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Support Your Local Search & Rescue...Get Lost!

Instructions to disable this feature are as follows:

- iPhone 14 or later
 1. Go to settings
 2. Go to Emergency SOS
 3. Toggle off the feature called "CALL AFTER SEVERE CRASH"
 4. Confirm "turn off"
- Apple Watch
 1. On your phone open the Watch app.
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 3. Now tap on "EMERGENCY SOS"
 4. In the Crash Detection section find "CALL AFTER SERIOUS CASH" and toggle it OFF.
 5. Then confirm by clicking "turn off"

Lincoln County Snowbears

SHELLY HYSSELL

Winter is in full swing, and the Lincoln County Snowbears are gearing up for two of their most popular annual events — the Polar Run on Sat., Feb. 21, 2026, and Family Fun Day on Sat., March 28, 2026.

The Annual Polar Run, scheduled for Sat., Feb. 21, 2026, brings riders together from across the region for a full day of snowmobiling, camaraderie, and winter adventure. This long-standing tradition is a favorite among members and guests, offering a scenic ride through Lincoln County's snowy backcountry followed by a warm-up, prizes, and plenty of good company. Details on start time, location, and registration will be posted soon on the club's social media page.

As winter events begin, the club would also like to remind all riders to make sure they have their current stickers, which can be purchased online or at select local businesses listed on the Wyoming state website. Having the proper permits helps keep trails open, maintained, and safe for everyone.

Then on Sat., March 28, 2026, the Snowbears will host their Family Fun Day, a community-focused event celebrating the end of the riding season. Families can look forward to games, food, beginner-friendly rides, and activities for all ages — a great way to introduce new riders to the sport and spend a day outdoors.

The Lincoln County Snowbears encourage everyone to participate, whether you're a seasoned snowmobiler or just looking for a fun winter outing. Both events showcase the club's commitment to safe, responsible riding and community spirit across southwest Wyoming.

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



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Lander Snowdrifters



CAL ANACKER

Howdy from the Lander Snowdrifters,

December is shaping up to be a busy month for the Snowdrifters. Besides our regular scheduled meeting, we participated in the "Light Up Lander" parade held on Dec. 6. We had a great turnout to decorate the "float" provided by the State Trails Program!

Also slated for December we will be having a carry-in Christmas Party in conjunction with State Trails. The Club will also be having a work day for the maintenance of our snow machines, grooming drags and various Club owned equipment. Hopefully snow conditions will change soon and we can begin to maintain the Lander Area Side Trails. For those of you who haven't heard, the Snowdrifters maintain 22 miles of trails in the southern Wind Rivers that are too narrow for the State's large sno-cats to groom. These trails mainly follow summer hiking and ATV/Jeep trails in various loops which tie back into the main trails.

The Snowdrifters have meetings the 2nd Thursday of each month from Oct.-April at the Oxbow Restaurant, so if you're in the area stop on by.

Hope Santa and the Mrs. fulfill your wish list this Holiday season!

CHAD FRANKE

The Lander Snowdrifters season is off to a slow start on the riding side with snow just starting build in the Southern Winds, and grooming activities are a ways out yet. As we look forward to beginning grooming and riding the South Pass area, club activities and planning for the coming season have been underway!

Thanks to Caleb Wilson and the State Trails for allowing us to decorate one of the State's grooming rigs for the Light Up Lander parade, where we are working to make sure people know there is good riding to be found.

We are also going to change some things and try to bring increased engagement with club activities. Plans are shaping up to change our January club meeting into more of a social event, hosting the meeting at the Lander Bar and sharing riding videos and inviting all the riding public to attend. We hope everyone will get to mingle and form some new friendships and find some new riding groups who fit their riding style, whether that is trails, getting to the backcountry lakes to ice fish, boondocking through trees or climbing chutes.

We are also going to be reaching out to neighboring clubs to arrange riding events. Our thoughts on these events are to take the place of club rides. Instead of everyone going out and riding together, coordinate a location to meet up and form groups of similar interest and riding style and explore new areas.

Our club is also working on some plans on how to encourage more youth riders. Understanding that the cost of riding can be out of reach of younger riders and that the future of the sport relies on youth getting in involved, we are brainstorming ideas and ways to help encourage participation.

On the safety side of riding preparedness we are in talks with the local search and rescue group to facilitate interaction. We will be working to ensure the riding public knows best practices for when someone is lost or injured, as well as shared capabilities and how the riding public can help rather than hinder rescue events.

As the snow base builds, we will be pulling the groomers out and opening up the South Pass side trails as we always have, but we also look forward to adding some camaraderie among riders from across the region, explore some new areas, and form some new "riding buddies" groups.

Ride safe and we look forward to seeing everyone out in the snow!



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Pinedale Snow Explorers/ Altitude Off Road

TERA ADAMS

Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow! The Pinedale Snow Explorers/Altitude Off Road club is eagerly awaiting a fresh blanket of white to usher in another exhilarating season of fun! What began in 1965 as a snowmobile club has evolved into an organization that promotes the safety and enjoyment of all types of Outdoor Recreational Vehicles. The club prides itself on providing both winter and summer activities to encourage continued interest in the sport and to provide opportunities to build a sense of fellowship among its members and community.

Included in the exciting lineup for the 2026 season is the Wind River Youth Snocross Circuit, the 26th Annual One Lunger 100, numerous group snowmobile rides and a summer Endurocross event.

As the club looks to the future, we hope to inspire more people to develop a genuine love for the outdoors and be committed to preserving Snowmobile and ORV riding for future generations.

All of these activities are made possible by the support of the Club Officers: Kendra Jackson (President), Titus Perkins (Vice President), Tera Adams (Secretary), Tiffany Thomas (Treasurer), the Board of Directors: Jake Radakovich, Craig Sheppard, Josh Adams, Joe Harrell, Sandy Sletten, the club members and many amazing volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering or participating in any of our events please contact us by email at pse1271965@gmail.com. For more information regarding our organization visit our Facebook page @Snow Explorers/Altitude Off-road Inc.

