

WYOMING SNOWMOBILE

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🔥 Wyoming State Snowmobile Association Fun Days 2026 🔥

BEARTOOTH RIDES AND GUIDES RIDING CLINIC

Hosted by Beartooth Rides & Guides "A Ride Rasmussen Style Provider"

📅 **Date:** Saturday, March 7, 2026

📍 **Location:** *Beartooth Mountains, Wyoming*
Meeting Location: Beartooth Hwy Parking Lot at 8:30AM

🕒 **Time:** 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
(On the road back to Cody by 3PM to make it back to Cody for 5:30PM Happy Hour)

BUILD CONFIDENCE and PROGRESS YOUR BACKCOUNTRY RIDING SKILLS.

Clinic is open to Beginner through Expert riders. Participants will be divided into two groups based on riding ability to allow for skill development at all levels.

BEGINNER / INTERMEDIATE GROUP

- ✓ Rider Positions
- ✓ Line selection fundamentals
- ✓ Beginner Slope Traversing (both directions)
- ✓ Momentum management "trottle and brake control"
- ✓ Efficient unstuck techniques
- ✓ Confidence-building in terrain

REQUIRED GEAR

- Newer Mountain sled in good mechanical condition
- Backpack, Beacon, Shovel, Probe, Radio

ADVANCED/EXPERT GROUP

- ✓ Progress your riding technique in technical terrain
- ✓ Technical tree riding
- ✓ Moving through rider positions with less effort & faster transitions
- ✓ Terrain reading & line choice and flow
- ✓ Efficient movement in complex terrain
- ✓ Advanced recovery skills

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WSSA President

JAY SLAGOWSKI

Hello again fellow snowmobilers!

Though the snow has been slim pickings for many areas across the state, I hope you all have been able to get out and ride in spite of mother nature being downright stingy as of late. In early January, I was lucky enough to show a group of friends from Nebraska around my local riding area while the snow was still in pretty good shape. We managed to cover some beautiful country, get plenty of pow turns in and not break anything along the way (which is always a good thing).

This group were all members of the Nebraska State Snowmobile Association that will be hosting the 2026 International Snowmobile Congress in Omaha on June 3 through the 6th. This is an amazing event that brings snowmobilers together from all across the US and Canada to help promote and protect snowmobiling as well as raise some money for a variety of causes, recognize outstanding achievements and have some fun along the way. This event will be close to home for the first time in a long time and I highly recommend attending if you haven't been, it's an awesome experience. For those that may be interested I've included the registration information in this month's Wrangler, or you can drop me an email for further information.

I am also looking forward to attending the ACSA Mountain Riding Summit on February 18 through the 21st in West Yellowstone, Montana. This is one of my favorite rides to attend as its main focus is on promoting opportunities for our youth and young adults and just getting out there and riding with likeminded friends. I will let everyone know how this one went in next month's Wrangler letter.

I hope you all were able to check out our latest membership promotion video that ran on social media February 2 through the 6th produced by our own WSSA Ambassador and RMSHA champ Mr. Blain Mathews. Blain was able to coordinate some great prizes to give away for the WSSA membership drive including Jacket, Bibs, and Mono suit as well as Sinister Series Goggles and Helmet from 509, 2-Lock & Ride Tunnel Bags from Skidoo, a Yeti cooler from 4 Seasons Power Sports and a Avalanche transceiver from ARVA The membership promotion was a great success and many thanks go out to Blain for putting it together for us.

In closing, I'm going to remain optimistic that we will be getting more snow in the next couple months, and the last half of our season is going to be awesome. At this point, the odds are in our favor... right? Remember to ride smart and come home tired and smiling at the end of the day.

Always Look Ahead.

WSSA Secretary/Treasurer

SUNNY MADDEN

Hello everyone! Can you believe that Fun Days is just around the corner!? I still have quite a few tickets for the WSSA Visa gift card raffle, so let me know how many you need and I can get them mailed out. You can sell tickets right up until the drawing at the Fun Days banquet. This is a great fundraiser for WSSA and for your club because half of what you sell goes directly back to your club! Please remember to bring a check from your club or checks from the ticket buyers for all raffle tickets sold. As a cash handling safety precaution, I am again asking that you DO NOT bring me a huge stack of cash.

Please send in your completed Club of the Year questionnaire to me by February 27. Your club can also get points for bringing your banner, youth safety posters, club scrapbook and turning in a charity report.

We were fortunate this year to have one of our youth members, Kynzi Adams, create a fantastic video about why everyone should join a snowmobile club. Head over to the WSSA website and check it out. Great work Kynzi!

Don't forget to attend the WSSA business meeting on Sunday morning. All members are welcome! See you in Cody!



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

Host: **Cody Country Snowmobile Association – PO Box 1745 Cody, WY 82414**
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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: _____
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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.**

On The Cover

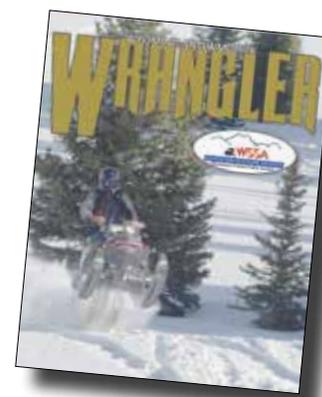


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WSSA Charity

BRENDA MILLER

LIST OF MANY NATIONAL CHARITIES FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED IN THE PAST:

- National Foundation for Cancer Research
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- Special Olympics
- Food Pantry
- National Foundation for the Blind
- ACSA Legal Defense Fund
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- ALS - Lou Gehrig's Disease
- American Cancer Society
- American Red Cross
- Lions club international flood victims, eye bank
- Blue Ribbon Coalition
- Easter Seals
- Spina Bifida
- Make A Wish
- American Diabetes Association
- Children's Miracle Network

LIST OF MANY LOCAL CHARITIES FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED IN THE PAST:

- Local Fire Departments
- Local Lions Club
- Local Food Pantries
- Avalanche Centers
- Local scholarship funds and schools
- Local Spina Bifida
- Local Chamber of Commerce
- State Snowmobile Association
- Veterans Ride
- Libraries
- Local Volunteer Fire Departments
- Youth Snowmobile Groups
- Veterans Home

2025-2026 INDIVIDUAL SNOWMOBILE CLUB CHARITY EFFORTS

You are being asked to keep track of your snowmobile club's charity efforts from March 2023 through February 2024 and report on this form to your state charity coordinator so that everyone's numbers can be compiled and sent to the international charity chairperson. Thank you for your cooperation. It is very important to get as complete and accurate data as possible.

*******Remember to include the amount of money that your club donated to the WSSA Scholarship last year at Fun Days*******

Note: Your form is due to the Charity Representative by 8pm on Friday night of Fun Days if you want it to count towards your points for "Club of the Year" (you can email it also to bnnkids@gmail.com).

Name of Club or Association	
Club Representative (Name and Club Title)	
Club Representative – Address (Street, City, State, Zip)	
Club Representative Phone & eMail	

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Casper Snow Gypsies

BECKY THORNE

What a warm winter we are having. Casper Mountain still has no snow. We still are hopeful to get some. Casper Snow Gypsies are headed for their annual Presidents Day weekend club ride this month. Hoping for a good ride, it would be nice if we got some fresh powder. Our club meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month. We meet at Pizza Ranch at 6:00 p.m. Hope everyone is having a safe season and a fun one too.

RIDE SAFE SO YOU CAN RIDE AGAIN

This message brought to you by the American Council of Snowmobile Associations
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- Encouraging snowmobiler participation in clubs and associations
- Promoting snowmobiling as a family activity
- Providing safety awareness and education through the Safe Riders! program





Dubois Sno-Katters

TRENT SLAGOWSKI

Greetings from the Dubois Sno-Katters. I feel that old man winter has forgotten that it's snowmobile season. We have been having unseasonably warm weather and what snow we do have is starting to settle out to spring conditions. Even with the lack of new snow and the warm temperatures we still find ourselves heading up the hill to enjoy our snowmobile season. Rather than deep pounder days, we find ourselves covering miles of trails and enjoying country that you can only access on a snowmobile. It's been a tough season for local businesses and lodges in the valley with the lack of snow. Our safety shelter wood supply is holding up well with the decrease in traffic. Looking forward to seeing some familiar faces at Fun Days in Cody. Let's hope for some big spring storms!



Big Horn Mountain Snomads



JIM ADAMS

On January 14 we held our Blacktooth Bingo Fundraiser. This is always a fun lively event.

On January 17 the club held a dedication ceremony for our new Red Grade Safety Shelter. It was very well attended, with approximately 47 sleds. This included several vintage sleds. Jim Adams, Snomad President, Rick Young representing Bear Lodge Bad Boys Riding Club, Forest Kamminga, Wyoming State Trails Program Manager and Jeff Gehring with Forest Service all spoke at the Dedication. The Bear Lodge Bad Boys Riding Club made the new shelter possible with a \$20,000 donation. The event was also the clubs Wyoming Cares BBQ Fundraiser.

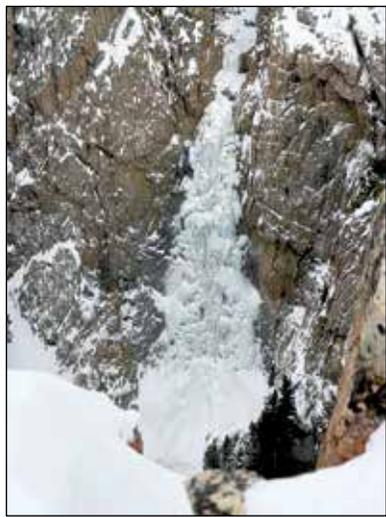
On January 31 the club had a ride to Bucking Mule Falls and High-Country Lodge for lunch. We had 19 sleds with 20 people on the ride. The weather was good and the trail grooming excellent.

We have modified our club logo to reflect the club becoming both a snow and dirt club. This has proven to be a very good move, especially regarding membership numbers.

Upcoming Events:

- 2/14 Poker Ride
- 3/1 Back Country Ride
- 3/14 Lodge Hop
- 3/15 Back Country Ride
- 3/21 Sledding Bowl Hamburger Fry

Please feel welcome to come join us!!! For more information on any of the upcoming events, contact Jim Adams 406-749-2885. Find us on Facebook @ Snomads



Top of the Rockies

HEATH SCHMID

Ring in 2026... Where's the Snow?

January 2026 brought a slow start to the winter season across Western Wyoming, but that didn't slow down the Top of the Rockies Snowmobile Club. Following an early January storm, several members were able to get out to the South End and enjoy one of the deepest powder days of the 2025-26 snowmobile season. Judging by the smiles all around, the conditions were outstanding and well worth the wait.

One of our first events of the new year was the annual Christmas Dinner and Gift Exchange. Members brought a dish to pass and an outdoor-themed gift to share. After a great meal and time for fellowship, everyone gathered for a Santa Dice Gift Exchange game - a new twist for the club that proved to be a big hit. It was a fun and memorable way to close out the holiday season and welcome the new year.

The following day marked our first official club ride of 2026. Members took the opportunity to check on several warming huts that the club helps maintain throughout the season. Once inspections were complete, the group headed out to enjoy a bluebird day and some untouched snow in the Alpine area.

Mid-January brought rainy conditions that limited backcountry riding opportunities. Rather than call it a loss, the club pivoted and used the day to set up the Teepee Safety Shelter at the top of Squaw Creek. The shelter went up smoothly and turned an otherwise unridable day into a productive and worthwhile club effort.

To close out the month, Top of the Rockies partnered with the Star Valley Sno-Skippers to host Casino Night during the Alpine Jubilee Festival. Members from both clubs volunteered their time dealing cards and serving food. Guests enjoyed a full evening of Blackjack, Texas Hold 'Em, Craps, raffles, and silent auctions. Pro-

ceeds from the event support the annual scholarship fund, making it both a fun and meaningful night for the community.

As we head into February, we're all hoping for whiter conditions - but regardless of what the weather brings, it's clear this club isn't slowing down anytime soon.



First Top of the Rockies Club Ride.



Casino Night.



Squaw Teepee set up.



Powder Ride - Carl, Jerry, Frank and Heath.



Top of the Rockies Christmas event.

Cody Country Snowmobile Association

BERT MILLER

Hi all,

We are like all of Wyoming and looking for some snow, BUT we have ordered some especially for Fun Days. Speaking of Fun Days, we are working hard on all the ins and outs and we sure are looking forward to seeing all of you. We are going to have some fun rides and for those of you who are going to paint the town there are a lot of fun things to do. There is the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, The Cody Fire Arms Experience, shopping unique stores downtown, and did I mention fun Bars too! See you soon!

Our Avalanche training was a lot more than we could expect this year. We would like to share what we sent to the Newspapers. Please read, we are so lucky all of us to have such wonderful partners in our sport.

The Cody Country Snowmobile Association (CCSA) consists of members from Cody, Powell, and Meeteetse. We have been around the county for over 50 years. CCSA recently hosted their annual Avalanche Awareness Training with the support of Wyoming State Trails. The funding for the event come from a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant and local sponsorships.

The Training started Friday night the 9th from 6:30pm to 9pm at the Holiday Inn of Cody. In attendance were 93 folks, some from as far away as North Dakota. Frank Carus from the Teton Avalanche Center led the classroom training along with Jake Skeen, owner of Beartooth Rides and Guides in Cody. The training consists of lectures and video training.



The CCSA hosted a sandwich bar to those that wanted to eat.

Saturday's field day training start at 10am at the Beartooth Safety Shelter, which is located at the Island Lake campground. Approximately 70 folks attended field training including CCSA members and members from Park County Search and Rescue. The field day trainers were Frank Carus and Noah from The Teton Avalanche center, each leading their own training stations. Jake Skeen also led one of the training stations. These training stations included: training on how to operate your Beacon for burial locations and how to deal with interference. Probing for the avalanche victim and digging snow pits to check on the snow condition and more. The club provided a chili lunch with all the fixings all those who attended.

Then the excitement happened! A snowmobiler came to the safety shelter and advised that another snowmobiler hit a bridge guardrail and went over the edge into the frozen creek bottom. Search and Rescue members and club members responded to the scene. Upon the assessment, the rider was seriously hurt. Dr. Arron Billin with Park County Search and Rescue took lead with other medical staff, Frank Carus and other members. During this time the club members that were still at the shelter put more logs on the fire and closed the windows to make sure it was nice and warm when the injured rider was brought back to the safety shelter for further assessment.

We then received radio communication from one of our club members to also pack the snow in the area that we have mapped out should a helicopter need to land and to put out the windsock that we have in our safety shelter. We then placed a call to 911 and asked for an air ambulance. When there is an incident on the Beartooth Mountains that requires Search and Rescue, our safety shelter becomes a command center. The safety shelter is equipped with a Search and Rescue radio and some medical supplies.

It took about 45 minutes for the original assessment and to get the rider bundled up on a backboard. The club has a Heavy-Duty work snowmobile and a large tote trailer that we used to place the injured rider on to get them back to the safety shelter. We could only go 5 miles an hour back to the Safety Shelter, Bert Miller drove the snowmobile, Dustin Rosencranse rode as a spotter with Dr. Billin and Frank Carus riding in the tote trailer with the patient.

Once back at the safety shelter, Dr. Billin made a more thorough assessment and determined the rider had a broken leg, ribs, and other possible injuries. The injured rider was kept as comfortable as possible while we waited for the helicopter. Within about 50 minuets the Air Flight team was at the Safety Shelter. The Air Flight team made their assessment and bundled the patient for the Air Flight and his trip to Billings Montana. The flight to Billings was going to take about 35 minutes once the helicopter is up in the air.

The Cody Country Snowmobile Association's Avalanche Training was a great success this year, and we learned more than we thought we set out for. Thank you to Park County Search and Rescue, Teton Avalanche Center and all the club members who helped out. And all our Sponsors.



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Sweetwater Snowpokes

Club Representative

GEORGE PRYICH

On January 16 and 17, the Snowpokes sponsored an avalanche preparedness class at Western Wyoming Community College in Rock Springs. Over 30 students attended the virtual presentation hosted by Alex Drinkard of the Bridger-Teton Avalanche Center (BTAC). After his presentation, we had a review about avalanche rescue equipment that students brought with them and helped with any other questions about updating equipment if it was older than eight years. Bright and early



Fun Run
Saturday February 21, 2026
Starts and ends @ Kendall Valley Lodge
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
!! ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE BACK TO THE LODGE BY 4:30 !!
Hands: \$10 each Additional Card: \$5
 This Snowpokes event is authorized under special use permit by the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Equal opportunity provider
 ~ The Snowpokes promote good conduct, sportsmanship, safety and good stewardship of public land for all outdoor enthusiasts ~

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the next day we headed to the Horse Creek parking lot, gathered up 25 students and sleds, and headed up the trail with two great instructors, Chris Harder and John Fitzgerald. We broke into two groups on the mountain and spent four hours training on rescue techniques and proper use of avalanche rescue equipment. I can't over emphasize the importance of these classes to snow sport enthusiasts every year to be prepared for emergencies. I have been coordinating these classes for over 25 years; I always learn something new. Even though our snow season has been a little lacking, don't get caught off guard when the snow does come. Be prepared, be aware, and save yourself or someone else if the time comes.

Club News

ANGELINA PRYICH

FUN RUN FEBRUARY 21

One of the fun events is the Fun Run (aka poker run). Everyone is welcome to attend...bring your triple, vintage, or other snowmobile to participate. Start and End is at the Kendall Valley Lodge. There's always good food to enjoy and a good time for all.

A BIT OF HISTORY FROM THE SNOWPOKES

As Fun Days nears, have you nominated someone from your club for any of the three Wyoming State Trails annual awards? Start thinking about nominations for next year's Fun Days. Being nominated for these awards is a way to recognize the effort taken to provide us with the trails, parking areas, and access we have today. As an example of past recipients from our club, here are the names of our honorees and the award they received (in no particular order):

- Governor's Awards: Vivian Shedden, Danny Shedden, Phil Karstoft
- Stewardship Award: Pete Leibee
- Pioneer Awards: Bert Smith, Danny Shedden, George Pryich, Vivian Shedden.



Jackson Hole Snow Devils

COURTNEY HODGES RUDDAT

Hello from the Jackson Hole Snow Devils. This winter has not been working in our favor, but we are in hopes the snow gods will be answering our requests soon! With the lack of snow, some of our members found themselves a little project to help out a fellow member. Lending a hand when someone is in need is what we love to do, so a need arose for a ramp to get in and out of a house. A few short hours later, a ramp was built and our fellow member was taken care of. We don't always get a chance to help out those who have given so much to our club, so we are thankful we were able to be there!

In other news our club is working hard on planning the 49th Annual World Championship Snowmobile Hill climb which will kick off on March 19-22, 2026. Our raffle sales are up and running on our website, be sure to get them ahead of time, but they will also be available at the base of the mountain during the event. The prizes this year are a 2025 Ski-Doo Freeride Turbo 154" donated by Rocky Mountain Powersports, Ski-Doo and Ben Cilensek, Treager donated by Teton Rental, Firman 2500 Watt Generator donated by Jenkins Lumber, and a \$500 Gift Card donated by Jackson Hole Snow Devils.

Now we aren't sure what you all believe in, but if there is a snow dance or snow god you would like to plead with... NOW would be the time. That groundhog said there was to be 6 more weeks of winter, and we see the forecast is predicting the snow to be coming, but it hasn't read true thus far. So currently we are recruiting any and all individuals who are willing to do the snow dance, let's make this groundhog's prediction come true (but with stipulations, no snow in July).

In the meantime, the Jackson Hole Snow Devils would like to wish everyone a safe and happy adventure for the remaining riding season!





Star Valley Sno-Skippers

MARCUSS SAINZ

Star Valley Sno-Skippers Stay Busy Giving Back and Building Toward 2027 Fun Days

The Star Valley Sno-Skippers continue to stay busy as they gear up to host the 2027 WSSA Fun Days right here in Star Valley. Club members have been working hard through fundraisers and actively encouraging new memberships, knowing that a strong club is key to supporting local trails, rider safety, and community events.

Recently, Sno-Skipper members traveled down to Top of the Rockies territory to lend a helping hand at the Town of Alpine's Casino Night. Club members spent the evening warming tortillas and assembling street tacos for guests, supporting fellow riders and a neighboring community event.

The following week brought a change from the club's regular meeting schedule as members came together to prepare for the Sno-Skippers' first Avalanche Awareness Breakfast Burrito event. Early the next morning, members met at the trailhead parking lot, ready to welcome riders as snowmobiles began rolling in. The message was simple: wearing an avalanche beacon meant a free breakfast burrito — courtesy of the Sno-Skippers. "No Beeping, No Burrito." Along with breakfast, members

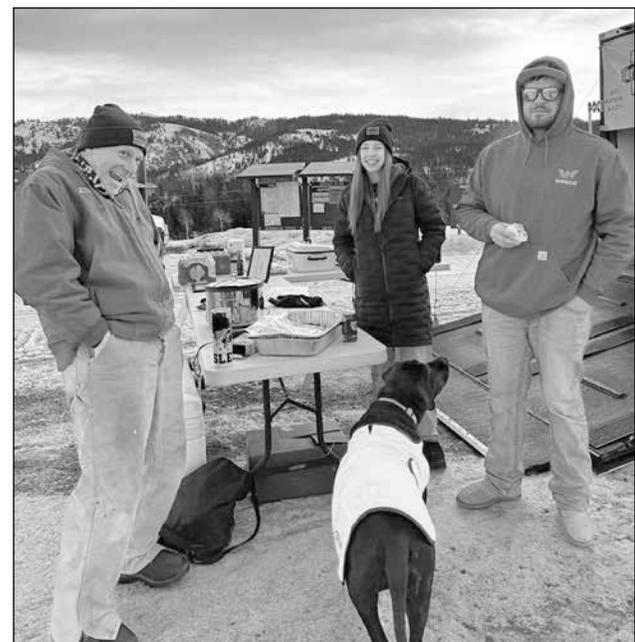
took the opportunity to educate riders – many visiting from out of state – about avalanche safety and the importance of joining local clubs to help maintain and support the trails they enjoy.

Despite the valley seeing little to no snow lately, Sno-Skipper members have been making the most of every bluebird day. Families have been getting out together, enjoying the sunshine and open spaces. Some of the youngest members have been especially enthusiastic, ripping around on their 120s in the fields and building early riding skills.

Two of the club's youngest members, McCrae and Jettson, are gearing up for this year's WSSA Fun Days in Cody, Wyoming. Both have created snowmobile safety posters and are excited to help teach fellow young riders about safe snowmobiling practices.

The Sno-Skippers also held their January club ride, welcoming riders of all ages. The group traveled to Poker Flat and over sheep pass and into the head of spring creek to cook hot dogs. One young member, Hadley, rode his own snowmobile – a Yamaha Exciter – all the way to Sheep's Pass, a proud moment for both him and the club.

As the winter season continues, the Star Valley Sno-Skippers remain committed to promoting safe riding, strengthening community connections, and preparing for a successful 2027 WSSA Fun Days. Whether through volunteering, education, or simply getting families out enjoying the snow, the Sno-Skippers are proving that even in a low-snow year, the heart of the sport is alive and well in Star Valley.



Lincoln County Snowbears

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Mid-Winter Update and Polar Run Reminder

Mid-winter has arrived, and the Lincoln County Snowbears are looking ahead to the heart of the season while hoping for additional snowfall to improve riding conditions across the area. Club members continue to stay engaged and are preparing for one of the Snowbears' most anticipated events of the year.

The Annual Polar Run is coming up on Saturday, February 21, 2026, and plans are well underway. This long-standing tradition brings riders together from across the region for a full day of snowmobiling, scenic riding, and good company. Riders are encouraged to mark their calendars and watch the club's social media pages for final details on the meeting location, start time, and ride information.

Please note an important change for this year's event: the final stop and free dinner will now take place in the parking lot following the ride. Participants are invited to gather around a fire pit while drawing their final card, enjoying free chili, and visiting with fellow riders. Those taking part will also have a chance to walk away with a door prize or first-, second-, or third-place winnings at the end of the day.

As the event approaches, the Snowbears are also asking for volunteer help to make the Polar Run a success. Volunteers are needed for registration, setup, trail support, and cleanup. Helping hands are a big part of what keeps this event running smoothly, and the club appreciates everyone who can lend their time and support.

In addition to event planning, the Snowbears continue their ongoing efforts to promote safe, responsible riding and maintain strong relationships within the community. Members are reminded to make sure their snowmobile registrations and stickers are current and to ride within posted guidelines to help keep trails open and accessible for everyone.

The Lincoln County Snowbears welcome new members and encourage anyone interested in snowmobiling to get involved. With more winter events ahead, including Family Fun Day in March, there's still plenty of season left to enjoy.

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



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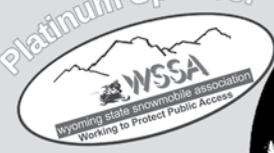
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Big Horn Sno Goers

The snow has not been amazing yet this year... And the forecast doesn't give a lot of hope either. We have been out several rides and found some good snow early- still rocks and stumps out there! And every day out riding is better than sitting at the house, right?!

The Big Horn Sno Goers meet the second Thursday of each month. The upcoming meeting will be at the Worland Elks Lodge where we meet up for dinner at 6 and meeting at 7 p.m. We are in the works of a poker run. More details to follow. Watching the weather and checking snow depth at various locations.

Wherever you go, be safe and carry plenty of safety supplies, water, food and fire-starter. Be aware of your surroundings, even the Big Horns have avalanche danger this season.



Deadline for this season's final Wrangler will be March 11!

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Wyoming State Trails Program urges extreme caution for snowmobilers

The Wyoming State Trails Program is issuing a safety alert and urging the public to exercise caution this winter snowmobile season. The season has tragically begun with a concerning number of fatalities, underscoring the hazards currently present on trails across the state.

“We have already had four snowmobile-related fatalities in the State this season, and that is four too many,” stated Forrest Kamminga, the State Trails Program manager. “While many of our high-elevation snowmobile trail systems are officially open for business, the conditions are far less than desirable. Riders are going to encounter extremely icy and hard-packed snow conditions that significantly compromise the control of their snowmobiles.”

THE CURRENT DANGER: HARD AND ICY CONDITIONS

A severe lack of significant snowfall across most of Wyoming for nearly a month has resulted in a hard, frozen, and icy base layer on most established trail systems. This lack of fresh powder fundamentally changes the physics of operating a snowmobile, making machines much harder to control, steer, and stop.

- **Compromised Control:** Accelerating, cornering, and braking performance are all severely degraded by the hard, icy surface. What would be a manage-

able speed on fresh snow can become dangerously fast on ice.

- **The Downhill Hazard:** The loss of traction is magnified on downhill sections. The combination of speed, ice, and gravity significantly increases the risk of loss of control, potentially leading to rapid instability and serious accidents.

- **Encouragement with a Caveat:** We encourage everyone to still get out and enjoy the unique Wyoming snowmobile experience, but this must be done with the utmost caution and awareness of the drastically altered trail conditions.

HIDDEN HAZARDS: THE RISK OF LOW SNOW COVER

The limited snow depth is creating a significant secondary risk: barely covered-up hazards both on and immediately off the trail system.

- **Subsurface Dangers:** Riders must be acutely aware of objects lying just beneath the snow's surface. Running into a rock, a jagged stump, or fallen timber that is only thinly covered can result in severe personal injury and major, often catastrophic, damage to the snowmobile.

- **Assume the risk:** Encountering these subsurface hazards increases exponentially when traveling off the established, packed trail because of insufficient snow cover.

A CALL FOR RESPONSIBLE RIDING

The Wyoming State Trails Program is encouraging all riders to adjust their behavior and riding style to match the current dangerous conditions.

- **Please Slow Down:** Reduced speed is the single most effective way to regain a manageable level of control on hard, icy trails. Give yourself significantly more distance and time to react and stop.

- **Scale Back the Ride:** Consider adjusting the planned route or ride duration to a more conservative, manageable level. This may mean choosing less ambitious terrain or shorter trips until conditions improve.

- **Prioritize Safety:** The goal of every outing should be to return home safely with a positive Wyoming snowmobile experience to share, not to push the limits of speed or machine capability in dangerous conditions.

Snowmobiling is a beloved winter tradition in Wyoming, and the State Trails Program wants everyone to enjoy it safely. Until significant snowfall softens and deepens the trails, riders must assume that every turn and every descent poses an elevated risk. Your vigilance can save lives.

Learn more about the Wyoming State Trails Program at wyoparks.wyo.gov.



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