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Campaign Feb. 8-17, 2025





CONGRATULATIONS

To Our OSSA Club Of The Year And **Groomer Operator Of The Year Award Recipients**



The winner of the 2025 OSSA Snowmobile Club of the

Year goes to Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club. The club has been active for over 30 years. They are deeply rooted in their community. Congratulations to Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club!



Tim Holly Membership director district 6 recieves award for Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Club

Dobe Griffin recieves honor award for his many years of Service to OSSA as a Grooming Director



The winner of the 2025 OSSA Groomer Operator of the

Year goes to Jim Sheller of the Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club. Jim began grooming in 1998. He would drive from Portland to Sumpter to groom. In 2003, Jim stepped into the role of grooming chairman for the club. He enjoys being teased about being the "old dog". If you were to ask around the Sumpter area, they would tell you Jim deserves to be Groomer of the Decade. The club totaled up how many miles Jim has groomed since taking on the grooming chairman position. 19,472!!! Congratulations to Jim for his outstanding contribution to the sport of snowmobiling in Oregon!



2025 OSSA Convention Dinner photo highlights















































Why should I register my snowmobile?

Did you know that registering your snowmobile helps fund the groomed snowmobile trails in Oregon?

The Oregon State Snowmobile Association (OSSA) receives money from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). The money comes from the state gas tax. It is put into a fund managed by ODOT. OSSA has a contract with ODOT to facilitate trail maintenance which includes grooming the many miles of snowmobile trails in the state of Oregon. The percentage is based solely off of how many snowmobiles are registered in the state of Oregon. The more snowmobiles that are registered the more money OSSA gets to groom the trails. So, if you enjoy riding your snowmobile on the many miles of groomed trails in the state of Oregon. Please register all of your snowmobiles, whether they run or not.

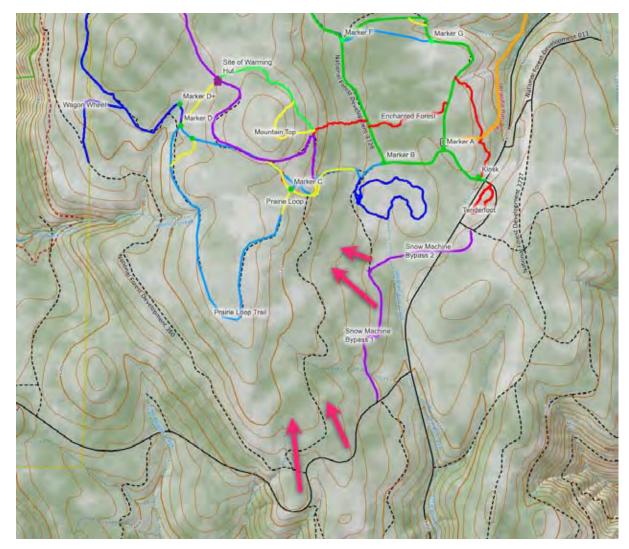
Registration for a snowmobile is only \$5 per year for 2 years. A fine for no registration is \$115.

Please register your snowmobile and help keep our snowmobile trails groomed for everyone to enjoy.



Groomed vs Ungroomed







Hello Snowmobilers!

Tollgate Trail Finders Snowmobile Club

Hey Snowmobilers. Someone rode snowmobiles inside the Nordic Area at Horseshoe Prairie this past weekend. The areas of entry are shown with the pink arrows. The US Forest Service contacted us yesterday about it.

We wanted to take this opportunity to ask you to spread the word that RIDING IN THE NORDIC AREA IS OFF LIMITS TO SNOWMOBILES AND OTHER MOTORIZED MODES OF OVER THE SNOW TRAVEL.

This area is west of Andies Prairie across HWY 204 and is clearly marked with signs. We have plenty of riding area to enjoy. Please stay out of the Nordic Area unless you are on cross-country skis or snowshoes.

PRAY FOR SNOW!

-Ti Reilly

We continue to lose riding areas because of trespassing. If we don't want other user groups fighting against us, it's imperative that we spread the word about not trespassing.







Discounts for OSSA Members

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Show your club or OSSA membership card to receive these discounts.



JOIN OSSA TODAY

membership signup link. https://www.oregonsnow.org/become-a-member/

ODOT has cut our budget at OSSA (Oregon State Snowmobile Association) by 30% so we had no choice other than reducing all the club's grooming funds by the same, there is strength in numbers and your support is greatly needed and appreciated.

The other groomers and I are happy to groom and open trails for all users, cross-country skiers benefit from the grooming as do snowmobilers, and here on the Malheur NF we are very fortunate to have nearly zero user conflicts.

Our local club membership is down from past years and has never been supported to the level it could be. I know there are a lot of snowmobilers, as well as X-country skiers who are not members but benefit from our efforts.

Please hit the QR code below and renew your membership or join for the first time! Membership is only \$45.00 per year.

There is a lot of effort that goes on behind the scenes to make these winter trails work, your support is greatly appreciated.

Cheers & Have a Great Season

Dave OSSA Director of Grooming Dist. 6







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Use the online form at http://oregonsnow.org/about/to join OSSA only.

If you wish to join a local club, please contact your local club directly. Local club membership automatically includes a membership in OSSA. Thank you for your support!

Note: Many powersports dealers give discounts to OSSA Club members.

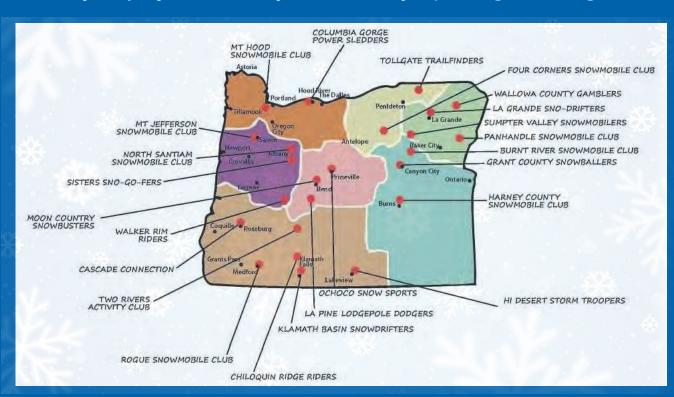
Some attributes of club membership include:

- * Cooperative enjoyment in club activities, rides and play days.
- * Assistance through club membership in formalizing legislation for snowmobiles.
- * Learning new areas to ride and familiarity with areas through joint rides.
- * Strength in state organization through local club organization and input.

- * Opportunity to gain knowledge of snowmobiling through club meeting speakers.
- * Obtaining a feeling of "Belonging" a common bond experience.
- Meet new people and make new friends.
- * Promote and understand safe snowmobiling.
- To protect and preserve the rights and freedoms to enjoy the sport of snowmobiling.
- * To help preserve and promote our natural resources.
- * Assist in search and rescue missions.
- * The ability to enjoy snowmobiling activities as a family and at a price reasonable for doing so.
- Helping provide a trail groomer.
- Helping to discourage bad snowmobiling practices.
- * Assistance in formulating and conducting youth driver education clinics.
- * Promote sanitation and non-littering in all areas used for snowmobiling.
- Serve as a catalyst in service to state and federal agencies in providing new snowmobiling trails and parking facilities.
- * Club membership brings recognition to the member from both state and federal agencies and prestige in that recognition.

Our Volunteers spend hundreds of hours taking care of and grooming snowmobile trails.

A ski lift ticket for one person for one day is \$100 or more. Say "Thank you" to our volunteers by joining your local club today. It's only \$60 per year or less for your entire family.https://oregonsnow.org/clubs/





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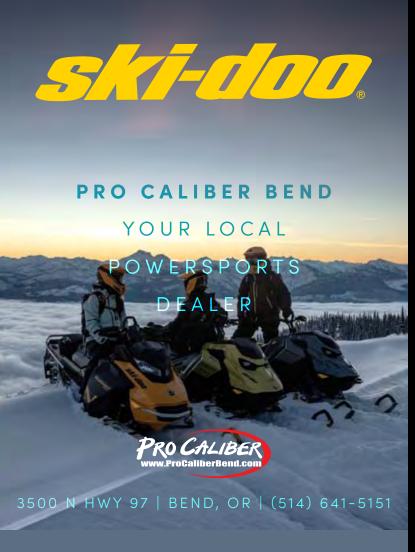


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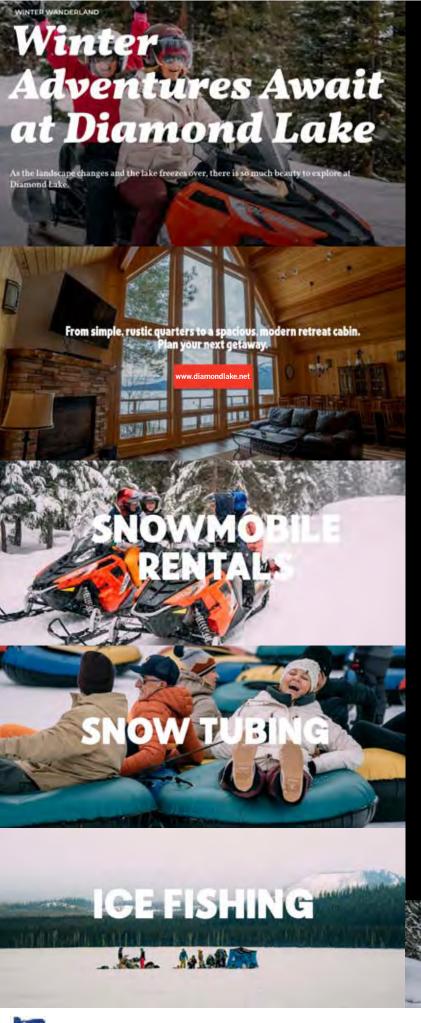


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Our store is currently open from noon to 5pm, seven days a week. These hours will remain in effect until approximately April or May.







Photo credits, Elizabeth Ashley



5 Stars - Kate H. (Google Reviews)

"Very clean, easy check-in/out, and the proximity to CLNP made it the perfect place for us while exploring the area."

5 Stars - Sam S. (Google Reviews)

"Don't let the modest marketing fool you - this place is awesome!! Our cabin was adorable with all the amenities we could haveneeded. We had such a fun time walking around the trails, canoeing, and swinging on the tree swings. Felt like an adultplayground! Wish we could have stayed longer!"

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Saturday, February 15, 2025

Description

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Event Contact
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Saturday, February 15, 2025 Snowmobile Poker Run

> Online pre-registration is available on our website. Now open through Monday, February 10th.

In-person pre-registration is available 5:30PM - 7:30PM Friday, February 14th at the lodge at Diamond Lake.

Check-in Saturday, Feb 15th at 8:30 am (you'll pickup your registrations packets)

Rider's meeting and safety briefing at 10:00am

Poker run begins at 10:15 am

Checkpoint 5 will open up at 2:30PM at the lodge and remain open through 4:30PM for those who want to get last-minute hands. No more hands will be sold after 4:30PM to give our volunteers time to prepare for winners.

Dinner will be upstairs in the Baily room at the lodge from 5PM -8PM. Awards and winners will be announced during this time.



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Sat 9 am - 8 pm

Sun 9 am - 6 pm

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Thursday thru Monday

Holiday Weeks

December 19 thru Jan 5th (Open Dally)

Monday - Thursday II am - 7 pm

Friday 11 am - 8 pm

Sat 9 am - 8 pm

Sun 9 am - 6 pm

*On Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and New Year's Eye the Lodge and Restaurant close at 3 pm for Private Holiday Dinners

*Advanced reservations required





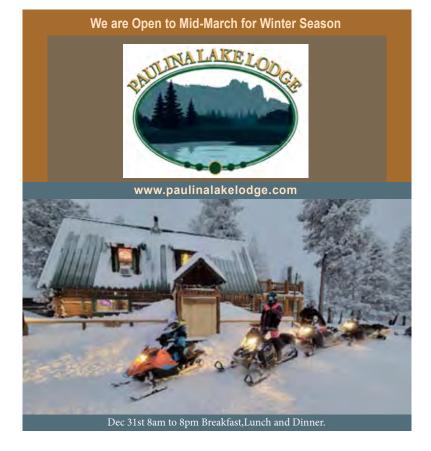












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* Full Participant Rules available at Registration

REGISTRATION

Location: Sumpter School House FRIDAY Feb14th 6pm-8pm SATURDAY 15th 8am-1:00pm

Early Registration recommended for Trail Participants

Registration later than 9:30am Saturday will make it difficult to complete the run

Awards Ceremony & Raffle - Saturday 6pm at the Groomers Shed

Sponsored by Sumpter Valley Snowmobile Club

A New Era for Hood River's Largest Toy Store

New ownership at powersports and bikes store

for these exciting outdoor sports.

Post Canyon Bikes, located right next door, focuses on e-bike sales and service, featuring the largest and most capable manufacturer of e-bikes in the world: Yamaha. Most people

also joined the team to provide even better support and service



Story and Photos by HRP

lease welcome Hood River Powersports & Marine and Post Canyon Bikes to Hood River! Established in 2024 and owned and operated by Jamie Hull of Mt. Hood & Parkdale, they are bringing a new kind of adventure and community to the Gorge.

At HRP and Post Canyon Bikes, they're here to help families and folks make the most of their time outdoors, whether you're enjoying the outdoors solo, with friends, or exploring with loved ones. Everything they offer is designed to help you enjoy life, build your skills, and recharge — while always delivering the best service and support to keep the adventure going.

In just a few months of ownership, Jamie has already made huge changes to the dealership, including a major rebrand (with new signage coming soon!). They are also carrying even more world-class brands, such as RH Fishing boats, G3 Boats, Kawasaki, Sherco offroad and trail bikes, Kove Adventure and Rally bikes, CFMOTO UTVs, ATVs & motorcycles, Arctic Leopard Electric motorbikes, and Kayo pit bikes and ATVs.

For all you boaters and fisherman out there, they have big plans in the works, bringing 20+ years of boat design and building experience to ensure HRP becomes the go-to store in the Portland and Gorge areas. The Big Fishing store launches early 2025! New staff from the Hood River area — with professional expertise in moto and mountain biking — have

are not aware that Yamaha has built more e-bikes than any other manufacturer in the world, and just recently began to focus on the US market with the introduction of the very best e-bikes available. Post Canyon Bikes also sells RFN and RAWRR (similar to Surron), with even more brands coming soon!

Jamie Hull is a Mechanical and Marine Engineer, lifelong gearhead and outdoorsman. So naturally, he saw this opportunity as the holy grail of combining many of his outdoor activities and passions under one roof, as well as to build a venue and share this experience with the Hood River community he loves so much.

Formerly Mid-Columbia Marine & MotorSports (MCM), this company has been in the Hood River's boating, fishing and powersports culture for more than 30 years, and HRP & Post Canyon Bikes is excited to continue this legacy! A big shout out to Jim Drennen for making this possible!

HRP and Post Canyon Bikes provides

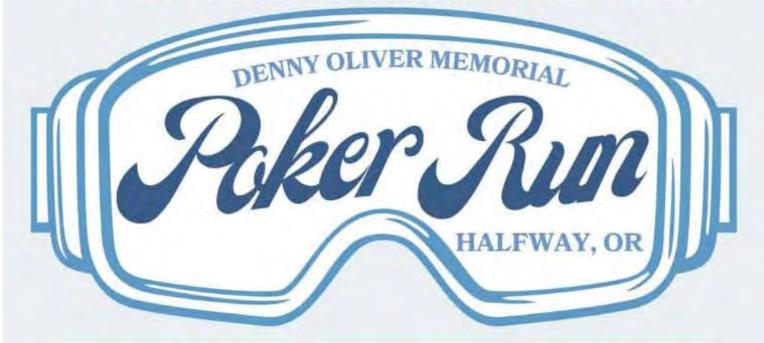


Jamie Hull, Owner

sales, service and parts support for powersports, MTB and road bikes, e-bikes, marine and fishing. Hood River PowerSports & Marine and Post Canyon Bikes are located at 3335 Cascade Ave. in Hood River. For more info, visit our website at www. hoodriverpowersports.com/ or give us a call at (541) 386-2477.



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2025 Public Meeting Schedule

Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision

Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests

These meetings offer an opportunity for the public to learn about the upcoming NEPA process and to hear plan development updates. For questions and more information, please reach out to sm.fs.bluesforests@usda.gov or (541) 278 - 3716.

The public meetings will be in person and virtual. Meetings will be held from 5 - 8 p.m., with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. More information and meetings links will be available at https://tinyurl.com/ythmbdnt.

Please note: New dates for the next step in the Blue Mountain Forest Plan Revision

Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision Winter 2025 Public Meeting Schedule

All public meetings will be held from 5 – 8 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Virtual links and information will be available at:

https://wwwfs.usdagovdetail/umatilla/ home/?cid=fseprd1200075

Forest Service Link

https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/umatilla/home/?cid=fseprd1188541

Date	Host Forest	Location
February 24, 2025	Umatilla National Forest	Gilliam & Bisbee Event Center 105 E May St Heppner, DR 97836
February 25, 2025	Umatilla National Forest	Pendleton Convention Center. West Conference Hooms 1601 Westgate Pendleton OR 97501
February 26, 2025	Umatilia National Forest	Columbia County Fairgrounds, Passion 5 N Pine St. Dayton, WA 99328
March 3, 2025	Malheur National Forest	Grant County Fairgrounds, Trowbridge Pavillon 411 NW Bridge St John Day, OR 97845
March 4, 2025	Malheur National Forest	Harney County Fairgrounds, Memorial Building 65560 S Egan Ave Buttle CIR 97720
March 5, 2025	Wallowa-Whitman National Forest	Cloverleaf Hall 800 NW 1st St. Enterprise, OR 97828
March 6, 2025	Wallowa-Whitman National Forest	Baker County Fairgrounds 2600 East St. Baker Cay, OR 97814
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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025

We had a great turn out for our December gift exchange party and dinner. We had 24 members attend. Thanks to all that attended. It was a lot of fun.

We have 73 family members that have joined up so far this season. There are still a few members from last year that has not renewed yet. Please do so if you can since OSSA's membership have been a lot lower than in the past. Remember joining OSSA helps fight for our trails to stay opened in our forests. There is an application that is in this newsletter or go online to oregonsnow.org and join there.

Our Poker Run is scheduled for Feb. 15th. We will be donating to Best Friends of Baker City and SAR (Baker County Search and Rescue). If our snow holds out and stays with us, we will be having stations on the trails and another \$500 for the people that go out and they will also have a chance for our normal \$3000 pot.

Oregon Vintage Snowmobile Race Circuit group are having their 1⁵¹ race of the season on Jan. 18th & 19th at the fairgrounds. (Martin Luther King weekend.) It's also a lot of fun to watch.

2024 - 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Regular Monthly Meetings (subject to change)
POTLUCK starts at 6:00 PM at Sumpter Community
Center. Bring your own-table service and drinks. The
Club meeting starting at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday
of each month from September through April. If you
can't make the potluck, you can still come for the
meeting.

Dates and times are subject to change so please check the schedule for each month. Regular Monthly Meetings (subject to change)

- Thursday Jan. 16, 2025, 6:00pm
- Thursday Feb. 20, 2025, 6:00pm

- * Thursday March 20, 2025, 6:00pm
- * Thursday April 17, 2025, 6:00pm

Special Events

- Vintage Races Jan. 18th & 19th, 2025
- Poker Run Feb. 15, 2025

CLUB NEWS

President's Corner

Snow, we got snow at least above 5500°, all the way up your ying-yang. But the snow gods have been messing with us here on the valley floor. We've had some good snow down low, but we've also had a fair amount of rain as well. It is said that the birds are bailing, the squirrels are packing it away, and the bees are hunkering down and by mid-month it's supposed to get cold. Yeah, we can only hope.

So, if you don't already know OSSA, through no fault of their own, was forced to cut the grooming budget. We are limited to 1000 miles. However, OSSA Has upped our fuel requirements to cover the vintage races, and we thank them for that. Hopefully the snow will hold here on the valley floor. Take a look at our Facebook page and see the flyer for the races. Martin Luther King weekend was the first round of races. Remember we have the Walk-About poker run on Presidents' Day weekend. Also, we'll also attempt to do the Trail Poker run again. Check out our Facebook page. Somewhere around this time a second set of vintage races will take place.

On a sad note, we must acknowledge the passing (Dec 7) of our friend and a great guy, Dale Demaris. Dale had been battling cancer for some time. He loved to groom and loved to snowmobile. A younger Dale raced motorcycles, as well as other endeavors involving the sport. Facing West, we salute you and bid you fair winds, you will not be forgotten.

Mike





Volunteers Hours Needed

I need members only volunteer hours, that you do, thru out each month to report to OSSA. Please let Jane know, thru email Sybmsc-secytreas@outlook.com or you can text me at 208-739-3498. We report it as Charity and it helps with funding for new groomers, fuel, new groomer sheds, etc. If you need info on what can be counted, please call me.

Membership:

A new season starts September 1st. Even if you don't have a snowmobile, you might have an ATV or just want to drive around the roads to enjoy the great outdoors, remember the money that goes to OSSA is for a good cause. It keeps our trails and forest roads open for all of us to use, ATV/UTV's, Snowmobiles. We can't let them shut it down.

Grooming/Trail Cleaning Report

The Groomers have been putting in some long hours out on the trails. They got a late start on it since we didn't have a lot of snow on the valley floor and when we did get the snow, it was too soft to get out there. They are trying to get them in shape as our weather has been holding out. With all the wet snow this year, they are having to cut a lot of trees out of the way which makes it that much slower. OSSA has had to cut back on funds, and we limited on what we groom this year. This is another reason why you should join OSSA and register your sleds because this is where part of that money goes towards. If you see the groomers out on the trail, please stop and thank them for all the hard work they do to keep our trails groomed. It's not an easy task.

> Here is a link to the OSSA sign up page for the Klamath Basin snowdrifters.

https://www.oregonsnow.org/klamath-basin-snowdrifters/

LINKS TO ISSUES OF INTEREST TO SNOWMOBILERS

American Council of Snowmobile Associations

http://www.snowmobilers.org/

Blue Ribbon Coalition

http://www.share.trails.org/.

Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision

http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/BlueMtnsPlanRevision

Forest Access for All

http://forestaccessforall.org/

OPRD Statewide Trails Plan

http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/Trail Programs Services/Pages/Tr all-Plans.aspx

Oregon State Snowmobile Association

oregonsnow.org

Wallowa Whitman NF Travel Management Plan

http://www.fs.usda.gov/ detail/wallowawhitman/landmanagement/projects/?cid=fsbdev7_008909

SNOWMOBILE NEWS

Go to oregonsnow.org for their news updates and where you can join the club's memberships.

SVBMSC Newsletter

If you have questions or suggestions about content or advertising in the SVBMSC newsletter, please email the Secretary/Treasurer Jane Leatherman at sybmsc-secytreas@outlook.com.

The Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club Newsletter is published monthly, from September through April and from May through August as is deemed advisable by club officers.

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Olsen families taking a break near Dog Prairie.



Thank you
Dianne Olsen
for sharing
your club
photos.

FNOWMOBILE CLUB ROSEBURG, OREGON

Club meetings are very fun in Roseburg.



Looking toward Lemolo Lake from Elephant Mt trail.



Our grooming chairman Gary Olsen and Ted Olsen during a break near Summit Rock trail.





Moon Country Snowbusters always does a chili feed for the Bachelor Dog Derby Sled Race. This year we are switching it up to a Chili Cook off. Anyone who is an OSSA member can enter. March 2nd, chili turn in is 11:00, feeding starts at 12:00 at Wanoga snow shelter. The mushers of the race will be voting, there will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.

Text me at (541) 390-5503 to get on the entry list

March 2nd, 2025. Chili turn at 11:00.

1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes

























Some of the WINNERS from the Vintage Races























Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club



Gary and Kathy's group

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Kathy Reedy, Troy Pointer, Matt Case Cable Cove



Mike Williams



Gary Olson in front and Shane Conley

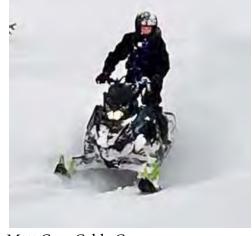




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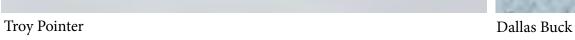


Troy Pointer, Matt Case, Kathy Reedy Cable Cove



Matt Case Cable Cove









Find us on <u>Facebook</u> (<u>https://www.facebook.com/sumptersnowmobileclub</u>)

See upcoming events for a disclaimer

UPCOMING EVENTS 2024-2025 SNOWMOBILE SEASON

Regular Monthly Meetings (subject to change)

Our meetings are every 3rd Thursdays of each month starting in September. The Club will have our potluck starting at 6:00 PM and our meeting will start at 7:00 PM in case you just want to attend the meeting. Please be sure to bring your own table service and drinks to potluck-meetings. Dates and times are subject to change so please check the schedule each month.

These are the dates for our next meetings.

- * Thursday January 16, 2025
- * Thursday February 20, 2025
- * Thursday March 20, 2025
- * Thursday April 17, 2025

At our December Christmas exchange/meeting, we had 24 members attend the party. Everyone had a lot of fun with the white elephant gift exchange.

As of the end of December, we have gotten quite a bit of snow in town and tons more up higher. The groomers have finally been able to get out to groom. Hope we can keep the cooler temperatures and we are off for a great season. So far, we are looking good.

For our **Poker Run** will be Feb. 15th, 2025. Our donations this year will be going to **Best Friends of Baker City and to SAR (Baker County Search and Rescue).**

Vintage Races are attentively going to be on January 18th and 19th, 2025 at fair Grounds in Sumpter.

See you at the meetings or on the trails.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Our Poker Run will be on Feb. 15, 2025. That will be President's Day weekend.







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A Day in the Life of a Volunteer Groomer

Did you know that OSSA has 24 clubs in Oregon and that all 24 clubs volunteer to groom the snowmobile trails?

Typical Grooming Day:

5:00 am Wake up.

6:00 am Drive 90 minutes up to the mountain.

7:30 am Prepare the Grooming Machine for the day.

8:00 am Begin Grooming the trails.

8am to 6pm Groom the trails, remove fallen trees, remove moguls, make roads through snow drifts.

6:00 pm After grooming 50 to 60 miles return to Groomer Barn and begin refueling and cleaning the Groomer.

7:00 pm Head for home.

8:30 pm Arrive home and crash.

Did you know that the best way to "THANK YOU" to a groomer volunteer is to renew your membership every year?

Many OSSA members join every club in every area that they ride just to say, "THANK YOU"!

Oh yeah, if you see a Groomer Volunteer be sure to shake their hand and say "THANKS".













Grooming update Jan. 26th

Snowmobile Trail Rescue: Steve and Cole's Snow Cat Chronicles!

On a glorious winter morning, when the snowflakes danced like confetti and the sun shone down with a mischievous twinkle, our heroes Steve and Cole embarked on a mission unlike any other. Armed with a snow cat equipped with a blade that could rival a lumberjack's best friend, they were ready to tame the wild snowmobile trail, which had recently turned into an obstacle course that would make even the bravest of riders think twice.

As they rolled up to the trailhead, the sight was enough to make any snowmobiler cringe. The washboards and bumps were so severe that they looked like a herd of moose had decided to practice their break dancing moves right in the middle of the path. "This looks like a snowmobile version of a roller coaster gone wrong!" Steve said, chuckling as he climbed into the snow cat, ready to bring some order to the chaos.

With a roar that echoed through the frosty air, the snow cat sprang to life. "Let's smooth this baby out and make it as smooth as my dance moves at last year's holiday party!" Cole shouted, as he expertly maneuvered the machine over the trail. As the blade cut through the snow, it was like watching a giant Zamboni at work—if Zambonis had a thirst for adventure and a penchant for mischief.

As they worked, Steve couldn't help but crack jokes. "If only this thing came with a hot cocoa dispenser, we'd be unstoppable!" he laughed, as he expertly flattened the washboards with the precision of a surgeon. "I'd settle for not losing my lunch on the next ride," Cole replied, grinning as he expertly navigated the bumps like a pro.

Next on their agenda was the notorious water hole that had been claiming unsuspecting riders like it was auditioning for a horror film. "This thing could swallow a snowmobile whole!" Steve exclaimed as they approached the icy menace. "I think it's auditioning for 'The Water Hole of Doom'!" Cole joked as he revved the snow cat's engine, ready to fill in the treacherous pit with a mountain of snow.

With the blade of the snow cat pushing snow like a giant fluffy bulldozer, they quickly filled the hole, transforming it from a frigid nightmare into a safe passage. "If we don't get a medal for this, I'm going to start a petition!" Steve declared, wiping imaginary sweat from his brow as they surveyed their handiwork.

After hours of laughter, bumps, and a surprisingly graceful snow cat ballet, the trail was smoother than a new pair of skates on fresh ice. They high-fived each other in triumph, only for Cole to accidentally bump the snow cat's control panel, sending a plume of snow up into the air. "Just a little extra flair!" he laughed, emerging from the snow like a yeti.

Now, before you race off into the snowy sunset, here's a friendly reminder: side by sides with tracks and vehicles with tires are ILLEGAL on snowmobile trails. So let's keep the trails safe and free of unintended "water holes of doom." Stay safe, stay legal, and most importantly, stay snowy, my friends!







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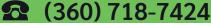
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Klamath Basin Snowdrifters 2024/2025 Schedule of Events

General meeting locations are to be announced prior to the meeting on Facebook, due to limited seating and options. In addition, locations for club rides will also be announced on Facebook and at the general meeting prior to the ride.

> Here is a link to the OSSA sign up page for the Klamath Basin snowdrifters. https://www.oregonsnow.org/klamath-basin-snowdrifters/

January 2025

Tuesday 1-14-25: General Meeting 7pm, dinner at 6 PM (location TBA)

Thursday 1-16 through 1-18: OSSA Convention at Diamond Lake / No Host Event

Saturday 1-18-25: Club Ride (details TBA)

February 2025

Tuesday 2-11-25: General Meeting 7pm, dinner at 6 PM (location TBA)

Saturday 2-22-25: Club Steak Feed and club ride (location TBA)

March 2025

Tuesday 3-11-25: General Meeting 7pm, dinner at 6 PM (location TBA)

Saturday 3-22-25: Club Ride (details TBA)

April 2025

Tuesday 4-8-28 General Meeting 7pm, dinner at 6 PM (location TBA)

Saturday 4-19-25 End of Year Banquet at Trappers @ 5pm





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The Rogue Snowmobilers, located in the Rogue Valley, are the largest snowmobile club in the state of Oregon.

We are a non-profit snowmobile club responsible for grooming in the area just west of Crater Lake National Park in an area known as Thousand Springs Snow Park.

Our club **maintains over 150 miles of trails**, most of which are groomed weekly.

We want to ensure not only do snowmobilers have access to these parts of the woods, but anyone.

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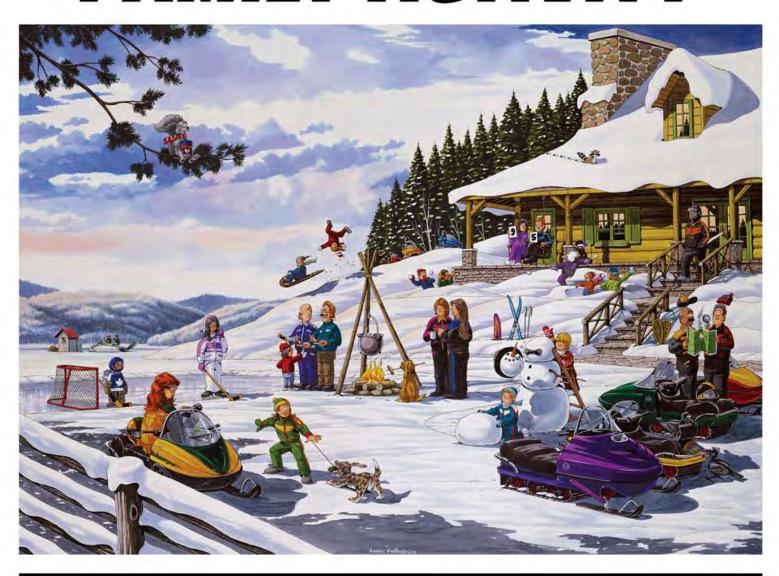


ROUGE SNOWMOBILERS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2025

February	2025				
1 or 8th	No Host Ride	Deer Park, CA			
4	General Club Meeting	IOOF Central Point			
11	Board Meeting 6:00 pm	Teams			
14	Valentines Day				
15-16	Mt. Bailey \$3000 Poker Run	Diamond Lake Resort			
17	Presidents Day				
March	2025				
1-2	No Host Ride	10-Mile Snow Park			
4	General Club Meeting, & Pie Auction, 6:00pm	IOOF Central Point			
TBA	Cascade Ladies Ride TBA				
15-16	Snow Drifters & Rogue Play Day Annie Creek Sn				
TBA	District 5 Playday	TBA			
11	Board Meeting 6:00 pm	Teams			
29	Last Hurrah/ Winter Banquet Claude Lewis Sno-				
April	2025				
1	General Club Meeting 6:00 pm	IOOF Central Point			
5	No Host	3-Lakes Sno-Park			
8	Board Meeting 6:00 pm	Teams			
TBD Candlelighters Ride		1000 Springs Sno-park			



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Oregon State Snowmobile Association

DSSA Membership

We encourage everyone to join their local snowmobile club which automatically includes an Oregon State Snowmobile Association membership.

You can be a member of OSSA without joining a local club. However, please consider joining the clubs where you ride in Oregon. These clubs groom and maintain the trails that you enjoy riding on.

If you live in another state or for some other reason don't want to join a local snowmobile club you are welcome to become an OSSA only Member.

Who Can Join?

Anyone who enjoys the outdoors can be a member including cross country skiers, snow shoers, dog sledders, snow bikers and of course snowmobilers.

Why should I join?

Our mission is to protect and enhance the sport of snowmobiling. We work closely with the Forest Service and BLM to keep areas open, resolve conflicts, and to provide the quality snowmobiling that Oregon is famous for. We work with local, state, and federal legislators to protect the rights of all snowmobilers. We fight any damaging legislation, and we support legislation that helps our sport. We coordinate with industry, national and international snowmobile groups to share knowledge, provide mutual support, and protect the sport we all love so dearly.





Are you New to snowmobiling?

Do you want to learn how to ride Safely?

Do you want your kids under age 16 to be able to ride Legally?

Oregon Snowmobile Law says:

ORS 821.150 drivers license or permit required. Class D Fine up to \$250

We can CERTIFY kids 16 and under without a driver's license.

The OSSA Safety Program You Make

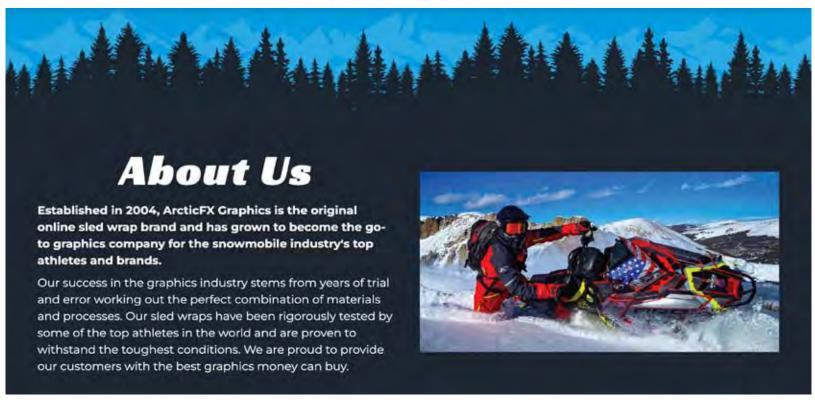
Below is a list of current state approved snowmobile safety trainers.

Please contact your local trainer to get your kids 16 or younger without a drivers license trained and obtain their snowmobile safety certificate now.

NAME	LOCATION	PHONE	EMAIL
TJ Reilly	Portland	503-804-2075	treilly@oregonsnow.org
Brent Younker	Boring Or	503-695-2911	b_totalrental@yahoo.com
Randy James	Enterprise	541-426-3854	
Dennis Jordan	Medford Area	541-826-6326	Djordan@oregonsnow.org
Lyle Klenski	John Day	541-620-1324	
David Miller	Klamath Falls	541-884-2423	DavesATVrepair@gmail.com
Glenn Shirek	Roseburg	541-673-3787	
John Vogel	Hood River	541-386-5584	Jvogel@oregonsnow.org
Maria Sammons	Salem	503-569-5552	cm97383@gmail.com







Arctic FX Graphics Custom Sled Wrap Manufacturer Partners with OSSA

We are excited to announce a State Association PartnershipProgram with OSSA and ArcticFX Graphics. This program is an incredible opportunity for snowmobile associations to generate additional revenue while providing discounts to their members.

ArcticFX Graphics: Custom Sled Wrap Manufacturer Established in 2004, ArcticFX Graphics is the original online sled wrap brand and has grown to become the go-to graphics company for the snowmobile industry's top athletes and brands. Learn more about us on our website!

Benefits of the Partnership Program

- Discount: ArcticFX partner OSSA members will receive a 15% discount on ArcticFX website products.
- Support your association, OSSA through our sales: A portion of all sales made through the partner association's unique links will be directly contributed back to Oregon State Snowmobile Association.
- Attend your association's events and unlock bigger discounts on ArcticFX products!

As of today, the states that have joined the program are Nebraska, Utah, Wisconsin and Minnesota and Oregon. If you belong to one of these associations, Turn to the next page for your exclusive code and designated state membership link.





OSSA is excited to announce that we have partnered with ArcticFx Graphics!

Established in 2004, ArcticFx Graphics is the original online sled wrap brand and has grown to become the go-to graphics company for the snowmobile industry's top athletes and brands.

Learn more about ArcticFx Graphics on their website.

Sled Graphics: <u>www.arcticfxgraphics.com</u> SxS/UTV Graphics: <u>www.utvfxgraphics.com</u>

Moto/SnowBike Graphics: www.motofxgraphics.com

Use code OSA15 to receive a 15% discount on your order!



SledWrapR Design Studio 4

At ArcticFX Graphics, we are continually thinking of new and innovative ideas to make the process of designing, buying, and installing graphics easier than ever. The result of this continuous mission is the SledWrapR Design Studio. The SledWrapR delivers a simple and engaging online design experience that gives you the creative freedom to edit colors of any sled wrap graphics kit in real time. With 80 colors available for each design layer, the SledWrapR puts the power of over 134 quadrillion color combinations in your hands.

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February 8, 2025 @ 6:00 am - February 9, 2025 @ 5:00 pm

AIARE Level 1 Feb 8-9, 2025 Joseph

What: This course is a hybrid design with pre-course online learning that should take on average 8 hours to complete. Students will also be required to participate in a 2 hour zoom session approximately 1-week before the start of the two field sessions. Pre-course online learning materials will be sent out a month before [...]

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February 15, 2025 @ 8:00 am - February 15, 2025 @ 5:00 pm

AIARE Level 1 Feb 15-16, 2025 Joseph

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Motorized Avalanche Rescue Class

Ten Mile Sno-Park January 31, 2025 8:30 AM

LINK FOR TICKETS: oregonsnowmobileassociation.growthzoneapp.com/ap/Events/Register/AnFBjgliVCdCN

OSSA is offering this avalanche class to OSSA members.

Certified class by American Avalanche Association. Prerequisite for level II, but can be taken anytime. Fast paced eight hour class with minimum of six hours in field. This is a motorized specific class and you will be traveling to areas with your snowmobile or snow bike. Classroom portion will be online at your own pace on your time. No scheduled video conferences.

Who? For recreational riders, pros, guides, and search and rescue teams.

Class content: Escape and survival techniques, rescuer safety/response, scene safety, communication, transceiver, shoveling and probing techniques, victim basic care, deep burials, close proximity rescues, using advanced features on your transceiver, three ways to utilize snowmobiles in rescue, leading a rescue, rescue scenarios, timed transceiver searches and much more.

These are the advanced skills that were previously taught in level II classes, it is now a separate course and a prerequisite for level II.

Location: 10 Mile Snow Park. LaPine, OR 97739

Cost: \$300

Refund policy: No refunds will be given within 30 days of class start date.

Date: Friday January 31, 2025

Time: 8:30 am -5:00 pm

Class starts: Friday 8:30 am at the 10 Mile Snow Park and then we travel by snowmobile or snow bike into the backcountry. Be ready with gear and all gassed up. Tight schedule, please don't delay the group.

What to do for preparation: Read your transceiver manual and know the features of your transceiver. Practice single and double burial transceiver drills before class. Make sure all your gear is ready. Make notes on questions you have for class.

The riding in class. We are using Jeep roads and single track to access terrain in class. Have your machines in excellent working order.

What to bring: Snowmobile or Snowbike. Transceiver (3 antenna), shovel, probe, tunnel bag, backpack or airbag pack, sunglasses, multiple pairs of gloves, sunscreen, face protection, survival and first aid gear, hat, food (lunch) and water for in the field, extra layers, head lamp, camera. If you don't have gear, please let me know and I can supply it.

Dress warmer than expected. We are out in the elements for long periods of time at high elevation. Bring a thermos with hot liquids if it is going to be cold. We do not cancel for cold weather.

What we supply: I can supply digital 3 antenna transceiver if you do not have one. Let me know.

Instructor: Mike Duffy. Professional member and Certified instructor American Avalanche Association. Teaching at American Avalanche Institute, Alaska Avalanche School, Colorado Mountain College and Silverton Avalanche School. Rescue/avalanche team leader/ Vail Mountain Rescue Group. Graduate of National Avalanche School, National Academy of Winter Guiding, AVPRO & Professional Avalanche Search & Rescue. Mountain Snowmobiler for 25 years. Provided training for Arctic Cat, Polaris, Ski-Doo, FBI and Navy Seals. Backcountry Guide/riding instructor. 24 years' experience in proven, effective avalanche education.

Looking forward to this! Any questions or running late, please contact Mike Duffy at 970-390-9433 or duffyavalanche1@gmail.





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About Us

The Mission of the Wallowa Avalanche Cepter is to keep writer backcountry travelers safe in the mountains of Northeast Oregon. through education, avalanche advisories, mountain weather information and observations

We begin bit weekly avalanche forecasts in the fall after enough snow accumulates in the mountains for un-snow travel in the backcountry and continue them until early April. We also ofter a variety of classroom and field based educational programs, including instruction spircifically aimed towards youth, backcountry skiers, snowmobilers, and professionals.

Victor McNeil, Director

Victor began spending winters in the Wallowas in 2009, and has worked as a professional ski and mountain guide for the past 12 years. As a native of Oregon, Victor graduated from Southern Oregon University, with a degree in Small Business Management. During the spring and summer Victor guides in Alaska, Washington and Peru on high altitude peaks and technical summits. As an American Mountain Guide, Victor has achieved the highest level of certification in Mountain Guiding, through the American Mountain Guides Association. Victor has achieved a Level 3. Avalanche Certification through the American Avalanche Institute. La Grande, OR is home for Victor with his wife and 2 Golden Retrievers. When not out backcountry skiing, Victor is working on his snowmobile skills and how to develop better avalanche education for motorized backcountry users.



Rex Stanley, Development Director

Rex halls from the small town of Baggs, WY, where he grew up snowmobiling with his family and learning to snowboard on the slopes of Steamboat Springs, CO, He attended Boise State University where he graduated with a degree in Business Management, Currently living in La Grande, OR he is learning to explore the backcountry of the Wallowas and Elikhorns via his split-board and snowmobile. He hopes to increase the reach that the WAC has for all backcountry users, and build upon the growing backcountry culture here in Northeast Oregon. When the snow melts, he can be found hiking and riding his bike with his pup and wife. He also serves as board member of the local mountain biking chapter, Blue Mountain Singletrack Trails Club.



Michael Hatch, Avalanche Specialist

Michael Hatch grew up in Boise. ID and earned a B.S. in Resource Conservation/Wilderness Studies from the University of Montana, and an M.S. in Education from Eastern Oregon University. Currently Hatch is the director of the Outdoor Adventure Program and instructor of Health and Human Performance for EOU. Hatch worked for over a decade as a backcountry ski guide in the Sawtooths and Wallowas: One of Hatch's biggest passions is teaching avalanche courses, as an AIARE Course Leader for Level 1 and 2 classes. Hatch is a professional member of the American Avalanche Association and is also a board member for the WAC.



Nick Burks, Avalanche Specialist

Nick began skiling before he can remember. He started working on the Mt. Hood Meadows Pro Patrol in 2005 and became the Snow Safety Supervisor there in 2014. Nick spent the summers of 2016 and 2017 working as a ski area avalanche forecaster in the Cragleburn mountains of New Zealand. He has travoled to ski in Chile, Argentina and Japan



Caleb Merrill, Avalanche Specialist

Caleb Merrill grew up on the coast of Maine, eventually venturing west in search of more snowfall and vertical relief. He began his career in the snow and avalanche arena in 2006 as a ski putroller at Solitude in the Wasatch mountains of Utah. Early morning avalanche mitigation routes with explosives along exposed ridgelines are amongst the favored memories of this job. Caleb became a guide with Ruby Mountain Helicopter Skiing in 2014, and has enjoyed exploring the nooks and crannies of this hidden gem of a range while learning amongst some of the best guides in the industry. He is the creator, host, and producer of The Avalanche Hour Podcast- a side project almed at creating more dialogue amongst the snow and avalanche community. Caleb is actively progressing through the AMGA ski guide program in hopes of certification. He completed an AIARE level 3 course in 2014, and is currently an AIARE course instructor. He looks forward to a winter in the Wallowas-getting to know the terrain, snowpack, and people.



Kelly McNeil, Avalanche Specialist

Kelly grew up in Eastern Wyoming where she started exploring the Big Horn mountains on snowmobiles and dirt bikes at an early age. During that time, she also learned to ski in the South Dakota Black Hills. Kelly moved to Montana for her undergrad and was introduced to backcountry skiing. After many years of school and earning her Ph.D. from Oregon State University in 2009, she began a career as a professor at Eastern Oregon University, where much of her work focuses on public health and research in outdoor physical activity including the study of behavior in outdoor environments. Recently Kelly has started to assess how public health theories and practices can be utilized for avalanche education and forecasting. Since 2017, Kelly has helped organize and run operations at the Wallowa Avalanche Center, including teaching avalanche courses for both motorized and non-motorized users. In 2019 Kelly took her Professional Level 1 Avalanche Course and will be taking her Professional Level 2 Course this February. Last winter Kelly completed her AIARE Instructor Training Course at Togwoter, WY on a snowmobile. Kelly is a Professional Member of the American Avalanche Association, a guest host on the Avalanche Hour Podcast, and lias also completed her AMGA Alpine Skills Course



Motorized Avalanche Rescue Class

Friday, January 31, 2025 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Description



Certified class by American Avalanche Association.

Prerequisite for level II, but can be taken anytime. Fast paced eight hour class with minimum of six hours in field. This is a motorized specific class and you will be travelin to areas with your snowmobile or snow bike. Classroom portion will be online at your own pace on your time. No scheduled video conferences.

Who? For recreational riders, pros, guides, and search and rescue teams.

Class content: Escape and survival techniques, rescue safety/response, scene safety, communication, transceiver, shoveling and probing techniques, victim basic care, deep burials, close proximity rescues, using advanced features on your transceiver, three ways to utilize snowmobiles in rescue, leading a rescue, rescue scenarios, timed transceiver searches and much more.

These are the advanced skills that were previously taugh in level II classes, it is now a separate course and a prerequisite for level II.

Location: 10 Mile Snow Park. LaPine, OR 97739

Cost: \$300

Refund policy: No refunds will be given within 30 days

of class start date.

Date: Friday January 31, 2025

Time: 8:30 am -5:00 pm

Class starts: Friday 8:30 am at the 10 Mile Snow Park and then we travel by snowmobile or snow bike into the backcountry. Be ready with gear and all gassed up. Tight

schedule, please don't delay the group.

Register >>

10 Mile Sno-Park 21498 Paulina-East Lake Rd La Pine, OR 97739 United States https://oregonsnowmobileassociation.growthzoneapp.com/ap/Events/Register/AnFBjgliVCdCN

Event Contact: Lisa Mahoney (541) 797-8880 info@oregonsnow.org

What to do for preparation: Read your transceiver manual and know the features of your transceiver. Practice single and double burial transceiver drills before class. Make sure all your gear is ready. Make notes on questions you have for class.

The riding in class. We are using Jeep roads and single track to access terrain in class. Have your machines in excellent working order.

What to bring: Snowmobile or Snowbike. Transceiver (3 antenna), shovel, probe, tunnel bag, backpack or airbag pack, sunglasses, multiple pairs of gloves, sunscreen, face protection, survival and first aid gear, hat, food (lunch) and water for in the field, extra layers, head lamp, camera. If you don't have gear, please let me know and I can supply it.

Dress warmer than expected. We are out in the elements for long periods of time at high elevation. Bring a thermos with hot liquids if it is going to be cold. We do not cancel for cold weather.

What we supply: I can supply digital 3 antenna transceiver if you do not have one. Let me know.

Instructor: Mike Duffy. Professional member and Certified instructor American Avalanche Association. Teaching at American Avalanche Institute, Alaska Avalanche School, Colorado Mountain College and Silverton Avalanche School. Rescue/avalanche team leader/ Vail Mountain Rescue Group. Graduate of National Avalanche School, National Academy of Winter Guiding, AVPRO & Professional Avalanche Search & Rescue. Mountain Snowmobiler for 25 years. Provided training for Arctic Cat, Polaris, Ski-Doo, FBI and Navy Seals. Backcountry Guide/riding instructor. 24 years' experience in proven, effective avalanche education.

Looking forward to this! Any questions or running late, please contact Mike Duffy at 970-390-9433 or duffyavalanche1@gmail.



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Motorized Level 1 Avalanche Class

Saturday, Feb 1, 2025 8:30am to Sunday, Feb 2, 5:00pm

Register >>

 10 Mile Sno-Park 21498 Paulina-East Lake Rd La Pine, OR 97739 United States

https://oregonsnowmobileassociation.growthzoneapp.com/ap/Events/Register/ VeF4J20HNCeC9

Event Contact: Lisa Mahoney (541) 797-8880 info@oregonsnow.org

Class content: Class follows American Avalanche Association guidelines. Taught by AAA pro member and certified instructor, Mike Duffy. Covers equipment, rescue, nine different types of avalanche problems, forecasts, stability lests, transceiver, shoveling and probing skills, terrain recognition, terrain traps, route finding; Islands of safety, backcountry guidelines, group dynamics, communication, deep burials, multiple burials, observations, contributing factors, using snowmobiles in rescue and much more.

Formal for winter 24-25. Classroom session will be online using a special level I version of Backcountry Ascender. Online is self-paced on your time using the funand engaging Backcountry Ascender platform, No. scheduled video meetings and more time on the snow. This is a snowmobile/snow blke specific class and we will be traveling to areas by snowmobile or snow bike. Certified American Avalenche Association instructor and course provider.

Who? For recreational riders, pros, guides, and search and rescue teams.



Location: 10 Mile Snow Park, La Pine, OR

Class start: Saturday 8:30am in 10 Mile Snow Park LaPine, OR

Be dressed to ride and spend the day outside.

Dates: February 1-2, 2025. Saturday 8:30am - 5pm. Sunday 9:00am -5:00pm.

Cost: \$650

Refund policy: No refunds will be given within 30 days of class start date.

Schedule:

Saturday 8:30 am-5:00pm

Group meeting/discussion outside: 8:30am-9:30am. Daily preparation-4 steps. Waivers.

Bring a lunch. Dress warm.

9:30-5:00 Travel Into Backcountry.



Sunday 9:00am -5:00pm

9:00-9:45 Daily plan in Snow Park.

9:45-4:00. In the backcountry. Bring lunch.

4:00-5:00 Course wrap up. Course evaluations, certifications, coupons.

What to do for preparation: Read your transceiver manual. Practice single transceiver burial. Make sure all your gear is ready. Bring notebook and pen to class. Read the avalanche forecast. Make notes on questions you have for class.

Apps that you will need for class:

Inclinometer or inclinometer app: Suggest BCAfree. Avalanche Inclinometer-Iterum, LLC,

Google Earth:

Slope shading for steepness: Gaia, Caltopo or a

Avalanche Forecast: Avalanche Forecast.

Weather: My Radar

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Trail Conditions/Grooming Reports

Be sure to always check avalanche conditions before you ride! https://members.oregonsnow.org/grooming



The Oregon State Snowmobile Association provides snowmobile trail grooming in the state of Oregon with a 100% volunteer effort. Our volunteers are out on the snow almost every day grooming the trails to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for snowmobilers, snow shoeing, cross country skiing and other recreationalists.

A typical volunteer grooming day begins with arriving at the grooming shelter before sunrise to get the equipment ready for the day. Not only do our volunteers groom the trails but we also remove fallen trees and obstacles from trails. In addition we provide search and rescue assistance in emergencies. It's not uncommon for our volunteers to put in a 10 or 12 hour day grooming. It takes many many hours of training to become a primary groomer. Our groomers are trained in first aid, CPR, and equipment safety and maintenance.

Be sure to show your appreciation by joining OSSA and your local snowmobile club today!





Scholarships



2025 KEN HAEVERNICK OSSA SCHOLARSHIP





OSSA scholarship is available to either graduating high school seniors or a person currently enrolled in a college or trade school 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 receive.



2025 OSSA Scholarship Application Link

https://www.oregonsnow.org/assets/pdf/2025+Ken+Haevernick+OSSA+Scholarship+Application/

Requirements are as follows:

- The applicant or immediate family must be a paid member of Oregon State Snowmobile Association.
- The applicant must submit the completed application form.
- The applicant must submit a cover letter. This letter must include the student ID number and college/trade school name and the address to which a scholarship check would be sent.
- 4. The applicant must submit a resume detailing his/her involvement in snowmobiling as well as extracurricular/volunteer activities.
- The applicant must include an essay (essay subject 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.
 - 4. Font size 12 point.
 - Margins set to 1 inch for all margins (top, bottom, left side, right side).
 - 6. Page numbers (if included) should be .5 inch from the top of the page (not within the 1" margin).
 - 7. A header (for example, the essay question) can be added 1 inch from the top of the first page, and then enter a double space to begin your essay.
 - Do NOT use bold-faced type or other special settings.
 - 9. If work is cited, 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 applicable documents must be received via email at the OSSA Office by April 1, 2025. Please email to Lmahoney@oregonsnow.org using a subject line of OSSA Scholarship Application. All applicants will be notified of the final scholarship selection by April 15, 2025. The scholarship winner will be announced at the OSSA Board Meeting in May 2025.

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

Additional rules:

- Students must use the scholarship within one year of receiving it.
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OREGON STATE SNOWMOBILE SCHOLARSHIP 2025 APPLICATION FORM

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	Have you attached an essay on the following subject (must be at least 2 pages, double-spaced and typed)?





OREGON STATE SNOWMOBILE SCHOLARSHIP 2025 APPLICATION FORM

Essay Topic:

A week after President Biden took office, he signed an executive order that announced his commitment to protecting 30% of U.S. land and water by 2030.

Essay Challenge:

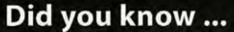
- How does this executive order impact snowmobiling?
- What action should snowmobilers take on the order?

Note:

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







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Volunteer hours and miles Are Vital to OSSA

What is a snowmobile club volunteer?

By Lisa Mahoney, OSSA Executive Director

A snowmobile club volunteer is a special person who dedicates their time, energy, and sometimes money to benefit not only their snowmobile club but others. This person is involved, helpful, charitable, selfless and always humble. Much of the time, the public has no idea what our volunteers do. So, let us share just a few things that they do.

They voluntarily maintain over 31,500 miles of multi-use trail each year. These trails benefit not only snowmobilers but cross-country skiers, snow bikers, snow-shoers, and dog sledders. In the spring and fall, volunteers are busy cleaning trails and putting up trail markers to get ready for the next season. They cut wood and fill the shelters for all to use. They build bridges, shelters, re-roof existing grooming sheds, and do their own maintenance on their sno-cats. They voluntarily teach snowmobile safety classes and avalanche safety classes. They donate to charitable organizations such as Candlelighters, Wounded Warriors, Hospice, and Meals on Wheels just to name a few.

Our volunteers are the backbone of our organization. We could go on and on about all that they do. So, we want to humbly thank each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication to our wonderful organization.

Volunteer hours/miles = \$\$\$. More \$\$\$ = the more we can provide for snowmobiling!

CLICK HERE FOR VOLUNTEER FORM

Use this form to track your volunteer hours and miles. Please turn in the form monthly. You can mail to OSSA, PO Box 6255, Bend, OR 97708; email to Imahoney@oregonsnow.org; or fax to (458) 202-1193.

Thank You so much for all that YOU do for snowmobiling!





















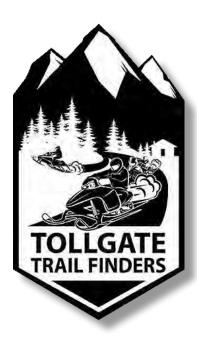










































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Oregon State Snowmobile Association

The Oregon State Snowmobile Association is a non-profit organization formed in 1972 by a small group of snowmobilersworking to find a way to provide a groomed statewide trail system and to assure continued access to our public lands. We are currently an organization with twenty-five member clubs and a trail system of 6,410 miles of multi-usesnowmobile trails. We promote safe and responsible snowmobiling, represent snowmobilers as an organized group and promote proper recreational use of our land by working together with the Forest Service, BLM and other land managers to develop and maintain a quality trail system and winter recreation opportunities. Our mission, briefly stated, is to protect, promote and enhance the family sport of snowmobiling.

Our Mission

Our mission is to protect and enhance the sport of snowmobiling. We work closely with the Forest Service and BLM to keep areas open, resolve conflicts, and to provide the quality snowmobiling the Oregon is famous for. We work with local, state, and federal legislators to protect the rights of all snowmobilers. We fight any damaging legislation, and we support legislation that helps our sport. We coordinate with industry, national and international snowmobile groups to share knowledge, provide mutual support, and protect the sport we all love so dearly.

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