

Sandpoint Winter Riders, Inc September 2007

Lets get our Membership Renewals in ASAP

Hey everyone, we have a new goal to set. Last year we reached 200 members. It's the start of a whole new year, one with old and new problems. Last year we had the Caribou Law Suit. This year we have flood damage on roads at Trestle Creek that we need to support to get repaired. More from John on that. So, remember numbers do count and the more we have the more we are telling the ISSA and the courts that we want to have a voice.

So get your membership dues in early. \$30.00 for individuals and \$40.00 for families. This is for membership to both the ISSA and the Winter Riders, Inc. If you already joined the ISSA reduce the price by \$20.00. That would be \$10.00 for individual and \$20.00 for families.

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Registrations under 9B!

Registering your sleds for area 9-B supports the grooming program in East Bonner and Boundary County. We need as many registrations as we can get so that we can get additional groomers. The registrations tell the state how many people ride in the area. The more people who register their sleds in 9-B Will give us a better opportunity to get another groomer.

The Grooming Association and Winter Riders, Inc will be at the Spokane snow show on November 12, selling registrations.

For snowmobile registration law and riding information, go to:

<http://www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/recreation/permits/snowmobiling.aspx>



From the Prez.: Anita Pielact

Well, it is hard to believe that September almost over and winter is just around the corner! We have had an abundance of hot days; thank goodness we live in an area that has vast bodies of water to relieve us from the heat.

In the last several months, I have already received many great ideas through talking with folks. I look forward to hearing from others.

The club is only as lively and fun as the members make it, so speak up or raise your

hand to volunteer. From years of volunteering, I can attest to the fun and socializing that happens with a team working on a project together. Volunteering allows everyone to be heard, and it is amazing what great ideas and results happen when it's not the same people doing everything. Stagnation is caused by neutrality or lack of participation. Instead of raising your hand to complain, raise your hand to volunteer; that will make a positive difference. Help keep OUR club rolling along the highway of good times. Like President Bush and the singing group, "The Cars" have said, "Let the good times roll!"

I look forward to seeing you at our club meetings and events this year. FUN, FUN, FUN!

Letter from our VP

Hello again,

Thanks to all of you that came to the summer picnic even though the weather wasn't all that great. We all had a great time; hey we needed the rain anyway right. Now that fall is in the air some of you are probably cleaning your rifle barrels and sighting in your scopes and others are finishing up those summer projects - I'm just getting around to starting some of mine. All of us though are starting to see snowflakes in our dreams I'll bet. With any luck we will have lots of them this winter. The first meeting of the season is coming up soon so make sure to come and don't forget to bring your membership applications and fees with you. I will see you all there of course and YES Anita I will have a draft of the riding schedule for everyone to see. Have a great one - Scott

SPONSORSHIP

New this year, we are looking for sponsors for our club newsletter. Sponsors will receive an advertisement in our newsletter. There is a mailing list of 220 people so far. Ads will be Business card size for \$100. If you know a business who might be interested in advertising, have them advertise!

Call Anita (Nina) at (208) 263-8972 or email me at snowspider@verizon.net for more information and Sponsorship Forms.

MONTHLY RAFFLE ITEMS !

We would like to ask everyone to bring items for the monthly club raffle!

CONTINUE TO HELP FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHT TO RIDE! KEEP RECURITING !

Caribou Lawsuit News and Maps/Winter Travel Planning by John Finney

The first round of comments have been turned in for the Forest Service Winter Travel Plan. Except more news late in the fall. Thank you for your comments. Contact club officers to find out how you can help or visit the Forest Service website listed below. Check out the latest Caribou Lawsuit SNOWMOBILE CLOSURE information of the U. S. Forest Idaho Panhandle National Forests Visitors Page (<http://www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/>). Including all the current Maps for the Selkirk Mountains showing the closed areas, the open areas, groomed designated routes, and un-groomed designated routes.

Maps are also available at Forest Service offices, several local dealers, and resorts. Pick one up today and know what is open and closed! Please obey this short term closures as we work on the long term Winter Travel Plan to re-open these fabulous backcountry riding areas.

BIG PICTURE 9/9/07: Although the second round (Selkirk Conservation Alliance v. Forest Service) of "Caribou Lawsuits is over. Judge Whaley's over-protective rather than under-protected" injunction is only in place until the Winter Travel Plan Update is completed (see <http://www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/>). The Winter Travel Plan Update should be based upon the trial testimony and the Judge's conclusion from the evidence that there is no known actual harm from an encounter involving Caribou and snowmobiles in the same vicinity, that any Caribou that wander south of the international border are part of the very small resident herd in Canada at Stagleap Park immediately adjacent to and through which Canadian Highway 3 runs.

We all need to stay involved in the Winter Travel Plan Update and be to prepared for another lawsuit by the Selkirk Conservation Alliance. Keep up membership and fundraising efforts.

A few Quick facts to keep you motivated: Before the latest lawsuit, approximately 24% of the "Caribou Recovery Area" on Forest Service lands was closed to motorized use. During the lawsuit, certain trails were not allowed to be groomed. Then for a short period during the lawsuit 100% of the Caribou Recovery area was closed and trail grooming was severely limited. Through the hard work of the Idaho State Snowmobile Association, the Blue Ribbon Coalition, and your local snowmobile clubs, including the Winter Riders, that total closure was modified, re-opening the most popular riding areas. Still under the modified injunction, approximately 89% of the Forest Service lands were still closed year round. The final Court order closed an additional small portion not 100%. There is no reason for anyone to hang their heads, as much was achieved both in the courtroom and with the Forest Service during this case. We need to keep up the hard work to get a reasonable plan in place, and the travel plan is the way to do it, not the lawsuit. How many acres of closure do the occasional three Caribou that have wandered south of the border since 2000 really need?

EVERYONE MUST KNOW AND RESPECT THE CLOSURE BOUNDARIES! The Forest Service and the Snowmobile Clubs/Associations worked hard to avoid a total closure based upon an incomplete analysis of caribou and snowmobiles and misinformation by the "environmentalist". More hard work is to come to provide the comments necessary and to attend the meetings for the Winter Travel Plan Update. Don't let any bad seeds impact our efforts. Also, expect a legal battle over the plan. Snowmobilers need to be prepared to file suit over a bad plan and to join in the defense of a good plan. Keep up the fundraising efforts, as every contribution counts, and keep getting more members to our clubs and associations. It will take us ALL working together in every way we can to protect our Right to Ride.

— CALENDER OF EVENTS — NO RIDES HAVE BEEN ADDED

SANDPOINT WINTER RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Calendar of Events

October 3, 2007 General Meeting At Elk's Lodge Highway 200 Dinner and Social at 6:00 pm Meeting at 7:00 pm	October 20 & 21, 2007 Puyallup Snow Show Fair grounds in Puyallup, WA	October 27, 2007 North Idaho RV Swap 468215 Highway 95 Sagle	November 2 & 3, 2007 33rd Annual ISSA Convention Mountain River Sno-Riders Idaho Falls
November 7, 2007 General Meeting At Elk's Lodge Highway 200 Dinner and Social at 6:00 pm Meeting at 7:00 pm	November 12, 2007 Spokane Snow Show Spokane Fair Grounds	December 5, 2007 CHRISTMAS PARTY At Elk's Lodge Highway 200 Dinner and Social at 6:00 pm Meeting at 7:00 pm	January 2, 2007 General Meeting At Elk's Lodge Highway 200 Dinner and Social at 6:00 pm Meeting at 7:00 pm
February 6, 2007 General Meeting At Elk's Lodge Highway 200 Dinner and Social at 6:00 pm Meeting at 7:00 pm	March 5, 2007 General Meeting At Elk's Lodge Highway 200 Dinner and Social at 6:00 pm Meeting at 7:00 pm	To be announced Trail Clean up Meet	To Be announced Summer Barbeque

For a great time come and join us for trips, picnics, rides. Check the webpage for any changes or updates.

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