

ACSA UPDATE

ACSA (American Council of Snowmobile Associations) is the only national association committed to your issues – SNOWMOBILE ISSUES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. ACSA serves as a national watchdog organization that monitors and acts on snowmobile issues across the Snowbelt.

ACSA exists to:

- ❖ Provide an information platform to members and snowmobilers and emphasize the importance of coming together annually in DC for the Fly-In (this Spring will be the 17th year of this event) to inform and educate decision makers and at the International Snowmobile Congress. We just held the Planning Meeting for the upcoming 48th Annual ISC and will soon issue bid requests to host the 50th.
- ❖ Serve as a fact-finding entity, gathering and disseminating information on creating, keeping and expanding trails and riding areas.
- ❖ Educate and influence politicians and land managers on riding opportunities and challenges.
- ❖ ACSA provides continuing educational information that aids local clubs and associations in their decision making process.
- ❖ ACSA establishes relationships with other user groups with similar concerns and challenges.

ACSA recently developed several new tools that can be found at snowmobileinfo.org. Included in those tools are the Snowmobile Friendly Communities, Supplemental Assessment of Tracked OHVs on Groomed Trails, Top Tips for Effective Trail Grooming, Best Management Practices for Adaptive Trail Grooming and the Knowledge if Powder DVD on avalanche awareness.

Forest Service Snowmobile Rule - This is the result of the lawsuit filed by the cross country ski group, Winter Wildlands Alliance which alleged that snowmobiles were not being managed by the U.S. Forest Service. The implementation of the new rule has begun in some areas, while other areas are waiting for the Forest Service Directives to be released. ACSA continues to work with the Forest Service and monitor the status of this process.

Yellowstone National Park will once again be open to snowmobilers this winter – and will once again include the non-commercially guided groups. The application process concluded on September 30, but the unused dates will soon be available to reserve. The application process is available at www.recreation.gov.

ACSA once again has partnered with SnowTrails on a Discover ACSA video that will be included with the series. This video is also available for snow shows, meetings, etc. The SnowTrails show airs on the Destination TV network on Saturday mornings.

Educational Webinars will continue to be offered to interested snowmobilers. Upcoming topics will include the Importance of Website Content, Help - Our Website Stinks, Roberts Rules Refresher, and Deductions for non-reimbursable costs incurred.

The 2016 CASH Calendars are now available. This is a fundraiser for both the State Association and ACSA! The cost is only \$20 - with 365 chances to win!

We are planning to attend at least one Enlightenment Ride this winter - where we can get decision makers out on snowmobiles for them to see firsthand our successes and challenges.

ACSA has had the opportunity to attend and display at many Snow Shows and state conventions/annual meeting across the country this Fall. Thank you for allowing us these opportunities -- the exposure and awareness at these events has been awesome!

The 2016 International Snowmobile Congress will be held in Rapid City, South Dakota June 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
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