

September 2008

Dear Fellow Snowmobiler:

We are pleased to announce that the Club Trail Maintenance Grant will be available again to snowmobile clubs for the 2008-2009 season. We encourage clubs to attend the MSA Snowmobile Show, Friday through Sunday, October 3rd, 4th and 5th at the Augusta Civic Center to get a copy of our newly updated Groomer Operator Safety Awareness DVD and pick up signs (must pre order with enclosed form, mail or fax back by September 25th) any club that cannot attend may submit sign orders with this same form, be sure to include your UPS shipping address, no PO Boxes. We'll also offer a viewing of the groomer safety DVD and opportunity to take the certification quiz at 10am on Saturday. Groomer operators can come get certified.

The club grant has been increased from \$110 to \$125 per/mile, for a maximum grant of \$3,750.00. The procedure for applying remains the same as last year. Our recommended trail grooming rates have been increased. Please carefully read the following items which have either changed from previous years or were often overlooked when applications were submitted in the past.

ITEM 1 – You must submit a new map clearly showing locations of turn-arounds of neighboring clubs with your application, if it is not included we will hold your approval until we receive a new map.

ITEM 2 - To save on cost and time, we will not be sending you a copy of the approved grant application. We will only send you an approval letter. If you would like a copy of your grant application, we suggest that you make a copy of it prior to sending it to our office.

ITEM 3 – It is the club's responsibility to become incorporated and maintain incorporation annually to be eligible for a Club Trail Maintenance Grant or Capital Equipment Grant. This is accomplished by contacting the Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions office at (207) 624-7752. You may also access them on the web at; <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/corp/>

If you have purchased grooming equipment and are going to apply for the CAPITAL EQUIPMENT GRANT, please be sure to complete the enclosed blue application. If you have any questions concerning the Club Trail Maintenance Grant in Aid program, or the Capital Equipment program, do not hesitate to contact the Off Road Vehicle Division at 1-800-462-1019.

Again, the deadline for filing the Trail Maintenance & Capital Equipment Applications is DECEMBER 31st, 2008, don't miss it.

Sincerely,

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