

August 2009

Dear Fellow Snowmobiler:

We are pleased to announce that the Club Trail Maintenance Grant will be available again to snowmobile clubs for the 2009-2010 season. We encourage clubs to attend the MSA snowmobile Show, Friday through Sunday, October 2nd, 3rd and 4th at the Augusta Civic Center to pick up your signs for the season (must pre-order with enclosed form, mail or fax back by September 25th) any club unable to attend may submit sign orders with the same form, be sure to include UPS shipping address, no PO Boxes. We will offer workshops at the show on Saturday starting at 10am on Club and Capital Equipment Grants, 10:45-11:30 on Municipal and RTP Grants and 11:30 -12:00 will be Trail Signage.

The club grant rates were increased to \$125 per/mile, for a maximum grant of \$3,750.00, this will continue for the 2009-2010 season. The procedure for applying has not changed. Please carefully read the items below as these are issues that have been overlooked over the years when applications have been submitted.

ITEM 1 – You must submit a new map clearly showing your trail system and the locations of turn-arounds where your trails meet 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 or 287-4957.

Again, the deadline for filing the Trail Maintenance & Capital Equipment Applications is DECEMBER 31st, 2009, don't miss it.

Sincerely,

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