



FSA INFORMER

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President's Corner

Be sure to attend the November meeting to get updates on the latest news. The Pray for Snow Party is coming up November 8th at Shaker's in Whitefish. Don't be concerned about parking we have made arrangements for additional parking across the highway. We'll have some great prizes waiting for you and of course the silent auction with goodies galore. Soon, we should have some snow and get the season started right!

Bill

Join us for the November Meeting

Kurt's Polaris

Tuesday, November 11

7pm.

2400A Hwy 93 South

Kalispell

Bring a friend and an appetite. Kurt's will have special discount cards for paid members and we will have a drawing for a \$75 gift certificate.

March 15th Closure Update.

As far as the March 15th thing goes. Bill Yunck, Bob Yunck and Robbie Holman had a meeting with the Forest Service. They are working on a response to the lastest law suit. They hope to have it in place before the 1st of the year. Hopefully the court system agrees with this new proposal. They are sure that their plan will be

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Calendar of Events

November 8
November 11
December 9
January 13
January 18
February 10th
February 15th
March 10
March 15th

Pray for Snow Party
Meeting at Kurt's Polaris
Meeting at Penco
Meeting at Jesco
Family Day Ride hosted by Jeff & Darlene Cameron
Meeting at Fastoys
Family Day Ride hosted by the McPhee family.
Meeting at Kurt's
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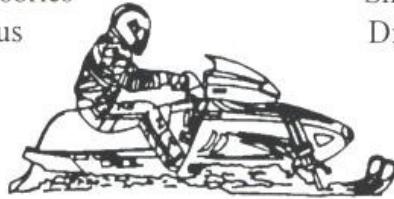
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People Worldwide Like Snowmobiles - Good Research Proves it!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Ed Klim

We have all read stories claiming the use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park is not supported by the majority of people. Whenever I read these articles I wonder where their data came from and why do some people have such a misplaced agenda? I snowmobile and I know quite a few people who don't snowmobile. My non-snowmobiling friends do not think negatively of me or snowmobiling and, if the truth were known, they want to go snowmobiling. My small world is no different than the world in which we all live.

Many Surveys asking for individual views on snowmobiling have been conducted. Time and again, in scientific polls, the results show Americans believe snowmobiles should be allowed in the National Parks. The most extensive scientific national study was performed by SWR Research based in Washington DC. The study determined the majority of Americans viewed any discriminatory action by the Park Service against outdoor enthusiasts as an example of Federal Overreach. The overwhelming majority of people believe the Federal Government and other interest groups often attempt to fix a problem that does not exist usually at some political benefit to an interest group. According to survey responses, 90% of all Americans believe responsible snowmobiling should be allowed in Yellowstone National Park.

Over 65% of all Americans agree that if one form of outdoor recreation is impacted negatively by government action it will eventually lead to similar negative impacts on other outdoor recreation visitors.

65% of Americans believe the effort to limit recreation represents the views of a very small minority of the citizens who happen to be members of the fringe environmental community.

The SWR survey was a broad based representative scientific survey. The breakdown of the individuals surveyed would show that 85% of those surveyed have visited a National Park. 31% were Republican, 36% were Democrat, and 21% were Independent. 22% of the respondents were 18-34 years old, 35% were 35-49 years of age, and 40% were 50 years of age and older. 48% were male, 52% were female and the respondents represented our society from New England to the Pacific Coast states.

Reviewing good scientific research is inspiring and supports my belief that the vast majority of Americans are clear thinking, honest individuals who don't wish to take somebody else's recreational opportunities away. Only a tiny percentage of the population, for whatever reason, have been radicalized and feel they have all the answers and should control our lives.

Studies conducted by an independent research firm also concluded the vast majority of individuals who don't snowmobile are very interested in snowmobiling. As reported on numerous sites, non-snowmobilers rate their desire to go snowmobiling on a scale of 1-10 as a 9. Non-snowmobilers view snowmobilers as interesting, exciting outdoor enthusiasts who have fun and enjoy life. We snowmobilers agree with that reputation.

My job takes me from Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, British Columbia all the way to St. John's, Newfoundland and Boston, Massachusetts and beyond. I have spent time in the Scandinavian countries of Sweden, Norway and Finland and some time in the heart of Europe. Yes, individuals worldwide are as interested in snowmobiling as those of us that live in North America. In Europe, like North America, there is a small percentage of individuals who wish to control the behavior of others, but happily, common sense is prevailing and outdoor recreational opportunities are expanding in Europe as they are in Canada and the US.

We must be strong in defending our position and I believe we all gain strength in knowing that a vast majority of the population supports our values, our recreational opportunities, and our winter lifestyle. So, the next time you attend a land access related public meeting and run into one of the few bigots that doesn't want you to snowmobile, maintain your cool, know they represent a tiny fraction of mankind, and look him or her in the eye and tell them they are just plain wrong. Then, invite them to "Go Snowmobiling".



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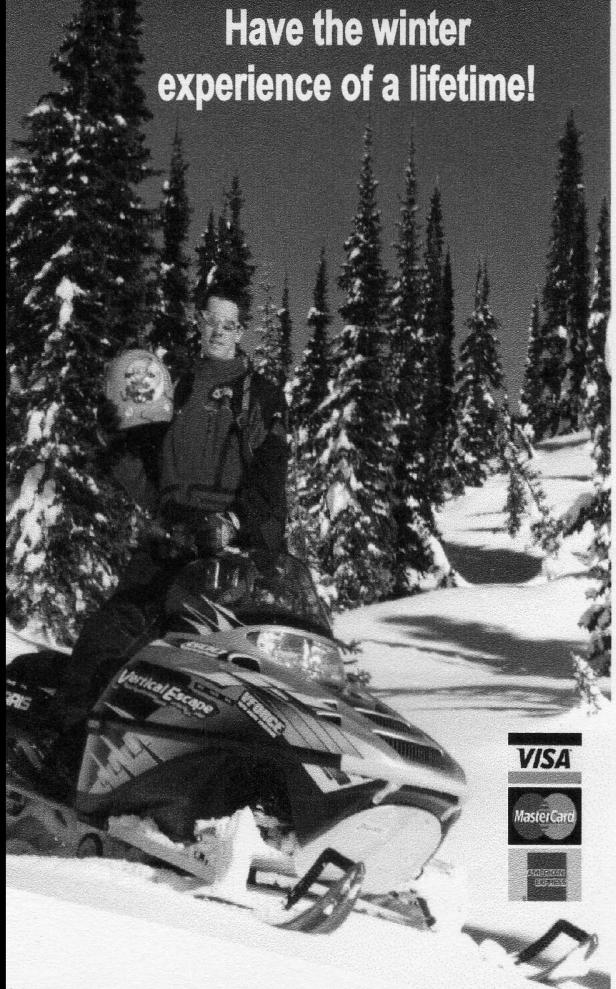
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| () Night of Lights (Columbia Falls) | December 2008 |
| () January Family Day Ride | January 18, 2008 |
| () Whitefish Winter Carnival | February 2009 |
| () February Family Day Ride | February 16, 2008 |
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Dealer of the Month

A new feature in the newsletter begins this month. Each month we have meetings at a different dealership. Starting in November we will have a page dedicated to highlight the dealer that is hosting the meeting. This month we will be at Kurt's Polaris. Here's some background.

Seeley Lake

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Kurt's Polaris is helping support 8 snowmobile clubs throughout Montana. Each month at the meetings he provides the club with a \$75 gift certificate for a door prize and has always been generous providing for the club. He makes a mean Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich, too! At this month's meeting we will have some discount cards good through December for club members so be sure to attend the meeting and bring a friend. Please be sure to support all of our local dealers as they support us!

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