



FSA INFORMER

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President's Corner

Well here we are at the end of the season. There were some good riding days and some not so good. Now that we are tired of shoveling and blowing snow what does it do except snow. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who make this a good year for the club.

I can't thank the officers and directors enough for the hard work they put in this year. The committee for the ride convention did an outstanding job and last but not least Robbie, the grooming chairman, along with Rory Kizer put in long hours for the snowmobiling public to make the trails safe and smooth to ride on.

As you know the Forest Service had Fish Wildlife and Parks resubmitted the Biological Opinion so we could continue to ride in the late season. Be aware the Friends of the Wild Swan have already started to try and close it down again. More to come on this subject.

The Lewis and Clark closed the Badger Two Medicine per their forest plan process which was started two years ago. I will discuss this matter at the next meeting because it does not only affect snowmobiling but also 4wheeling and motorcycles.

This next meeting will be the election officers, please attend as we could use your input and vote.

Have a safe summer and we will see you in the Fall. Bill Yunck

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April 14th

Last meeting of the year and election of officers.

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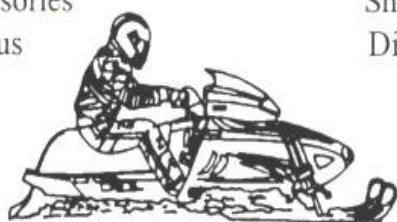
Be sure to attend the next meeting on April 14th. This is the last meeting of the year and we have much to discuss. As some may have heard, closures are going into effect that will greatly reduce recreational opportunities in the Marias Pass area. This affects not only snowmobiling but ATV use as well. Many of us who enjoy snowmobiling also like to use our public areas with ATV's. We will share the information we have at the next meeting.

We will also have our election of officers. The riding year may be winding down but the issues that face us don't go away. The only way we can protect future opportunities is to be involved with a club that will give us a voice. Sometimes it seems like it's no use because all we do is fight and never win but the more people we represent and the louder our voice becomes, the more we will get our point across and win! A good example of this is our riding season this year. If it had not been for this club staying in contact with the Forest Service and State agencies we would have had to stop riding on March 15th and let's face it—there is still a lot of riding to do between March 15th and the end of May depending on the snow. The club did its work on your behalf and we can still ride in many areas. I call that a victory. Don't revel too much in that victory just yet because Keith Hammer and his cronies are already working to find a way to keep us out. They will not just give up and go away. We have to guard our areas and protect them if our children are going to be able to enjoy the things we do.

Penco has offered to host our meeting again so I look forward to seeing a large group there.
Marie Lewis

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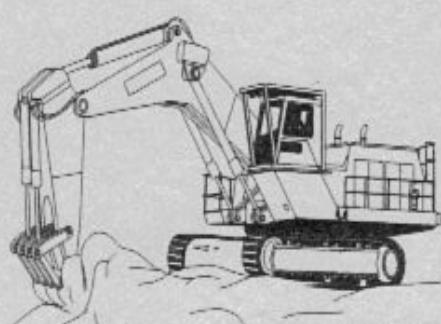


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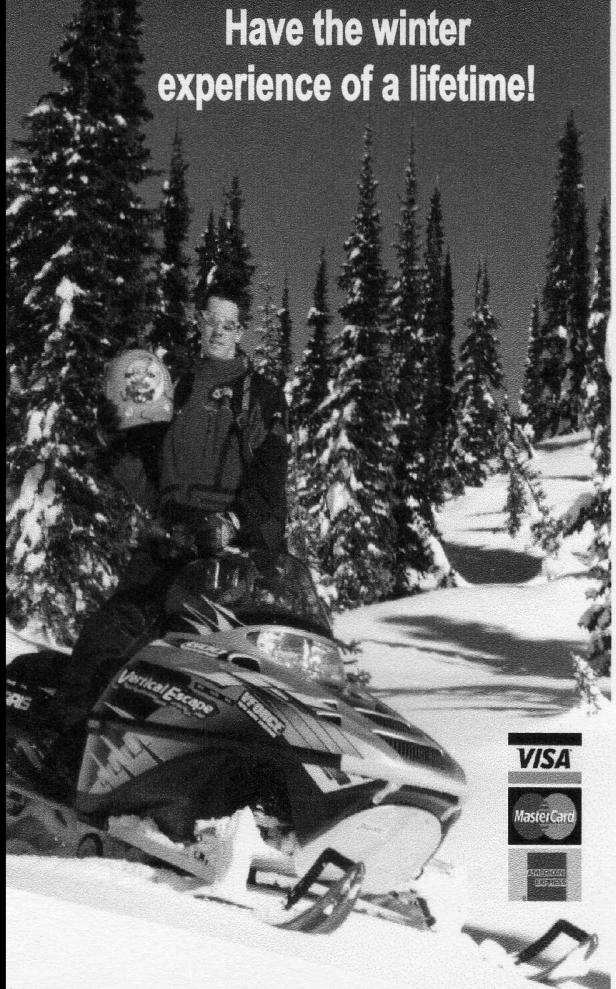


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Something very important is happening in April. This is the time of year when we have our say about what direction the club takes. It is time for election of officers, new board members, and voting for the Dealer of the Year, the Business of the Year, and the Snowmobiler of the year. In the past, this has been a meeting that few people attend. This year, please take the time to reflect on how YOU think the club is doing. Do you think changes need to be made? Do you like how things are run? Could you make time to be more involved? At the very least, please take the time to think about who you would like to see nominated for the Dealer, Business and Snowmobiler of the year. If you feel more comfortable making a nomination via email, please feel free to do so at mlynnlewis@bresnan.net or fsa@bresnan.net. The board would love to have input from all sources so please give us our feedback. Also, there will be openings to serve on the board. Please consider serving. Trust me—this is not something that is demanding. You would have to go to a meeting once a month and help make decisions on club activities. So, in the next month, please take the time to reflect and put your two cents worth in, it would be most welcome.

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