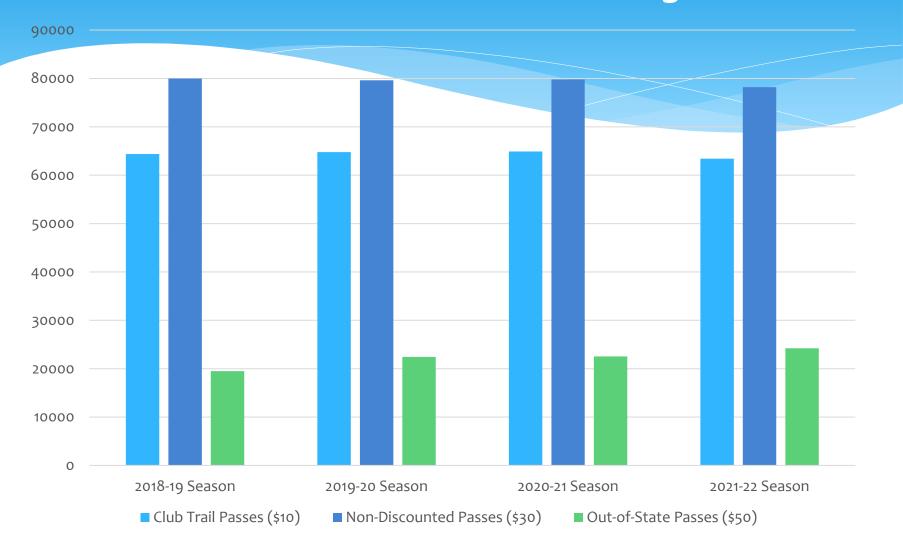
Snowmobile Grant Funding AWSC Spring Convention

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Trail Pass History



Vehicle Registration



How to Apply for Grants

- Clubs who have a snowmobile trail project should work with their county government – counties are the eligible applicant.
- * Annual application deadline is April 15th
- * Applications should include a solid cost estimate, photos, maps, etc. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Applications are reviewed by DNR and Governor's Snowmobile Council.
- Funded projects should receive their grant agreements in the fall or winter.

Grant Timeline

April 15th – Applications are due to the DNR Spring – DNR Grants Staff do a preliminary review 400+ applications, and prepare them for review by the Council (includes ATV/ UTV and OHM apps) August – DNR learns how much funding is available. Governor's Council makes recommendations to the DNR on which projects to fund.

Fall – DNR Grants Staff do a more in-depth review of the project proposals.

- Checking for potential endangered species, archaeological impacts
- Determining if any timing restrictions are necessary
- Making sure the applicant is aware of and pursuing required permits

Fall/Winter – After the additional review is complete, grant agreements are written and sent to the applicant. At this point, work can begin.

For many projects, construction begins in the next construction season...roughly 1 year after application.

Role of the Governor's Snowmobile Council

Creation: s. 15.347(7), Wis. Stats.

- 1. 15 members, Governor appointed
- 2. Wisconsin resident at least 5 from the north and 5 from the south

Duties: s. 350.14, Wis. Stats.

1. Provide advice & make recommendation to the DNR, DOT, Governor & the legislature on all matters relating to snowmobiles and snowmobiling.

2. Make recommendation to DNR on requests for funding.

Website with Minutes, etc: <u>http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/Meetings.html</u>

Projects Funded

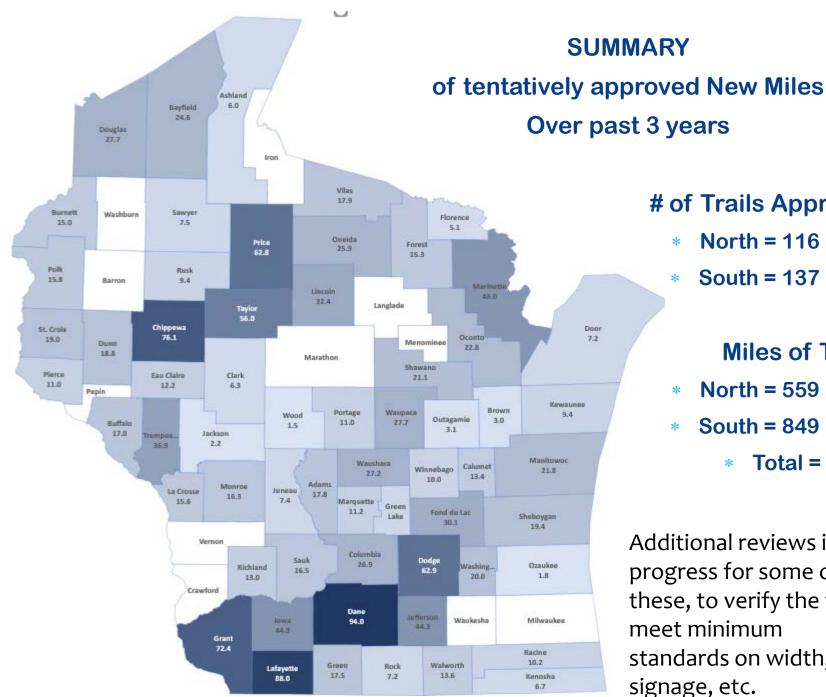
Category	No. of Projects Funded	Total Awards
Maintenance (19,400 miles)	73	\$5,822,475
Supplemental (20-21)	33	\$1,666,258
Bridge Rehab	34	\$2,148,499
Trail Rehab	10	\$209,041
Mandatory Relocation	1	\$22,607
Discretionary Relocation	8	\$994,249
New Miles (486.4 Miles)	109	\$190,198
TOTALS:	268	\$11,053,327

Supplemental Maintenance

Audited Claims for 20-21 Season: \$1.7 Million
No Pro-Rate. Funded at 100%

The average supplemental request for previous three seasons was \$2.9 million per season.

Requests for supplemental for the 2021-22 Season are due by August 1. Request must come from the County or DNR Property Manager, and the entire county trail system must meet the supplemental thresholds.



- **#** of Trails Approved
 - North = 116 (46%)
 - South = 137 (54%)

Miles of Trails North = 559 (40%) South = 849 (60%)

> Total = 1,408*

Additional reviews in progress for some of these, to verify the trails meet minimum standards on width, signage, etc.

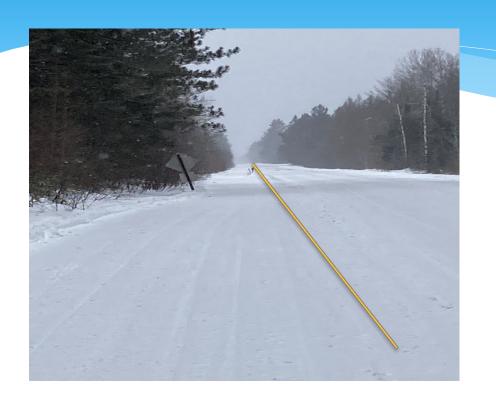
GPS Units in Groomers

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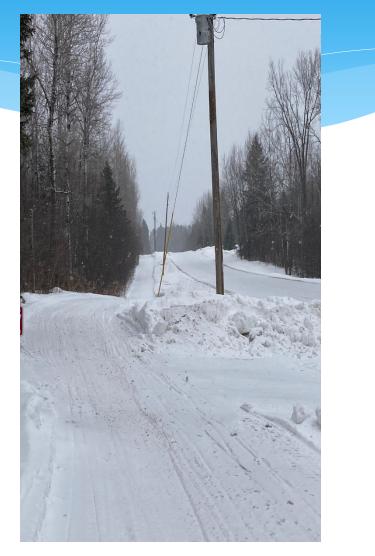
Change to the 40' Rule

- Legislation passed that no longer requires a trail be 40' from the road (for night time 2 way travel)
- Trails can be in the ROW, but still need to be distinct trails, not on the plowed road surface, and <u>groomed</u> and <u>signed</u> as trails.
- Road routes and ditch riding (ungroomed and unsigned) are still not fundable trail.

Fundable Trail



These trails are in the ROW, but are groomed and not on the road surface. Additional signage may be useful.



Not Fundable Trail





- Not Groomed
- Does not meet the 10-12' width for 2-way trails
- Not signed as trail.
- Riders in the ditch or on plowed road surface.



QUESTIONS??