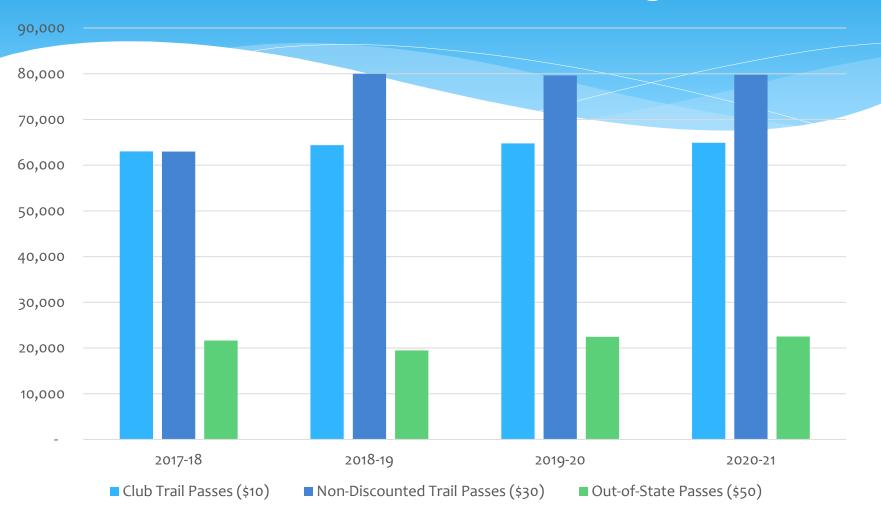
# Snowmobile Topics AWSC Fall Workshop 2021

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### **Trail Pass History**



### Vehicle Registration

Registration Valid for 3 Years



### 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 15<sup>th</sup>
- \* 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 15**<sup>th</sup> – 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.

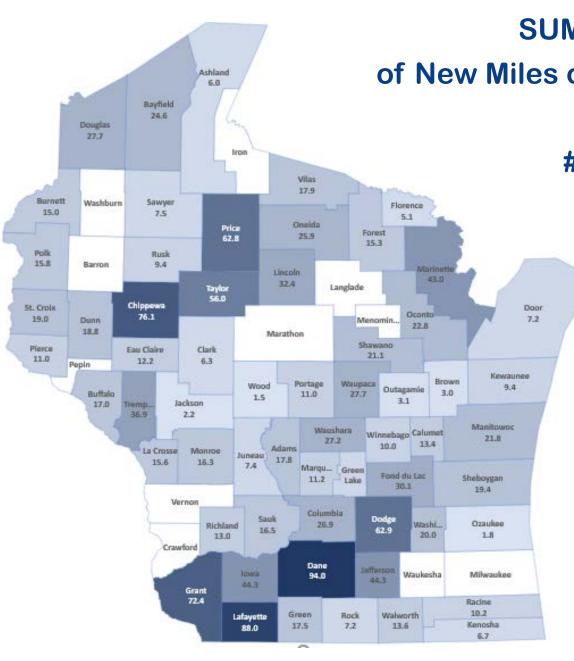
- 1. Provide advice & make recommendation to the DNR, DOT, Governor & the legislature on all matters relating to snowmobiles and snowmobiling.
- 2. Make recommendation to DNR on requests for funding.

Website with Minutes, etc: <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/Meetings.html">http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/Meetings.html</a>

### **Projects Funded**

Category	No. of Projects Funded	Total Awards
Maintenance of Existing Funded Trails (19,400 miles)	73	\$5,820,000
Bridge Rehab	34	\$1,870,922
Trail Rehabilitation	10	\$209,041
Trail Relocation	10	\$1,024,207
<b>Cost Increases to Prev Grants</b>	7	\$277,577
New Miles (485.6 Miles)	108	\$145,678
TOTALS:	231	\$10,547,425

And another \$1,000,00 set aside for future Supplemental or Storm Damage



### SUMMARY of New Miles over Past 3 Years

# of Trails Approved

\* North = 116 (46%)

\* South = 137 (54%)

**Miles of Trails** 

\* North = 559 (40%)

\* South = 849 (60%)

Additional reviews in progress for this past year's group to verify the trails meet minimum standards on width, signage, etc.

### Supplemental Maintenance

Initial Claims for 20-21 Season: \$1.7 Million
 No Pro-Rate. Funding will be at 100%

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

Timeline: DNR Staff are auditing requests now, will be finished by Dec 1.

### **GPS Units in Groomers**

- \* Clubs need to request their GPS unit by Nov 1, 2021. If you haven't submitted your request yet, do so ASAP!
- \* GPS units need to be installed in Class A, AA, AAA and B groomers before winter, in order for groomers to receive grant funds.
- \* As of this year, annual lease of GPS units can be paid directly by DNR, no need for clubs to cover the annual lease cost.
- \* Groomer Tracking Systems has received requests for 627 units to date, 622 requested units have been mailed out. If you requested your unit at least 5 days ago, it's on the way to you.

### Wrap-up

### **QUESTIONS??**