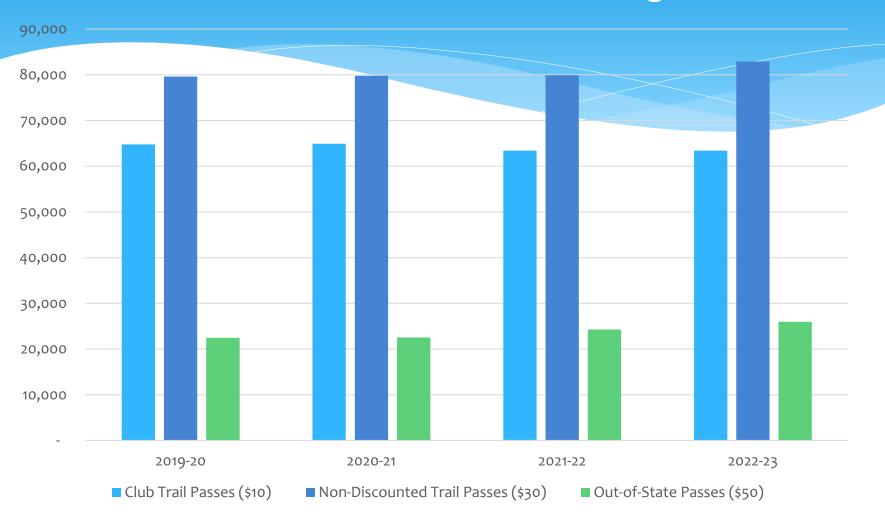
Snowmobile Topics AWSC Spring Convention 2023

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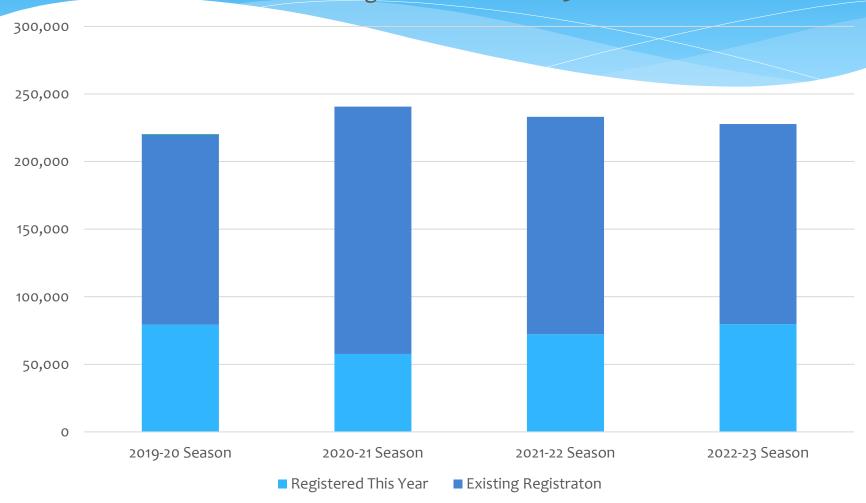


Trail Pass History



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 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
- 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: http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/Meetings.html

Projects Funded

Category	No. of Projects Funded	Total Awards
Maintenance of Existing Funded Trails (19,900+ miles)	73	\$5,980,000
Bridge Rehab	34	\$2,531,819
Trail Rehabilitation	4	\$82,270
Trail Relocation	9	\$611,396
New Bridges	8	\$829,412
Cost Increases to Prev Grants	4	\$52,790
New Miles (201.6 Miles)	43	\$263,507
TOTALS:	231	\$10,137,434

Storm Damage

- * Program typically requires a state or federally declared emergency.
- * Special consideration was given to the December 2022 ice and snow storms that particularly impacted the northwestern counties
- * Applications were accepted through March 1 for expenses to-date related to that clean-up.
- * Grants were awarded for nearly \$900,000 in additional funding for those efforts.
- * Future clean up expenses can be estimated and submitted as trail rehab projects by April 15th, 2023.

Supplemental Maintenance

Initial Claims for 21-22 Season: \$2.2 Million
 No Pro-Rate. Funding will be at 100%

The average supplemental request for previous five seasons was \$2.5 million per season.

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

Governor's Council recommends increasing the supplemental cap from \$900/mile to \$1,500/mile or more. The cap is set in admin code and will be a slow process to change. No change yet, stay tuned!

Wrap-up

QUESTIONS??