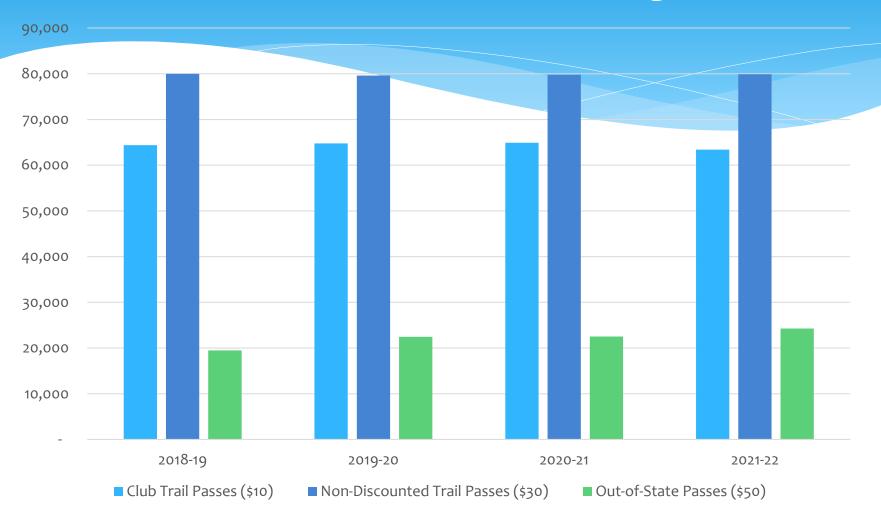
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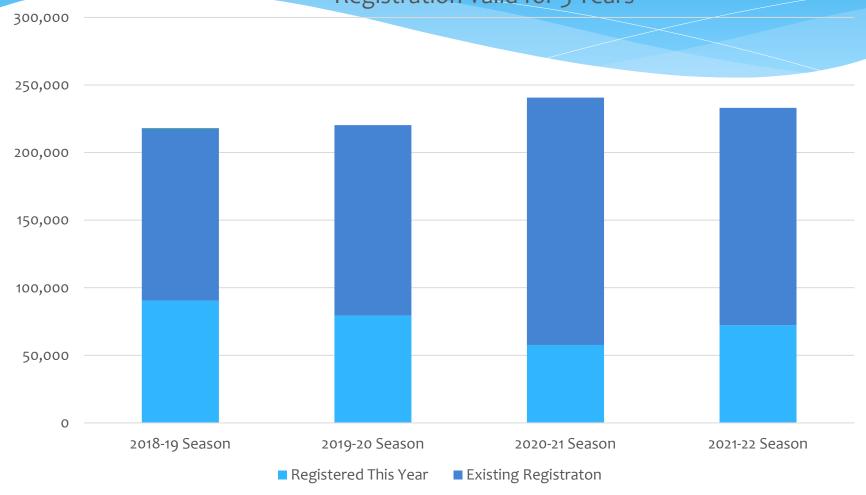
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Trail Pass History



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
- 2. Wisconsin resident at least 5 from the north and 5 from the south

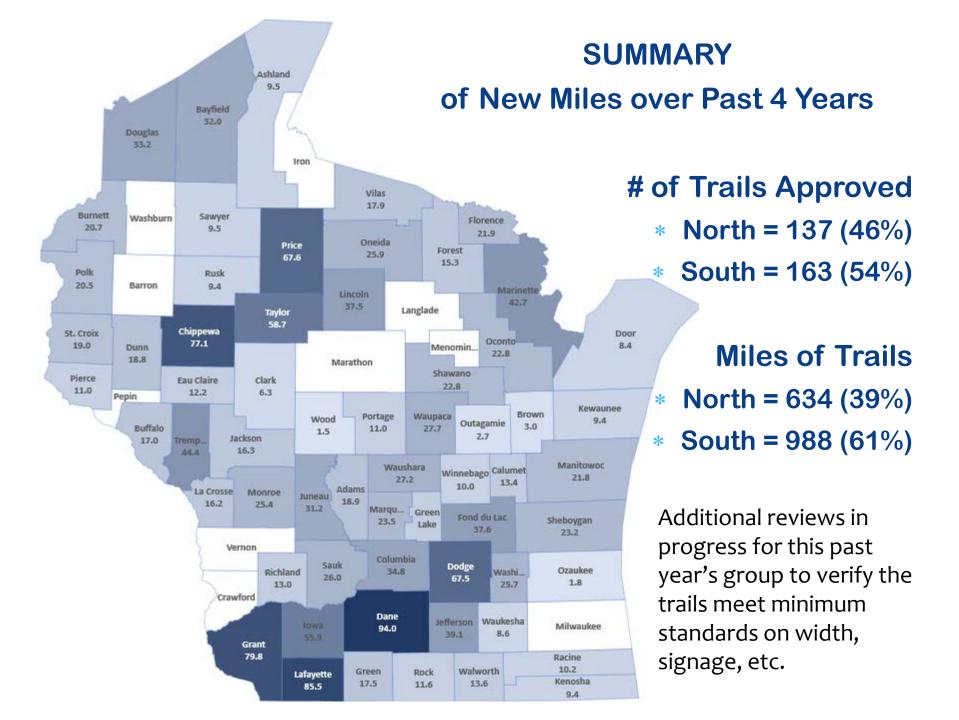
Duties: s. 350.14, Wis. Stats.

- 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: 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: And another \$1,000,00 set aside for fu	231 Iture Supplemental	\$10,137,434 or Storm Damage



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!

Equipment Rate Increases

- Groomer rates have increased by \$10/hour for each class
- * Labor rates increased from \$8/hr to \$9/hr, and many of the other equipment rates increased (truck, dozer, etc) to reflect DOT Rate increases. A handful decreased per DOT.
- * When a groomer is traveling on a route that is between two funded trail stretches, that time can be reimbursed at ½ the groomer rate as "non-grooming transport time".
- * The route is still not eligible trail and does not get \$300/mile, but the time to move the groomer to the next section of funded trail can be reimbursed out of the county/club allotment.

Wrap-up

QUESTIONS??