



THE OFFICIAL SNOWMOBILE TRAIL REPORT

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Wow are the clubs doing a great job with trails so far this year. All that I am hearing is how awesome trails are. We have picked up a few more inches on Tuesday and every inch helps, this cold weather is also helping to keep trails in very good shape. It is looking more and more that we may be getting a storm on Saturday. If we get what the weathermen are saying, then we could be in for a big dumping. With this will take clubs a few days to get trails back to tip top shape, so in the meantime get out there and enjoy what these guys and gals are doing.

The other thing that has been catching my eye is that club memberships are doing very well for many clubs out there. Many clubs have been also selling hats, sweatshirts, and yeti cups, this is a great way to help support the sport and to get their names out there. Check out the Counties Clubs Facebook pages.

TRAIL INFORMATION:

Sly Brook (Soldier Pond): Reporting that they have been over everything as of this morning and are reporting great conditions. The logging operation on trail 73 is now done, but the logging operation that is occurring on end of trail 96 near where they turn around with Red Arrow should be completed in a few weeks. They are doing great with memberships and might surpass last year's numbers, let's help them achieve this goal as one of their machines is down for the remainder of the winter and every dollar will help for repairs.

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Washburn Trail Runners (Washburn): Washburn is in great shape. Trails have been groomed nightly throughout the end of the week and the weekend. It's 83 and 105 are flat and wide with no areas of concern. Trail 61 is open and has had a lot of brushing done to it over the last week or so. A fun trail to ride if you're heading to Portage from Washburn. The kitchen is open Friday 8-2, Saturday 7-2, and Sunday 7-12. Hopefully we'll get a decent amount of snow from this storm passing through on Saturday!

Portage Lakers: Reporting they have been able to groom on a regular basis to keep up with a large volume of sleds visiting the area. Local trails are all open and been marked and groomed. These little 3-inch snowstorms have been helpful hoping for the big one this weekend. ITS 90 and ITS 85 are in great shape.

Caribou: Reporting they have been grooming nightly and trails are in good shape. The woods going to the Inn and Convention are still a little thin, but these little storms keep helping. There is a logging operation on ITS 83 in the New Sweden area, they are plowing a 1-mile section of the rail bed and this operation will last until the end of February.

Fort Kent SnoRiders (Fort Kent): reporting that their whole system is being groomed on a regular basis and reporting great conditions.

Eagle Lake Winter Riders: Reporting their entire system is in great shape and no issues.

Fort Fairfield Snowmobile Club: reporting to get over their entire system tonight. They are recommending staying on marked trails as their fields still need more snow. They are dealing with a water hole on ITS 88 off the Currier Road, please use caution.

St. Francis Sno-Angels: reporting the groomer went out Monday, from the lodge, ITS92 West to Chamberlain Market, then ITS92 East down the Railbed to the Fort Kent turnaround, then ITS92A South, onto Carter Brook, to the Fort Kent, Eagle Lake turnaround. Trails are smooth and AWESOME! The SnoAngels weekly hot meal, Hawaiian Spaghetti, Buns and Dessert. Membership and Clothes will be available!! Ride safe, Stay Warm!

Central Aroostook Snowmobile club (Mars Hill, Blaine, Bridgewater, and Monticello): Reporting Central Aroostook is getting over our system this week as well. Everything is the same and holding up where there is enough snow. We have some wooded sections that are rough due to lack of snow on ITS 81 south from Mars Hill. Reminder of logging operation in Bridgewater. 2.3-mile plowed section, the landowner is going to allow the snowmobile trail to continue through this area if speed does not exceed 30mph, and yield to motor vehicles. If there are issues, they will close this section of trail down and the club will need to reroute 20 miles.

Ashland snowmobile club: Grooming this week to make sure we have a good flat base for Saturday's storm. ITS85 from Masardis to Portage is very good, ITS88 from Ashland to Castle Hill is good, but still a few thin spots. 71a to Oxbow is very good, there is a logging operation 2 miles out of town, watch for them and a plowed road that ends at the trail 15 miles south of town with new signs this week. Please use caution on our bridges, the fine snow is not staying on them well, so they are rough.

Moose town Riders (Allagash): reporting that their trails are in good condition, have been out all week long. Trails are open all the way to Glazier and Beau lakes. The groomer turns around 10 miles before Estcourt Station. Remember going out this way stop at Chamberlains to fuel up as there is no gas in Allagash, while there a must stop is Two Rivers Lunch.

Frenchville snowmobile club: Reporting they have been over all their system and are reporting excellent conditions. 81B and 73B have all been groomed. ITS 85 to Fort Kent will be groomed Wednesday night the 26th. All trails will be done again Friday night.

Red Arrow (St. Agatha, and Sinclair): reporting all trails are open and groomed. Trails in the fields remain drifted and will be out shortly to take care of.

Chapman Ridge runners: Reporting that all their system is open and will be out on a regular schedule.

Aroostook River Snowmobile (Mapleton, and Castle Hill): Reporting that they groomed 105 last night and the trails are in great shape.

Easton Trailbreakers (Easton): Reporting all trails were groomed on Tuesday the 25th and reporting no issues. All trails marked and signed.

Madawaska snowmobile club: Reporting trails are in great shape; the groomer is out on a normal schedule. With this cold snap trail are holding up very well. Please be patient with the club if this storm does hit it will take a while to get everything done.

Cold Mountain Snowmobile Club (Grand Isle): Reporting that their trails are looking great. There is a logging operation on 81c going through the woods near the tower just as the trail crosses the golf course road.

Gateway Snowmobile Club (Van Buren): Reporting good conditions and have been out daily.

Limestone Snow Hawks: reporting that they have groomed their entire system last night and are in great shape. All trails have been marked.

Presque Isle Snowmobile Club: PISC has opened all the trails in the system as of today. ITS83 North to Washburn and South to Mars Hill. 116 Connector to Easton and Fort Fairfield are in excellent shape. 81C to Easton is good too. Arnold Brook trail 83A is done twice, use caution it still needs more snow in there, but it is passable. Hotel trails all opened as is the Bonanza/Irish Setter Pub trail. please use caution as they are dumping snow from the Walmart parking lot into our trail so ride slowly in that area.

Nordic Lakers (New Sweden, Westmanland): Reporting that they have been busy grooming and reporting trail 81 is in good shape. NorthStar variety is now selling non-ethanol gas.

Pleasant Ridge Riders (Caswell): Reporting that they have been all groomed and in great shape. Parent's Country store is located right off the border trail and have something for everyone. They are carrying all brands of oil, including Amsoil. They also carry phone chargers, gloves, spark plugs, and snowmobile tow straps.

Walker Siding Snowmobile Club: Reporting they have been over the entire system. Trails are fair to great condition. There is logging on 81 so please use caution.

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Oxbow-Masardis Snowmobile: Reporting their groomer has been going nonstop this past week. The very cold temps have really hardened the trail base and it's holding up well even with the marginal snow cover. ITS 85/81 has been groomed since the weekend as well as ITS 86. Trail 71-D has been groomed and is in good shape. Our Tucker will in the shop for a couple of days for a routine service getting ready for the big storm next weekend.

Bowlin/Mattagamon/Shin Pond – All trails are in great shape. These cold temps combined with a moderate snowpack are keeping trails flat and fast. ITS 85 from Whetstone Bridge (PT 13) all the way North through Matagamon and up to connect with Oxbow is excellent. ITS 114 which runs from the junction of ITS 85 (PT 16) through Shin Pond and re-intersects ITS 85 (PT 17) is excellent riding. 71D and the Huber Road off from ITS 85 to Access Libby Camps are in great! Club Trail 64 from ITS 114 south of Shin Pond to connect to ITS 81 North of Patten is great and was groomed last on 1/25. This is what we wait all year for. Get outside, ride and support the clubs and businesses that work so hard to make your riding the best that it can be!

Benedicta Snow Gang – ITS 81- 81A - 83A to Sherman. ITS83 to Whetstone is groomed with excellent conditions. Please be respectful of signs on ITS 81 in Benedicta at Cary's Crossing asking people to slow down to 15 miles per hour. There are horses in the field and the owners have posted cameras. We don't want this trail to be closed!

Rockabema Snow Rangers – ITS 81 to Shin Pond – ITS 112 to Island falls – 62 Club Trail north. Trail master Jon groomed ITS81S railroad bed to Stacyville, in town to Town Hall, the Club House trail and Icehouse trail (Club 57) back to the garage. Charlie grooming from Libby's Lodge ITS81S out 112W to K & C. Travis grooming ITS81N, out 62E, to 112W back ITS81N to the Lodge. Conditions are good and with this storm coming Saturday the season should be in full swing!

Linneus Sno Sports – ITS 105 from Hodgdon to ITS 83 – 61 Linneus to Oakfield. ITS 83 is groomed from B Stream bridge (north end of Linneus trails) to where we meet Oakfield SmokiHaulers (south end of Linneus trails) it's flat, smooth & 12"-14" most of the way. There is still the odd little dip but shaped up very well. The ITS 105-loop trail is still closed trying to figure another reroute...Get out and enjoy ...

Meduxnekeag Ramblers – ITS 83 north to Monticello – ITS 86 south to Houlton – ITS 86 to Oxbow- 81 Club Trail. Everything will be groomed by the end of the day and is conditions are looking good. Club Trail 81 will be completed by Wednesday afternoon. It is a little boney in the fields near Littleton but on the opposite end the groomer met with Linneus and reports that the Houlton/ Hodgdon trails are in great condition. Don't forget the Saturday breakfast at the clubhouse on the Wiley Rd. in Littleton from 6am to 9 am. All are welcome.

Big Valley Snow Club at Birch Point in Island Falls – ITS 112 – ITS 83 north- 60 to Oakfield – ITS 83 south. Groomers were out on 60 West of Birch Point and 83 South to Sherman connection and Bible Point/Lower Mattawamkeag Lake. In town needs brush work if anyone has some time and a saw. The Tucker 2000 also did a double pass on 83 North to Oakfield connection on Rock Crusher Road. The Rock Crusher Trail has been cleared of brush and branches. We also have done 112 to Patten and 60 East to Linneus and the Mattawamkeag River Loop. A couple riders stopped us today and said how great it was from Ethan's grooming on Tuesday. We are hoping to get to trail 54 to Oakfield soon. Please ride with caution!

**MVSD TRAIL REPORT: ALL TRAILS ARE OPEN & GROOMED WATCH FOR GOATS, DEER & MOOSE ON TRAILS
~~~LOGGING ON ITS 83 SOUTH OF RT 2 50 FEET ~~~~USE CAUTION. SLOW DOWN, RIDE RIGHT, & WATCH  
FOR SIGNS TO WHERE YOU'RE HEADED. KELLY HILL & PUDS TRAILS BOTH HAVE FENCES OFF TO THE SIDE OF  
THEM PAY ATTENTION!!!!!!!  
WE STILL NEED MORE SNOW! LET IT SNOW!!!!**

**East Grand Snowmobile Club: Reporting that they have everything groomed and are in decent shape. There are still some thin areas but if they get this storm over the weekend then they will be in great shape. The loop trail 7 to Greenland Cove Road and the Eastside of Sucker Lake were groomed and brushed last night. They will be doing 105S today on**

Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup>. There is a logging operation on 105 so please use caution, it is marked very well.

### On the Social Side:

This weekend is the County Winterfest in Presque Isle, snowmobile events include a chili feed Friday night and a dinner Saturday night with a dance: all of those are at the Sargent Community Center and are accessed by sled or by car. Kids welcome too. Saturday morning starts early with an 8am light breakfast at the PISC Clubhouse followed by a 50-mile Poker Run beginning at 9am. Hope to see all the sledders take part in this fun time during Winterfest '22.

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Meduxnekeag Ramblers Saturday breakfast at the clubhouse on the Wiley Rd. in Littleton from 6am to 9 am. All are welcome.

Limestone will be hosting a Poker Run February 26<sup>th</sup> leaving the clubhouse at 10:00 registration starts at 9:00 \$5 per hand \$20 registration fee will be a spaghetti dinner at the end at the par N grill