



Top of Utah Snowmobile Association CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2008



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The TOP OF UTAH SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER: The NEWSLETTER is sent to registered club members. Membership is October to October.

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*******NEW LOCATION*******

We are excited to be having our annual fall social, it will be on November 22nd at 5:30 pm. at the BATC (Bridgerland Applied Technology College) 1301 North 600 West, Logan - enter in at the south end.

Please plan on coming and inviting all your sledding buddies, there will be lots of great food and live entertainment, this year the Sagwich Basin Band from Avon will be performing, a perfect date night or family outing, its always a good time. We will have some great door prizes and silent auction/raffle goodies that have been donated by local and not so local sponsors, so start saving those quarters.

We always have some cool auction items and it's a great time to meet others that love this great sport. This year Kelly is going to put together a slide show looking back at the history of sledding. If you have any pictures of vintage sleds and sledders, old signs, vintage stuff (like my sled) that you would like to show, please let us know.

Cost of the meal (great dutch oven food and dessert) will be \$15 for adults, \$7 for kids 12 to 5 and 4 and under free. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our fall social is our clubs only fundraiser of the year. So please come and help support the greatest club on earth.



*******Notes from Kelly*******



As we drain the sprinkler systems, roll up the hoses; rake all those leaves that seem to never quit falling. We are all excited for what comes next -SNOW !!!

Yes we have been teased a few times with some little storms; we cooked breakfast in a snowstorm camping at Beaver Mountain on Labor Day Weekend, which was exciting.

I can feel the big one coming right around the corner. I guess the big one has already hit south of the Great Salt Lake, that lake effect strikes again. Alta received three feet of snow and Snowbird is opening on Friday Nov 7th

As I reminisce of all the good rides we had last year I can't wait to get started snowmobiling again this year. The grandkids have had the Kitty Cat going several times on the grass in the back yard; they can hardly wait for snow either.

After last year's great snowfall that kept the season going clear into the middle of June, we snowmobilers were very happy. After the season ended and the lakes and reservoirs filled up, then the canals and ditches filled and stayed full all summer the farmers, boaters, golfers and the fisherman enjoyed a full season they were very happy.

This kind of reminds me of a country western song that says if Mom is happy every body's happy. So come on Mother Nature Snow, Snow, Snow,

If the snowmobilers are happy everybody's happy

I just wanted to invite everyone to our opening social; those that come regularly know what a good time, and great food we have. It is always fun to socialize with the group. We have tried to turn this into a fun date night with good food, good entertainment and lots of door prizes. So come support the club and have a fun night out.



Kelly Leishman

Awards! Awards! Awards! Top of Utah ?????_

The Top of Utah Snowmobile Association would like to recognize different individuals/families/groups each year for their efforts and involvement in our community/sport during the year. These efforts are not necessarily tied to just snowmobiling. If you have some one that you would like to nominate as the **Top of Utah Snowmobiler/family/oldduffer of the year** please contact either Kerry or Kelly. The awards would be given at our annual fall social. For example Kerry Hendrickson could be recognized as the (The Top of Utah best looking Snowmobiler of 2008-2009) if only someone would nominate him.

ITS TIME TO RENEW

If you haven't paid your membership dues yet, its that time again. This is the easiest way to keep your self involved in this great sport.

Your paid membership helps to keep your great sledding areas open by giving you a voice in the constant battle to keep our backcountry open, it pays for your membership in the Utah Snowmobile Association, you'll receive great newsletters keeping you informed of all the latest happenings, and get your club discount card.

The \$35 is by far the best investment in your sleds that you can make.

Please include your name, address, phone and email, so we can keep our records current. If you are a current member needing to just renew and we have your current address and email, all we need is your money.

You can print up registration forms on line at www.topofutahsnowmobile.net click on JOIN and print off the form if you want to.

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ALL MEMBERSHIPS RECEIVED ARE NOV TO NOV, AND ARE APPLIED TO THE CURRENT SEASON!

To join the club please make check payable to Top of Utah Snowmobile association. The cost is \$35 per year or \$350 for a ten year membership for family / individual. Mail the check and form to the Top of Utah Snowmobile Association, PO BOX 03342, Logan, Utah 84323 Include the following: [] NEW [] RENEW (if renewing just include name and any new info)

Name _____ Spouse's first name _____
Phone [] _____ Email Address (important) _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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Our current issues

We have several items of business we are currently working on regarding snowmobile issues.

- We are pleased to announce that Jennefer Parker is the new District Ranger in Logan, Utah, Jennefer was the Environmental Coordinator on the Clearwater NF in Orofino, Idaho. Prior to her job as EC she was the Rec Staff Officer on the North Fork Ranger District. She brings a wealth of skills and has a great background in resource management.
- Implementing the reopening of the White Pine, Steam Mill drainages to snowmobile use. Which will include clarifying maps, orange poles and signage wherever possible to educate all wintertime users of the new boundaries.
- UDOT has built a new turn lane and acceleration lane at the Beaver Mountain turn off, this will eliminate most of the parking in the lower parking lot. The upper lot has been enlarged and we hope to have some signs up this winter to help park more efficiently. This is State Trust Lands property (SITLA), which includes both parking lots and Beaver Mountain. **Utah parks pays rent and pays to maintain the lot during the winter months.**

Utah State Parks and Recreation offers a Know Before You Go! Snowmobile education courses. Students must pre-register for this class and will be notified of the course time upon registering. Children age 8 to 16 are required by state law to take a safety class prior to operating snowmobiles on public lands or trails. To pre-register call 1-800-648-7433. Only \$10 <http://stateparks.utah.gov/ohv/education-forms.html>



JUST TWO WEEKS LEFT TO COMMENT ON 2008/2009 YELLOWSTONE WINTER ACCESS

On Monday, November 3rd, 2008, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks announced a two-week public comment period on a new plan to guide the management of winter use in the parks for 2008. The previous plan was rejected by a federal judge in Washington, D.C., in September. With no plan, neither snowmobiles nor snowcoaches could be allowed in the parks this winter.

The Park Service has diligently worked since the court's decision, to develop this plan that offers two alternatives. The first, (called "no action") would allow no motorized over-the-snow winter access. The second, and the park's preferred, alternative would allow up to 318 commercially guided, Best Available Technology (BAT) snowmobiles, and up to 78 commercially guided snowcoaches per day in Yellowstone beginning Monday, December 15, 2008.

The West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce encourages everyone to participate in making a comment on these two alternatives as stated in the "2008 Winter Use Plans Environmental Assessment. All public comments must be received or postmarked by midnight, November 17, 2008. "This limited comment period is an important opportunity to participate in the EA process," states Jamie Greene, Operations Manager for the Town of West Yellowstone. "Over-the-snow access into the park from West Yellowstone is a critical issue for our community. Every comment is important. We encourage everyone to take a minute and add your thoughts."

Written comments can be dropped off in person or mailed to: National Park Service Management Assistants Office, PO Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190. Comments will not be accepted by phone, fax, or e-mail.

For the easiest access, go directly to <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. to read the EA and make a comment. Use the pull-down menu on "Choose a Park" to select Yellowstone, click on "Plans/Document Open for Comment," click on the link to "2008 Winter Plan Use Plans Environmental Assessment*" and then, look down the left-hand column for a link

There is a second opportunity to comment on the proposed rule concerning winter use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. The proposed rule was released earlier today and is now out for public review and comment. The rulemaking process is in addition to, but is separate from the EA alternatives noted above. The proposed rule was published today in the Federal Register, and is open for a 15-day public review and comment period through November 20, 2008. The proposed rule and an electronic form to submit written comments are available on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>. You can find the proposed rule by searching the "Documents Open For Public Comment" and selecting the National Park Service as the agency. Written comments may be submitted through this web site, in person, or by mail. Comments will not be accepted by phone, fax, or e-mail. All public comments on the proposed rule must be received or postmarked by midnight, Eastern Time, November 20, 2008.

After the comment period and analysis, the Region of the National Park Service would sign a Finding Of No Significant Action (FONSI) containing details of that decision and the new rule implemented.

The National Park Service expects to have a decision regarding winter use management by the December 15, 2008, scheduled start to the winter season. We remain confident that Yellowstone will open on time with a variety of winter access including cross-country skiing, snowcoach, snowmobile and snowshoe. For more information about winter activities, both in Yellowstone Park and outside it, please visit www.destinationyellowstone.com and call the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce at 406-646-7701.



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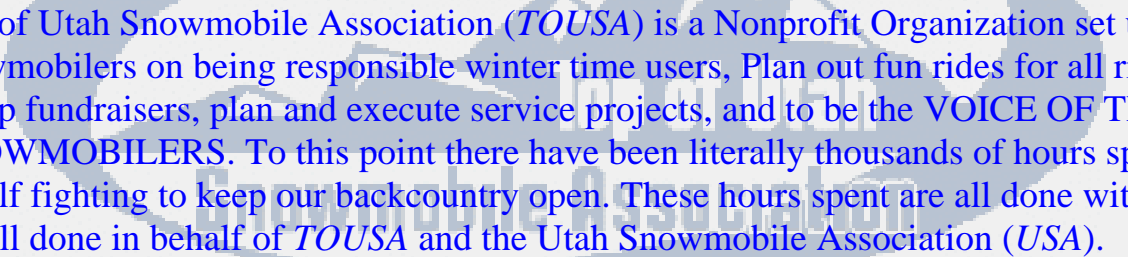
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Top of Utah Snowmobile Association (*TOUSA*) is a Nonprofit Organization set up to educate snowmobilers on being responsible winter time users, Plan out fun rides for all riding abilities, set up fundraisers, plan and execute service projects, and to be the VOICE OF THE SNOWMOBILERS. To this point there have been literally thousands of hours spent on your behalf fighting to keep our backcountry open. These hours spent are all done without pay, and are all done in behalf of *TOUSA* and the Utah Snowmobile Association (*USA*).

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Club Extras / Deals

Dear President,

As a leader in your organization, I just wanted to let you know about the \$50 Rebate that SPOT is offering for a short time on there SPOT Messenger Beacon. If you or your members have been thinking about getting a SPOT now or before Christmas, now would be a great time for them to get one. If you want more information or are not familiar with the SPOT, check out more information on our website at http://www.fsclp.com/index_files/Page704.htm . If we can answer any questions, please let us know. We appreciate your business and support.

Sincerely,

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