

Scenic Montana Trails



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February 2023

- YOU'VE BEEN THINKING SNOW, HAVEN'T YOU! -

Annual Snowball Dinner February 18, 2023. Limited tickets are available. First come first served. Get tickets at Kurt's Polaris, Seeley Lake (406) 677-2833. SMT membership required for attendance. Cost is \$30.00 single, \$50.00 per couple.

March 11, 2023 – Poker Run. Watch for details.

Forest Planning Meetings – THIS IS OUR FOREST. WE NEED TO SHOW THAT WE ARE ENGAGED. The Forest Travel Plan is the guidebook on how the Forest Service will manage the Lolo National Forest for the next 15 years. The public decides what goes into the plan. Meetings have begun.

A committee is being formed - contact Tom Stanley at 702-319-1740. We are looking for committed individuals to attend the meetings. The more people involved the better. When life and schedules get in the way of meeting attendance, we can still have plenty of people where we need them – AT THE MEETINGS.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **FEBRUARY 17, 2023 - Ranger Chat Session in Seeley Lake US Ranger Station at 3583 Hwy 83N from 1pm - 3 pm.**
- **On February 23, 2023 there is a Travel Plan Workshop in person and online 6pm – 8pm.**

FULL PLANNING DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/lolo/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fseprd993646>

A NOTE FROM SMT PRESIDENT MIKE KENT

Mike K. is taking a temporary leave of absence. Quarterly **General Membership Meeting** is February 9, at 6:00pm at 200 Boy Scout Road. Chili was be served.

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"This is Awesome - Booyah!" - Unknown



BECOME A MEMBER OF SCENIC MONTANA TRAILS AND BE ENTERED TO WIN A FANTIC ELECTRIC BIKE!

All persons paying for a membership to Scenic Montana Trails from April 1, 2022 to May 5, 2023 will be entered to win a Fantic Electric Bike. Drawing to be held May 11, 2023 at the SMT Membership Meeting. One entry per membership fee paid. To become a member of SMT go to: <https://www.scenicmontanatrails.org/>

And get entered today!

HELP WANTED

Our new club is being watched by thousands of people across the nation. They wish to see if our "All things Motorized Trail Club is the future. We have tremendous public and private support. There is a small group of people doing in incredible amount of work to make Scenic Montana Trails successful. We need a larger group to help spread the workload. No skills are necessary, but if you have some, we can put those to work also. Contact any board member listed on the last page of this newsletter. Thank you!

Scenic Montana Trails Report

Trail Happenings

Bike and ATV groups are active as weather permits. Check the website or contact fellow members for ride/event happenings. The ATV group is looking for persons that wish to organize a Poker run in 2023. Please contact info@scenicmontanatrails.org if you have interest in being involved.

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Heliport / Parking (North Boy Scout)

The parking lot at the Heliport is plowed. Plowing continues as needed and allows for 30% more parking.

Grooming

Grooming of the Garnet system is on going. Vinni and Taylor spent a long day clearing trees on the elevation and Keno-Kennedy trail as well as the Elk Creek trail.

Consideration is being given to opening the Stink Water trail that would make a loop and save fuel.

Mike Delwo and Brad Kaiser continue to groom trails on the west side with the bulk of the grooming being Deer Creek and Mount Henry. I

In late January, the groomer was on the East side and groomed to Monture and the Rice-West Morrell.

Equipment issues continue to slow our grooming efforts, but we are working through the issues.

We are looking forward to receiving the new Piston Bully. The expect date of delivery is now Valentine's Day February 14th.



Check the website <https://www.scenicmontanatrails.org/> for up-to-date trail grooming.

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Trail Passes – a must have!

Residents must purchase a Trail Pass to legally ride on any of Montana's 4000+ miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Passes are valid for 2 years and cost \$20.00. Trail passes apply to all "mechanical equipment", including snowmobiles, motorized snow bikes, and fat-tire pedal bikes. Trail passes are available at **Rovero's and Kurt's Polaris in Seeley Lake.**



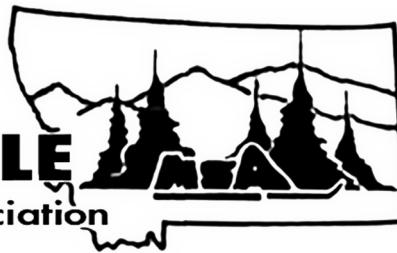
does excellent work for Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) users.

"MTVRA's mission is to create a positive future for Montana off-highway vehicle recreation..." Please support MTVRA by joining at <https://www.mtvra.com>

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SNOWMOBILE

Association



is a great support for our

Club and trail needs. They do amazing things to help our adventures on the trails happen. Please join MSA online at <https://www.snowmobilemt.org> or Contact Connie Walters at 406-590-0386.

>>> INVOLVEMENT <<<

We are a very active club, and we need very active members, please join in!

SMT Board Meetings are every third Thursday at 6:30pm, place TBA.

SMT Membership Meetings are quarterly on the second Thursday of November, February, May and August.

Please send photos, stories, and/or input to:

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SMT Meeting Calendar

December 15, 2022 – Board Meeting

January 19, 2023 – Board Meeting

February 9, 2023 – Membership Meeting - 200 Boy Scout Road – Chili feed.

February 16, 2023 – Board Meeting

February 17th, 2023 – Ranger Chat, Seeley Lake 3583 Hwy 83N. 1pm - 3 pm.
No registration required.

February 23, 2023 – Travel Plan Workshop in person and online 6pm – 8pm.
Registration required - <https://forms.office.com/g/Pm7shV8hS3>

March 16, 2023 – Board Meeting

April 20, 2023 – Board Meeting

May 11, 2023 – Membership Meeting – DRAWING FOR FANTIC BIKE

May 18, 2023 – Board Meeting

June 15, 2023 – Board Meeting

July 20, 2023 – Board Meeting

August 10, 2023 – Membership Meeting

August 17, 2023 – Board Meeting

SMT EVENT CALENDAR

Trails are open as of DECEMBER 1ST

SNOWBALL DINNER - February 18, 2023

POKER RUNS – March 11, 2023

LOOK FOR UPDATES on SMT Website – <https://www.scenicmontanatrails.org/>

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Ride Safe, Be Considerate and Have Fun!