

Scenic Montana Trails



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MAKING CONNECTIONS THROUGH SCENIC TRAILS

Finally Snow!

January/February 2024

"This is going to be awesome – Booyah!" – Unknown

ALERT

THE "ARE YOU BEEPING" SIGN AT THE FAWN TRAIL HEAD IS NOT WORKING. WE ARE TOLD IT WILL NOT BEING WORKING FOR THIS ENTIRE SEASON. TAKE PRECAUTIONS AND CHECK YOUR EQUIPMENT THROUGH OTHER MEANS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 3, 2024 – SMT Annual Snowball Dinner will be held at the Seeley Lake Community Hall – 3248 MT Hwy 83, Seeley Lake. Festivities begin at 6:30pm. Food, Fun and Friends will be shared along with games, auctions, raffles and the famous dessert raffle. Ticket are required and are available at Kurt's Polaris (406-677-2833 - \$30 single / \$50 couple.

The annual SMT Fun Run (Poker Run) is scheduled for **March 9, 2023**. Details will be posted as date comes nearer. Check the SMT Website, Facebook page, Newsletter and other advertising for times and location.

Scenic Montana Trails Report

Grooming Report

Grooming operations will begin Monday or Tuesday January 15 or 16. Operations will be in limited areas on both the West and East sides depending on snow depth. Riders can help grooming operators by flattening out the snow that is on the trails.

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Currently, more snow is needed to groom Deer Creek or the trail from Henry to Marshall. **Soon come mon!** – translated means, “as soon as possible – Dude!”

Great news! The logging projects on or near Westside bypass ended as of Friday January 12. We are regaining The Bypass for the remainder of the season. Yeah!

Bike

Cathy and Mike K. are developing the 2024 Bike Season Strategy. To get involved, contact info@scenicmontanatrails.org to express your interest to help.

The Forest Service has closed their fire camp at the north Boy Scout Parking lot. This allows SMT to operate freely at that location.

Bike and ATV groups are active. Check the website or contact fellow members for ride/event happenings. The ATV/OHV is looking for persons that wish to participate in the developing FUN RUNS. Please contact info@scenicmontanatrails.org to express your interest to help.

Trail Passes

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 using wintertime/snow groomed trails. 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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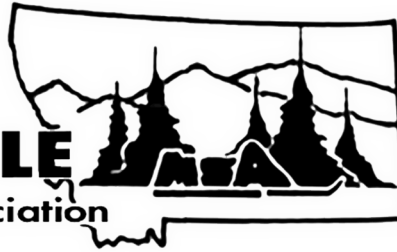


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Montana

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.

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.

Committees are 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.

Please check websites below for November and December Meetings!

FULL PLANNING DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT:

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

FOREST PLANNING CALENDAR IS FOUND AT:

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OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ **Soft paper** donations are needed and appreciated for the Elsin Safety Hut Portable Restrooms (leave toilet paper in the Safety Hut). The annual cost to place and renew this amenity has been graciously provided by two generous donors – THANK YOU!
- ❖ Volunteers to help with the Snowball dinner are needed. Please contact info@scenicmontanatrails.org OR members@scenicmontanatrails.org

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>>> 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, venue TBA.

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

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

info@scenicmontanatrails.org

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SMT's November General Membership Meeting was postponed and was held on December 6th. More than 20 SMT members shared a potluck and updates about our activities. Thank you to all of those who participated.

SMT Calendar

January 18, 2023 – Board Meeting – Seeley Lake Senior Center 6:30pm

February 3, 2024 – Snowball Dinner – Seeley Lake Community Hall

February 8, 2024 – Membership Meeting – canceled - see Snowball Dinner

February 15, 2024 – Board Meeting

March 9, 2024 – Snowmobile Fun Run

March 21, 2024 – Board Meeting

April 18, 2024 – Board Meeting

May 16, 2024 – Board Meeting

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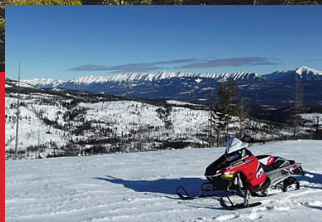
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**Ride Safe, Have Fun and Be Considerate with Your
Fellow Trail Enthusiasts!**



SCENIC MONTANA TRAILS



Annual **SNOWBALL DINNER**

Saturday, Feb. 3 • 6:30 p.m.
Seeley Lake Community Hall

\$30 Single | \$50 Couple

A limited number of tickets are available for purchase at Kurt's Polaris
in Seeley Lake. Contact (406) 677-2833

- **GAMES**
- **AUCTIONS**
- **RAFFLES**
- **FAMOUS**

DESSERT RAFFLE



Facebook



Save the Date

Snowmobile Poker Run
Saturday, March 9
East Trail Head, Seeley Lake

Website

