

Scenic Montana Trails



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MAKING CONNECTIONS THROUGH SCENIC TRAILS

September 2023

A NOTE FROM SCENIC MONTANA TRAILS

We hope you got lost in this Montana Summer. There is still time left to allow your heart to sing and your soul to soar before the snow flies.

V.A.L.O.R. Ride



www.valorride.org

V.A.L.O.R. RIDE IS A 22-DAY RIDE FROM PRUDHOE BAY, ALASKA TO EL PASO, TEXAS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND FUNDS TO PREVENT VETERAN SUICIDE.

Objective and Cause

The primary objective is to raise funds and awareness for active duty and veteran suicide prevention.

We are striving to support organizations and programs dedicated to providing

mental health resources, counseling services, and community support for veterans and their families. Together, we aim to make a meaningful difference and ensure that those who have served our country receive the care and assistance they deserve.

The cause behind the **Veterans Adventure of a Lifetime: Off-Road** is to address the alarming rate of suicides among veterans and active-duty personnel. Daily, approximately 22 veterans, active-duty and military family members lose their lives to suicide. To draw attention this toll, this excursion is planning to complete the ride in 22 days. We believe that no one who has dedicated their life to serving our nation should battle mental health issues alone. By shedding light on the importance of mental health support and creating a network of resources, we can help veterans find the help they need and build a community of understanding and compassion.

For more information and updates: www.Valorride.org
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September 19 to October 10

Watch V.A.L.O.R. Ride LIVE from the front of Curt Freide's vehicle – Prudhoe Bay to El Paso with a stop in Seeley Lake, MT on or near September 26th!



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

Welcome to our newest board member – Cathy Kahnle who will be replacing Ken Brochu. Cathy wishes to be a point of contact for all SMT members, but especially those Bike enthusiasts.

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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 September and October 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

- ❖ Sponsor(s) are needed for Elsin Safety Hut Portable Restrooms – The annual cost to support this amenity is \$1,200. Please contact Ron Hundtofte at info@scenicmontanatrails.org if you wish to pledge a total or partial contribution.
- ❖ Fall Trail Maintenance – monitor SMT website and Facebook for dates and times.
- ❖ A Volunteer Day - stock firewood at the warming huts - monitor SMT website and Facebook for dates and times.

THANK YOU!

Scenic Montana Trails Report

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

Groomer maintenance continues. The gooseneck hitch is being installed on the Pitman drag. Groomer track improvements should be completed soon!

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.**

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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>



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, 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 Calendar

September 21, 2023 – Board Meeting

October 19, 2023 – Board Meeting

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November 9, 2023 – Membership Meeting

November 16, 2023 – Board Meeting

December 21, 2023 – Board Meeting

January 18, 2023 – Board Meeting

January/February 2024 – Snowmobile Fun Run – TBA

January/February 2024 – Snowball Dinner - TBA

February 8, 2024 – Membership Meeting

February 15, 2024 – Board Meeting

March 21, 2024 – Board Meeting

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