



## **Snowmachine Trails Advisory Council Working Group**

### **Charter and Objectives**

*(Reestablished and Updated August 2024)*

#### **Authority:**

The SnowTRAC was established under Title 41 of the Alaska Statutes (41.21.010) with oversight from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. The reestablished SnowTRAC Working Group is established under Title 44 of the Alaska Statutes (44.42.020) under the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF).

#### **Mission:**

Ensure reliable and efficient distribution of grant funds for the snowmachine trails program. Creation and maintenance of safe snowmachine trails across the state. Maintain communication between snowmachine clubs, non-profits, and business that groom and mark trails along the system of groomed snowmachine trails in several regions of the state and the State of Alaska agency that is administering the Snowmachine Trails Grant Program.

#### **Values:**

The DOT&PF will work to ensure that grant funding for the Snowmachine Trail Grant Program is available for all eligible parties and intended to meet all needs. No grooming pool will restrict participation by any club that can meet grant eligibility and reporting requirements. DOT&PF administers the grant program to the best interest of all parties and the Commissioner will be the final decision maker on all program and funding matters.

#### **Working Group Goals:**

- Advise and promote snowmachine access and safety education throughout the state;
- Advise and communicate on improvements to the snowmachine grants and other winter programs that meet the needs of all users;
- Advise the State on state, regional, and national snowmachine issues; and
- Advise and assist on data collection regarding use of snowmachine trails for recreation, remote communities, and search & rescue access.

- Share information across the clubs about:
  - Best practices
  - Equipment and equipment needs.
  - Calendar or key dates (funding opportunities)

**Membership**

The SnowTRAC Working Group shall consist of one designee from each interested club.

Any club that is interested given a past, present, or plan for a future grant from this program shall nominate and update, when necessary, an active designee that will be the central point of coordination with DOT&PF. That designee will then be provided direct notice of meeting, stakeholder survey questions, club-specific requests for information, and asked in working group meetings to speak on behalf of the club. Each member will be asked to limit their verbal input on each agenda item to two (2) minutes or less to ensure decisions can be reached quickly for the benefit of all involved. Written advise and input is always welcome and should be coordinated through the club working group designee.

Club	Designee
Anchorage Snowmobile Club	Lisa Agnew
Big Lake Trails	emailed
Caribou Hills Cabin Hoppers	Jeff Leete
Curry Ridge Riders	Michelle LaRose
Denali Highway Trail Club	Alan Echols
Denali Snowcat Services	Zack Russell
Hatchers Pass Snow Riders Club	emailed
Juneau Snowmobile Club	Corey Baxter
Lake Louise Snowmachine Club	Pete Probasco
Lower Susitna Drainage Association	Joe Hartley
Mid-Valley Trail Club	Sue Grooms
Montana Creek Motor Mushers	Ben Barclay
Petersville Community Nonprofit	Michele Stevens
Snowmads	Nate Wise
Willow Trail Committee	Cheryl Fugelstad

**Participation:**

SnowTRAC Working Group members are expected to attend each regular and special meeting. However, when it is not possible for a SnowTRAC Working Group member to attend a meeting, the member should inform the DOT&PF so that a designee from their club can attend.

**Meetings:**

Two (2) working group meetings will be held each year, via teleconference/teams. One in August at the start of the new grant cycle, and one in April as the season comes to a close.

Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed through the year, to ensure clear communication with the grooming pool.