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### Snowmachine Trail Grants Awarded for 2004

The Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation awarded a total of eleven grants. The Snowmachine Grants for this year were entirely for education and safety programs and are done periodically to ensure that safety standards are maintained. This year's grants were not intended for easement acquisition, construction or maintenance of trails and other trail related facilities. Snowmachine Safety and Education funds are intended to develop, distribute, conduct and promote Snowmachine safety and education programs and materials. Funds may be used to produce videos, training materials, fliers, public service announcements, posters, and other appropriate materials. Funds may also be used to purchase safety equipment.

These grants were made possible by Snowmachine registration fees paid to the state by Snowmachine owners. Continuation of this grant program is dependent upon an annual appropriation by the legislature of Snowmachine fees collected the previous year.

Grant applications were reviewed and evaluated by the Snowmachine Trails Advisory Committee (SnoTRAC), a statewide citizen advisory committee appointed by the Director to promote safe snowmobiling and development of better facilities for Snowmachine use statewide.

#### SAFETY & EDUCATION AWARDS

BACKCOUNTRY AVALANCHE AWARENESS AND RESPONSE TEAM (BAART) \$15,000. Avalanche Awareness and Hazard Recognition.

DILLINGHAM SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM \$4,248. Ice Rider Suits for Dillingham Search and Rescue.

ALASKA DNR DPOR HATCHER PASS MANAGEMENT AREA \$7,523. Purchase Snowmachine.

ALASKA DNR DIVISION OF PARKS & OUTDOOR RECREATION KROTO CREEK \$9,800. Snowmachine Trailhead Sanitation & Safety Project '04 & '05.

ALASKA DNR DPOR/WOOD-TIKCHIK STATE PARK \$14,286. Operation Safe Trail.

NORTHERN NIGHTS ADVENTURES \$15,000. Klehini Valley Backcountry Rescue.

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT \$15,000. Snowmachine Safety for Middle and High School Students in the North Slope Borough School District.

KENAI PENINSULA SAFE KIDS COALITION FOR THE CENTRAL PENINSULA AREA \$15,000. Youth Snowmachine Safety Awareness Program.

SNOMADS \$15,000. Project Kids.

VALLEY HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM \$8,725. Mat-Su Valley Snowmachine Safety & Helmet Program.

YUKON-KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION \$14728.88. Bethel Area Trailmarking and Snowmachine Helmet Program.

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#### Mission Statement

"The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation provides outdoor recreation opportunities and conserves and interprets natural, cultural, and historic resources for the use, enjoyment, and welfare of the people."



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