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### Snowmachine Trail Grants Awarded for 2007

The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2007 Snowmachine Trail Grant and Grooming Pool awards. The Snowmachine Trail Program is a competitive and reimbursable matching grant. Grants are available for developing and maintaining public Snowmachine trails and related facilities and for safety and educational projects. The Snowmachine Trail Program's Grooming Pool provides funding for trail grooming, marking and signage for Snowmachine trails.

Grant applications were reviewed and evaluated by SnowTRAC, a statewide citizen advisory committee appointed by the Director of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation to promote safe snowmobiling and development of facilities statewide. 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 registration fees.

**TESORO IRON DOG SAFETY INSPECTION FESTIVAL**, submitted by the Iron Dog, Inc.

The grantee will host a free public festival to promote Snowmachine education and safety through presentations, seminars, industry vendors, public safety organizations, and the distribution of educational brochures. Festival will be held indoors at the Wasilla Sports Complex on February 10th, from 11am to 6pm.

**BE SNOW SMART STANDARDIZING CURRICULUM SYMPOSIUM**, submitted by the North American Outdoor Institute.

NAOI will host an education symposium to include Alaska's top avalanche professionals and educators from outdoor safety, snow safety, avalanche awareness and Alaskan public and private schools to develop a standardized State avalanche education curriculum which includes teacher and student packets for students in 4th through 12th grades. Finished materials will be available for use by the 'Be Snow Smart' safety presentation and other outdoor safety and avalanche awareness programs for students across the state.

**YENTNA RIVER COMMUNITY WINTER TRAILS MAINTENANCE PROJECT**, submitted by the Iron Dog, Inc.

The project will cover construction, maintenance, signage and marking with stakes on 95 miles of winter trails of the Susitna River from the junctions of Big Lake and Willow Community trails up the Yentna River to the Skwentna Community.

**SOUTH DENALI Snowmachine TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND SIGNS**, submitted by the Curry Ridge Riders Snowmachine Club.

Funds will be use for removal of downed trees, tall brush and grass that have overgrown established snowmachine trails. This will prepare the trails for better user access and for trail grooming. Permanent signs will be installed at appropriate locations to facilitate safe riding.

#### Grooming Pool allocations:

CHUGACH STATE PARK was awarded \$20,000

MAT-SU STATE PARKS was awarded \$85,000

NORTHERN STATE PARKS was awarded \$30,000

KENAI PENINSULA was awarded \$20,000

SOUTHEAST STATE PARKS was awarded \$1,000

SOUTHWEST ALASKA was awarded \$5,000

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"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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