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Dear County Coordinators,

As you know, every year the Department of Natural Resources distributes grants to assist in the maintenance and construction of snowmobile trails. A combination of factors, including a decrease in revenue the past two winters, has forced the DNR to change how we approach the distribution of funds for our snowmobile related grant programs.

The good news is that trail maintenance and supplemental grants will be awarded and paid this year with the same process and within the same timeline as previous years. In addition, all previously awarded grants are still valid and will be paid.

However, the change in revenue streams is impacting our ability to award development and construction grants by our typical July timeframe. Unfortunately, we will need to delay these awards until the end of this upcoming snowmobile season. This delay will allow us to have a more precise handle on the amount of funds available to be distributed to our valued partners. We are committed to distributing as much grant money as possible to continue the valuable efforts to expand our trail system in Wisconsin. This change will allow us to do so in a fiscally responsible manner.

There was discussion regarding access to additional funds during state budget negotiations but the outcome and impact of those discussions won't be known until the budget is finalized.

Should you have any questions about this change, please feel free to contact me. I am the new snowmobile grant manager for DNR and look forward to working with you through this process. I can be reached via email at [catherine.burrow@wisconsin.gov](mailto:catherine.burrow@wisconsin.gov) or by phone at 608-267-0494.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Catherine Burrow'.

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