

SNOWMOBILE TRAIL AIDS

Authorization: s. 23.09(26) and ch. 350, Wis. Stats.

Budget: 2009-2010 Fiscal Year = \$7,312,000
2010-2011 Fiscal Year = \$7,320,500

Objective: Provide a statewide system of well-signed and well-groomed snowmobile trails for public use and enjoyment.

Eligibility: Counties.

Level of Assistance:

- 100% of approved maintenance costs up to \$250 per mile.
- 100% of development costs up to \$500 per mile.
- 100% of major bridge rehabilitation costs.
- 100% of trail rehabilitation costs.

Priorities: Maintain trail systems that provide passage through a county and connections with adjacent counties.

Eligible Types of Projects: Maintenance of trails, which includes signing, brushing and grooming of snowmobile trails, purchase of liability insurance, and acquisition of short-term easements; development of trails, which may include general trail construction, bridges, gates and signs; major rehabilitation of existing snowmobile bridges; rehabilitation of existing trail segments.

Applications: Applications are available at DNR regional offices and are due April 15 of each year.

History: Since its beginning in the early 1970s, the snowmobile program has provided over \$94 million in grant assistance for the development and maintenance of public snowmobile trails.

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