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WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATIONS (ACSA)?

"ACSA is a national organization that unites the snowmobile community, providing a voice for snowmobilers on national issues. Our mission is to promote snowmobiling as a safe, fun and environmentally friendly family sport. Our message is there are all kinds of people involved in snowmobiling, from the factory worker to the teacher to the doctor, and it is a fabulous winter recreation activity for families, with the tens of thousands miles of trails

across the Snowbelt."

WHAT DOES ACSA DO TO PROTECT SNOWMOBILING?

"We are the liaison between snowmobilers and the U.S. Forest Service, Park Service, Federal Highways, Homeland Security, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and all other federal agencies that have an impact on snowmobiling and the trails we use. We constantly monitor proposed legislation and regulations for anything that might impact your ability to ride. We've done an annual fly-in to Washington, D.C., for the past 18 years so lawmakers and people at the agencies know who snowmobilers are and who to call when an issue that may affect snowmobiling arises."

HOW HAS ACSA WORKED TO HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT FOR SNOWMOBILERS?

try. It's a great resource and easy to use. "

"Clubs are the foundation of snowmobiling. They are on the ground, and instrumental in building and maintaining our trails on public and private lands. To help, ACSA developed the snowmobileinfo. org website specifically to share materials for clubs, associations and trail managers to assist with those efforts. The site includes landowner information and best practices for trail grooming. Another major area of the website includes reports on the impact of snowmobiles, ATVs and other OHVs on the environment. It has all kinds of safety and access resources available, from posters and scientific studies to a calendar of safety education classes across the counHOW CAN INDIVIDUALS AND/OR SNOWMOBILE CLUBS BECOME MORE INVOLVED AND BECOME MEMBERS OF ACSA?

"A club or individual can easily join ACSA on our website – snowmobilers. org. It's a very low fee – just \$15 annually for individuals and \$25 for clubs. One of the most important parts is connecting – when important issues arise, you'll be informed via email so you can contact the decision makers and help protect snowmobiling. Every club in the U.S. should belong to ACSA to keep

informed of important national

issues."

ACT TODAY!

Membership
is normally
just \$15 for
individuals or
families and \$25
for clubs, but
you'll receive a
\$3 discount if you
join before
December 1,
2017.
www.snomobilers.org

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WHY SHOULD I JOIN ACSA? HOW IS IT DIFFERENT THAN JOINING A SNOWMOBILE CLUB?

"Snowmobiling has many challenges. Many are local – dealing with threats to trail systems related to individual land owners, or funding for grooming in your area. For that, club and state membership is vital. ACSA is your voice for snowmobiling on national issues. Part of our mission is to maintain riding access to the National Forest, Park Service and BLM lands and to make sure no laws or rules are passed that take away your privilege to ride in your favorite area. Na-

tional forests, for example, are very important to snowmobiling across the country – from Montana to Michigan to Pennsylvania -- and other places throughout the country. We work closely

with the National Forest Service to make sure that snowmobilers are a part of the picture going forward."

HOW IS ACSA INVOLVED AND CONNECTED WITH OTHER GROUPS?

"We work with many organizations both motorized and non-motorized. Snow-mobilers are a small, but mighty group. It's important to have partners we can work with when threats or issues do arise. In addition to working closely with the state snowmobile organizations we also work with groups likeTread Lightly and others that promote respon-

sible outdoor recreation."

