

## ==== ACSA E-News ====



### **Yellowstone lottery for Non-Commerically Guided Snowmobile Trips Now Open**

Starting August 1, people may now apply to the 2019-2020 winter lottery for permits to snowmobile in Yellowstone without a commercial guide. Authorized in 2013, the non-commercially Guided Snowmobile Access Program allows one group of up to five snowmobiles to enter Yellowstone from each of its four winter entrances per day.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the application to apply. This will only be open until August 31st.

Successful applicants will be notified in mid-September. Unclaimed or cancelled permits will be made available via [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning on October 1, 2019. There is no waiting list. Cancellations may occur throughout the winter season, so check the website often for openings. Trips can be for a maximum of 3 days in length, and permits cost \$40 per day with a \$6 application fee.

Permit holders must be at least 18 years old. All snowmobile operators must have a state-issued driver's license and successfully complete the free online Education program. All snowmobiles must meet the park's New Best Available Technology standard.



## **NEPA Comments**

The US Forest Service (USFS) has proposed changes to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations. NEPA guides how the USFS makes decisions and requires the agency to conduct Environmental Impact Statements or Environmental Analyses to measure the impact of proposed policies or actions on the immediate environment.

The review process is lengthy and has created a backlog of projects. The proposed changes are an effort to streamline the decision making through Categorical Exclusions that would be available.

If you did not have the chance to participate in the NEPA Webinars that were held, you can find the information and other background information [CLICK HERE](#).

Have you submitted comments? **The deadline has been extended to August 26th!**



## **ACSA Executive Committee**

Elections for the ACSA officers and board were held in June at the 51st Annual International Snowmobile Congress.

The following gentlemen were elected to serve this year.

Scott Herzog from Montana was elected President  
Dan Long from Illinois was elected Vice President  
Dean Meakin from the state of Washington was re-elected as Sec/Treas  
Jim Willey from Iowa was elected as a Delegate at Large  
Bert Miller from Wyoming was elected as Delegate at Large and as the Chairman of the Mountain Riding Region

Bob King from Iowa was elected as the Chairman of the Trails Riding Area

Greg Hiles will serve as the Immediate Past President



Pictured Left to Right are: Dean Meakin, Bert Miller, Dan Long, Christine Jourdain, Scott Herzog, Greg Hiles and Jim Willey

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### **Get Snow Smart!**

As we creep into mid-August, many kids are getting ready to go back to school. It's a good time to think of our future -- our youth riders!

ACSA has a variety of posters that specifically focus on Youth Riding that are available [CLICK HERE](#). These posters can be used in print or digital, on websites, facebook posts, newsletters, etc.

Remember -- all of the information at [snowmobileinfo.org](http://snowmobileinfo.org) is **FREE!!**

If you're looking for a resource or tool and are unable to find it, please contact the ACSA office @ [info@snowmobilers.org](mailto:info@snowmobilers.org).

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## **International Snowmobile Hall of Fame**

Don and Diane Reed, volunteers from Seney, Michigan, will be inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame in September.

The Reeds started snowmobiling while they were stationed at the KI Sawyer Air Force Base in the UP of Michigan. What has followed is a 21 year commitment by both of them to promote and expand the sport in the Michigan.

Don worked his way up through the local club and regional levels to serving as President of the Michigan Snowmobile Association, in addition to being one of the finest and most knowledgeable trail groomers. Diane was at his side assisting and coordinating the many events they created as well as running the business they owned.

One of their events is the Annual Snowmobile Veterans Ride, which in 14 years has grown to over 350 participants and is now the largest such event in the US. Both Don and Diane spearhead the event. They also run the annual Groomer's Ball and groomer show.

Thanks Don and Diane for your years of volunteering, commitment and passion -- and Congratulation on being inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame!



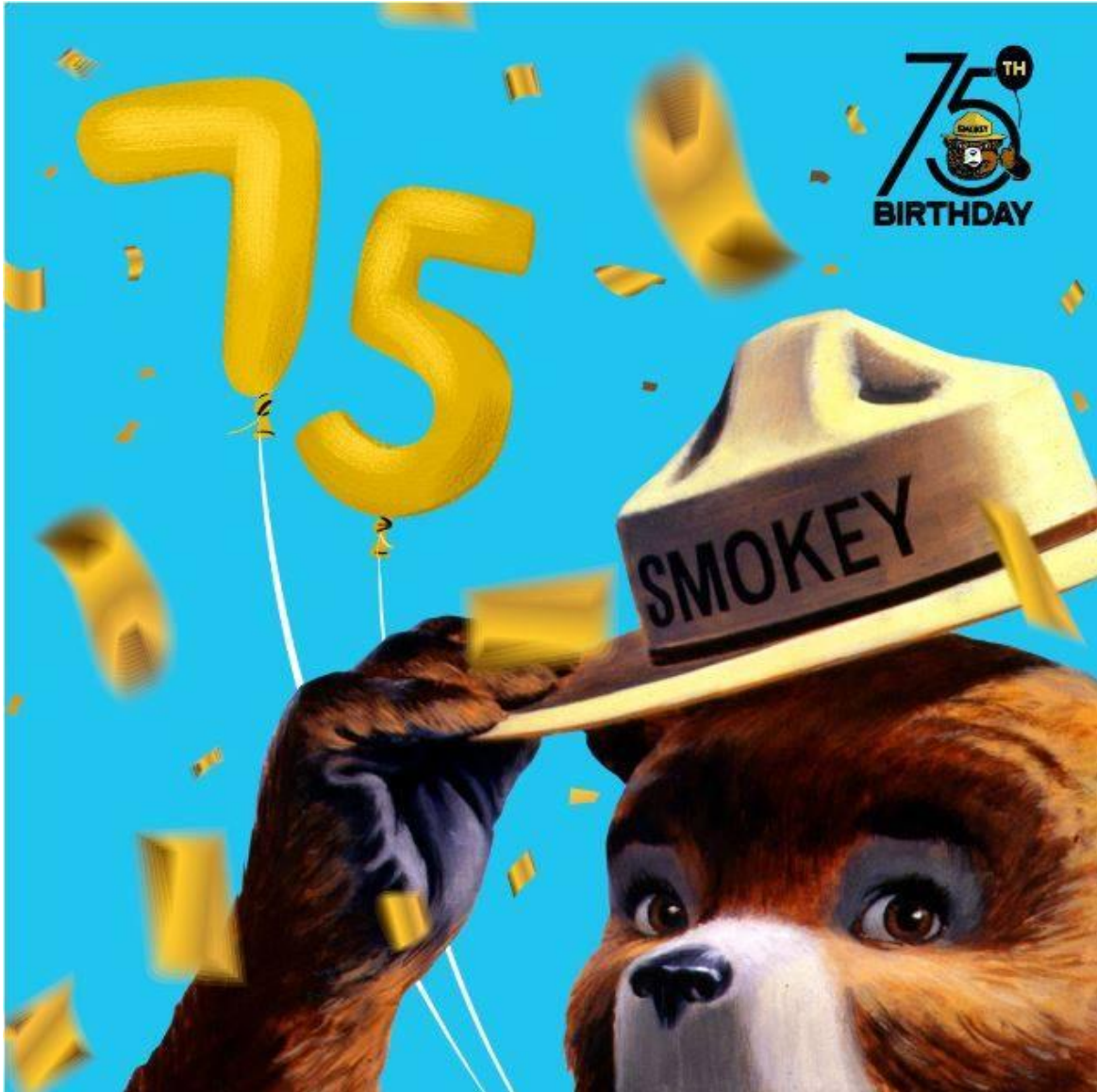
For additional information on the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame, [CLICK HERE](#)





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**UPCOMING EVENTS!**

**August 13, 2019 IASC Meeting**  
Rochelle, IL @ 7:30 pm

**August 16 - 18 - Washington Camp Out**



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