

Senate Bill S4244B

In the on going fight to obtain relief for snowmobile trail landowners, Senate Bill S4244B is currently working its way through the NYS Senate. If the act passes, it will be of great help in maintaining and securing permission for snowmobile trails on private land.

This bill would give an incentive to the landowner to allow use of their property. It may result in more people offering their property for use as a snowmobile trail. It could literally be ground breaking!

Keep watch in the media for any votes on this bill, you will want to contact your state representatives and tell them to support this bill. Your next snowmobile adventure may count on it. The following is from the NYS Senate website.

An act to amend the tax law, in relation to providing an income tax credit for certain landowners that provide recreational access for snowmobiling.

To maintain and expand the network of public snowmobile trails in New

York State.

Section 606 of the Real Property Tax Law is amended by adding a new Sub Section n-2, which would provide an income tax credit of ten cents per linear foot to private landowners who allow the public to snowmobile on their property.



Such abatement is limited to the value of the parcel exclusive of structures or improvements, and is only for lands which are maintained as part of the State trail system. The State shall reimburse the cost of the abatement.



Frontier Sno Rider display at the Fall into Knox sold \$117 million in merchandise. An Festival. See story on page 3.

Snowmobiling has grown in popularity as a recreational activity in New York State, and is a significant contributor to our economy, supporting restaurants, lodging establishments, snowmobile dealerships, and repair and supply firms. According to a study commissioned by the New York State Snowmobile Association, snowmobiling contributed \$238.1 million to the state economy during the 1996-97 winter season. An additional \$118 million was spent by

households and equipment dealers estimate of indirect spending came to

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Boreas Ponds Tract

The 20,758-acre Boreas Ponds Tract was purchased in the spring of 2016 and is currently unclassified lands in the Adirondack Forest Preserve. A large portion of the Boreas Ponds Tract is a lowland area between the North River Mountain Range to the west and the Boreas Mountain Range to the east. The summits of the **Boreas Mountain Range** are on the tract. Spectacular views of these mountain ranges and mountains in the High Peaks Wilderness - such as Marcy, Haystack, Gothics, and Saddleback - can be seen from a number of locations.

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Be sure to get your membership paid online, then hustle down to DMV to register your snowmobile before November 30th. Trail funding (money) for the coming snow season is based on how many people register their snowmobiles before December. So get it done!

Adopt-A-Natural Resource is now known as the Volunteer Stewardship Agreement, which covers state lands that Frontier trails cross.

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Boreas Ponds, the namesake of the tract, form a 320-acre body of water, now one of the largest in the park completely surrounded by Forest Preserve. Other waters on the tract include LaBier Flow, Boreas River, LeClaire Brook, Casey Brook, Slide Brook and White Lily Brook, which provide habitat for cold water fish, including brook trout.

Leased camps on the Tract may remain until October 2018. The public is prohibited from entering camps and trespassing on the surrounding one-acre envelopes. Lessees are allowed motor vehicle access to their camps.

Please note, no access has been made for snowmobiles in this area. This land could provide views of the high peaks that snowmobilers would really enjoy. Watch for news on the future classification of the lands, snowmobiles need access too!



October 29, Saturday, Location: Mobil-Mart on Rt.443 in East Berne Time: 9:00 AM Calling all members near Knox, Wright, Berne, E.Berne, Vorheesville & Altamont come and join in and have a cup of coffee & a donut with us before going out along side the road. Call MaryAnn Nickloy @ 895-2595 or Ron Shultes @ 872-2526 to pre-register ! Gerry Lenseth is the Adopt A Highway coordinator for this section.







East Berne - Brian Buchardt - Looking into getting East Berne area brush hogged this fall, we checked the trail to Thacher Park last week and all is looking good.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - Not too much happening yet. I'm about to send out a letter to a potential land owner on trail to Charleston 4 Corners.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - The trail from Lake Road to Batter Street has been widened and bush hogged. Thanks go to Mark Van Woeart for doing this. The trail from the Harley Rendezvous to the top of the nasty hill has been widened and brush taken out. Thanks to Richard Olszowy, landowner, for doing this. Scott King, my neighbor and landowner will be mowing the trail from Mariaville Peat to North Road in the near future and then we plan on mowing the Stanley Turnpike also. After trail prep is done then signs will be going up. Stay tuned for further developments.

Burtonsville - John Scrima - trails in unknown condition.

Knox/Wright - Ron Shultes - trails in unknown condition.

Township - Skip Murrell - trails in unknown condition.

Esperance - Tom Rulison - trails in unknown shape.

Duanesburg/Delanson - Aaron Nickloy - New landowner may require trail reroute near Schoharie Tpk.



Looking to learn about the Frontier Sno Rider trail system and where to ride? Call Joel Church @ 895-5451 or email @ cato79@peoplepc.com for more info.

New Look For Newsletter



To keep things fresh, a new theme has been added to the newsletter. Please share your thoughts on the new look at the next meeting.

Fall Trail Projects To Begin Soon

Come to the club meeting to find out what will be happening out on the trails in the pre-season. This time of year is critical to getting the trails ready for the snow. We do not want to be posting signs and repairing bridges when everyone is ready to ride. Now is the time and help is needed to get the job done. Not only does it serve our purpose, it is a fun activity!



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\$476.2 million.

Central to this growth has been the development of a system of 8,000 miles of trails in New York which are open to the public. These trails cross public and private lands, and are maintained by a partnership of local clubs and government. The decline of open space due to development pressures, concerns over liability issues and other impacts on owners have made it difficult for the clubs which maintain trails to convince private property owners to keep lands available for snowmobiling. Permission to use such lands may be given out of a sense on the part of the owner that they are helping local businesses or neighbors, but otherwise nothing is received in return for providing an economic and recreational benefit to their communities. Currently there is no system or incentive by which a property owner could benefit for opening their property to snowmobiling.

This legislation would mitigate the current disincentive to landowners by offering certain property owners providing access to their land for recreational snowmobiling a small tax credit. Such an incentive would facilitate that valuable private property, needed for trails, would remain open and free to the public. By limiting the program to trails which are eligible for funding under the Snowmobile Trail Fund, it will encourage the development of free trails that are readily accessible. The program would benefit both the public and the State, as millions of dollars would be pumped into local economies and the State would receive additional funds from the State Sales Tax.

Source for info https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/ bills/2015/s4244







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