

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY AND ACCESS PRODUCTS SURVEY

The American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) has entered into a Cooperative Agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to develop and operate a Snowmobile Safety and Access Resource Information Center. One part of this project includes identifying (1) new snowmobile safety and access products which should be considered for development and (2) existing products needing revision or updating over the next one to four years through this Cooperating Agreement. (All existing products mentioned below can be viewed at www.snowmobilers.org)

Please take time to respond to this survey to help identify needs and priorities for future product development. ***E-mail completed survey to Trailswork@aol.com or fax to 605-371-2262 by May 18, 2012.***

A. The ACSA updated its Priority Action Plan in 2010. During this planning process ACSA members identified the following existing resources as products they desire to have updated. Please rank each **existing product** as to your priority to have these materials updated
Priority Ranking Criteria: *1 = no need to update, 2 = low priority, 3 = medium priority, 4 = high priority*

- 1) **Groomer Operator Training Materials:** pursue an update to the heavily used 2005 groomer operator training manual and accompanying PowerPoint training slides; an update is envisioned to include reorganizing and condensing materials, updating and supplementing with new information and photos, and adding video clips to the PowerPoint slides

Your Priority to have this Updated: 1 2 3 4

- 2) **On-line Safe Rider! Safety Awareness Program:** this has been an extremely popular on-line safety education tool; pursue an update to this 2005 program to improve and freshen its look by using more current technology; consolidate and update information, add more photos, graphics and video clips

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- 3) **Access Guide for Snowmobiling on Private and Public Lands:** keep the materials in this 2008 manual updated, particularly as Federal policies, regulations, laws and guidance change; also keep information related to research on snowmobile impacts current and develop supplemental information and materials to augment existing manual.

Your Priority to have this Updated: 1 2 3 4

- 4) **Safety Education Materials Tool Kit:** this series of posters and ads was released in 2010 and addresses the issues of Alcohol Use, Speed and Careless Operation, Speed and Alcohol, Night Riding, Roadways, Youth Riders, Avalanche, and Closed Areas. The Tool Kit is intended to be a resource which is continually adding to with more new 'tools' on additional topics, along with keeping existing topic-materials fresh.

Your Priority to have this Updated: 1 2 3 4

- 5) **Multiple Use Trails for Winter Recreation: Facts and Myths About Snowmobiling:** supplement this 2009 publication with new information as applicable to keep the content current and facts accurate. One concept is to expand upon winter multiple use management and design principles by developing companion 'best management practices' based upon existing information, case studies, and principles.

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B. Are there other existing snowmobile safety and access products you feel should also be considered for an update or revisions? If so, please list them by title/source, explain what specific revisions should be considered, and indicate your priority ranking for each additional existing product revision you suggest.

C. When the ACSA Priority Action Plan was updated in 2010, ACSA members identified the following in respect to new resources they desire to have developed to help address safety and access issues. Please rank the **potential new products** as to your priority to have new resources developed:

1) **New Safety Education Materials:** additional education materials should continue to be developed to address priority issues including but not limited to: *(Indicate Your Priority for each of the following)*

Issue to Address	Your Priority Ranking to Have Developed			
	1. No Need	2. Low	3. Medium	4. High
Impaired Operation (Alcohol/Drugs)				
Speed				
Careless Operation				
Avalanches				
Ice Safety				
Roadways and Road Crossings				
Railroad ROW Safety (Operation Lifesaver)				
Youth Operators				
Rental Sled Operators				
First Aid				
Emergency Preparedness				

2) **Ethics and Responsible Use – Education and Image:** new education and image materials should continue to be developed to address priority issues including but not limited to:

Issue to Address	Your Priority Ranking to Have Developed			
	1. No Need	2. Low	3. Medium	4. High
Wilderness Trespass				
Private Property Trespass				
Wildlife Winter Range Closures				
Multiple-Use and Trail Sharing Principles				
On-Trail Etiquette				
Parking Area Etiquette				
‘Sharing The Powder’				
Respecting Legal Non-Motorized Areas				
Registration and User Fee Compliance				
Club Membership Support				
Law Enforcement				
Snowmobile Sound Levels				

- 3) **Snowmobile Trail Signing Education:** there is likely a need to tie snowmobiler education to implementation of the emerging USDA Forest Service/national partners' new trail signing guidelines. Specifically snowmobilers should be educated about sign colors and shapes, and training materials should be developed to guide agency staff and volunteer groups about proper sign posting techniques so that signing is consistent between jurisdictions.

Your Priority to have this New Resource Developed: **1** **2** **3** **4**

- 4) **Research Study Clearinghouse:** There has been high demand for information contained in Appendix 8 of the Access Guide which outlines 'Research Studies Related to Snowmobile and OHV Impacts.' The frequency of requests suggests that developing and augmenting this information in a separate document may create a useful access resource.

Your Priority to have this New Resource Developed: **1** **2** **3** **4**

- D. Are there other new snowmobile safety and access products you feel should also be considered for development? If so, please provide a description of what the product would be, explain what specific issues it should address and how, and indicate your priority ranking for each additional new product you suggest.

E. Other Comments or Suggestions?