

**Snowmobile Trail Development Program and Grants**

**FY2018 Request: \$250,000**  
**Reference No: 33690**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Parks / Recreation

**Category:** Natural Resources

**Location:** Statewide

**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)

**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)

**Contact:** Fabienne Peter-Contesse

**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2017 - 06/30/2022

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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Snowmobiling is one of Alaska’s fastest growing outdoor activities and a very important transportation resource for rural communities. There is a growing demand to develop and maintain trails and trailheads to provide for safe riding opportunities and transportation routes, and to educate riders about safe riding practices. Funds for this program are provided by snowmobile registration fees paid by Alaskans, and are distributed in the form of grants for trail development and maintenance, trail marking and signing, and safety education.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>Total</u>
1195 SnoMachReg	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,500,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

Sec1 Ch38 SLA2015 P5 L30 SB26 \$250,000  
 Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P58 L30 SB119 \$226,800  
 Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P72 L24 SB18 \$250,000  
 Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P125 L29 SB160 \$250,000  
 Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P93 L18 SB46 \$250,000

**Project Description/Justification:**

This project provides grants for a highly popular and successful program for non-profit organizations, businesses, agencies, and local governments to groom snowmobile trails, development and maintenance of trails and trail-related facilities, and provide for snowmobile safety and education programs statewide.

Funds for this program are derived from snowmobile registration receipts paid by Alaskans annually. The Department of Administration, Division of Motor Vehicles collects receipts from snow machine registrations (\$200,000 to \$250,000 annually) and transfers these funds to the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. While there is no statutory mandate requiring these funds be used for this purpose, it is an example of user pay/user benefit.

In FY2016, the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation awarded funds to the following 17 organizations for snowmobile trail grooming grants, and to two organizations for safety and signage projects:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Big Lake	Alpine General Services	5,869
Big Lake	Big Lake Trails	15,235
Caribou Hills - North	Cabin Hoppers	25,204
Denali Highway	Denali Highway Trail Club	11,348
Denali Highway	Alpine Creek Lodge	2,054
Hatcher Pass	Hatcher Pass Contract	18,875
Juneau	Trail Mix Inc.	4,695
Lake Louise	Lake Louise Snowmachine Club	15,258
Lower Su / Lower Yentna	Dave Luce/ Luce's Lodge	8,794
Mid Su Valley	Mid Valley Trail Club	8,042
Montana Creek	Motor Musers	4,402
Chena River SRA	DPOR Northern Region Contract	7,039
Petersville	AK Snowcat	39,381
Caribou Hills - South	Snomads	19,148
Willow	Willow Trail Committee	17,314
Upper Yentna/ Lower Su	Yentna River Services - Phillips	5,355
Yukon Quest	Yukon Quest Int. Ltd.	8,804
<b>Grooming Total</b>		<b>216,815</b>
<b>Signage and Safety</b>		
	City of White Mountain	10,000
	AK Avalanche Information Center	10,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>20,000</b>

**Grand total allocated**

**236,815**

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1000 - Personal Services	\$25,500

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2000 - Travel	\$0.0
3000 - Services	\$0.0
4000 - Commodities	\$0.0
5000 - Capital Outlay	\$0.0
7000 - Grants	\$224,500
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

Partial funding for existing positions located in Anchorage

(10-5021) Natural Resource Specialist III, PFT

(10-5215) Grant Administrator II, PFT

(10-5244) Accounting Technician II, PFT