

# New OHV Trail Mapping site now available on Web

Trails for Off-Highway Vehicles



IDPR has launched its new on-line mapping program: You'll find it on-line at [www.trails.idaho.gov](http://www.trails.idaho.gov). Now we can answer your most pressing question: Where can I ride OHV Trails in Idaho? Our new web site will provide a one-stop shop for OHV trail maps. Trail enthusiasts can now go online and browse the entire State of Idaho for motorbike, ATV, UTV and jeep trails. Once you've selected your riding area, you can print a map at home, download the file or export it into Google Earth to use all of their tools. This project was completed using OHV registration fees.



Do you know where this is?  
Hint: it's in Idaho's backcountry



Thanks to all those volunteer groomer operators across the state who, through partnering with their local snowmobile clubs, donated hundreds of hours to keep trails open and accessible.

## UPCOMING

February 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### Treasure Valley Boat Show

Join us at Expoidaho for more about BOATING in Idaho: link@ <http://expoidaho.com/ns/calendar/ViewEvent.asp?EventId=63>

March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### Idaho Sportsman Show

Check out OHV & Boating exhibits at the show: link@ <http://expoidaho.com/ns/calendar/ViewEvent.asp?EventId=66>

February, 2011

### Avalanche Classes

Avalanche classes are still being held around Idaho in February—from the 3<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>. <http://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/recreation/snowmobileeducation.aspx>

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## THE RECREATION PROGRAM

### Quarterly Newsletter

### January 2011



We take your boating safety seriously—let us help you with free classes, boating safety tips and boat registration. Visit us at our webpage [www.boatidaho.org](http://www.boatidaho.org) & register for free Boat Safety Classes. And follow us on FaceBook: search for “Idaho Boating Program”



## Play in the Snow

Idaho has plenty of wonderful winter snow, so take advantage now.

Snowmobiling is great on the trails around Idaho. A visit to this website can help plan your trip: <http://www.visitidaho.org/winter/snowmobile>



## Idaho City Area Yurts

Welcome to the six fabulous backcountry yurts that are part of the Idaho City Area Yurts and Trails system.

The yurts are a wonderful place for all seasons. In the winter, they are cozy (when you feed the wood stove), comfortable and well-supplied accommodations you can reach by ski or snowshoe to enjoy the backcountry solitude and high mountain views. You can reserve a yurt by going to the IDPR website, where there you'll also find pictures, maps and information about what to take on your winter adventure.

<http://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/lodging/backcountryyurts.aspx>



## OHV Education Trailer at an event near you

We'll be at the Idaho Sportsman Show from March 3 - 6 in Boise.

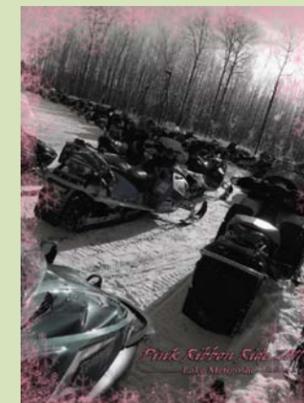
Join us for a walk down Idaho's Adventure Trail in the OHV Education Trailer. Try out our ATV simulator. And find out more about why we think one of the keys to keeping trails and riding OHV recreation areas open, as well as getting new ones developed, is to encourage all riders and drivers to be on their best behavior during rides when recreating. Things like being courteous to other trail users, keeping machines quiet, wearing all the proper safety gear, and staying on the trails go a long way in helping to show off-highway vehicle recreation as the healthy family-oriented and social activity that it is.

# Winter Recreation Highlights

## Safety in the Snow



Avalanche Training by IDPR's OHV Education Program reaches out to neighboring states.



When Snowmobile North Dakota hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pink Ribbon Riders ND Snow Run at the Twin Oaks Resort on Lake Metigoshe on January 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the Pink Ribbon Riders focused on providing safety education opportunities to all of the Snow Run event participants by highlighting avalanche training. Idaho Park and Recreation's partnership with Snowmobile North Dakota and North Dakota Parks and Recreation meant that Rich Gummersall, OHV Education Coordinator, was able to attend the event to provide training to 80 participants. Up to 40% of Idaho's avalanche fatalities are to visitors from our Midwestern states, so this outreach provides the perfect opportunity to educate snowmobilers who come out west to enjoy our backcountry opportunities. To find out more about Avalanche classes in Idaho, go to <http://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/recreation/snowmobileeducation.aspx>

## In my own words: a quarterly feature from our Recreation staff in the field



## Try the new snowmobile Winter Wonderland Trail— from Smith's Ferry to Cascade

A day in the life of a groomer, by Ronn Julian, January 21<sup>st</sup>

Many thanks to Ronn for a glimpse into his world & for providing an outstanding snowmobile experience for our users! "At the close of work today, the Winter Wonderland Trail will be completely groomed. 'Where is that at?' you say.

It's a new trail that is a combination of roads that link the Smith's Ferry/Sagehen area with the Cascade area. One can ride all the way through from either direction. We hope to be able to groom it at least a couple of times per year (depending on snow conditions).

The West Mountain Groomer departed the shop at 9AM and groomed the trail down the 180 road (Sheep Creek) all the way to the junction with the 718 road in the Little Weiser River drainage. This route is high on the mountain and has a number of terrific vistas. The groomer continued on south along the 718 road to the Mill Creek summit (which is the common boundary of Gem and Valley Counties and the Boise and Payette National Forests. Continuing south along the same road (now numbered 618) to the junction with the 625 road, turning left and north up the Squaw Creek drainage across the big, big culvert and then southerly to the gravel pit on the 625 road. A total of 6 hours of continuous travel away from the shop and about 40 miles. The return trip was a little slower as the machine was tilling (finishing) the trail all the way back. Back to the shop around 9:15 PM. This morning at approximately 3AM, the Smith's Ferry groomer left their shop enroute to Sagehen Reservoir & up the 625 road to tie into the gravel pit for approximately 37 miles. So the trail is ready for cruising all the way through.

Footnote: The route all the way down the 180 road is an alternate to the route shown on the southern valley county snowmobile map (which is the 718 road down the Weiser River). We opted to make this change, in concert with the Payette National Forest, because the map route is much lower in elevation (estimated to be 1500 feet) and is subject to very icy trail conditions. The 180 route has good snow versus ice. A great trail ride experience awaits you if you are looking for something a little new and different. You just need to be sure you have fuel or transportation arrangements worked out if you make a one way or round trip out of it."