

THIS LAND IS  
**YOUR**  
LAND...  
WE **APPRECIATE**  
YOUR SUPPORT!



*Dear Landowner,*

As you may know, Ontario's non-profit snowmobile clubs and their volunteers have depended on the generosity and cooperation of landowners just like you, who volunteer their land for snowmobile trails. This ongoing partnership between local snowmobile clubs and private property owners has resulted in important social, health, economic and recreational benefits to communities, just like yours, across our rural snowbelt. Thanks to you and thousands of other landowners, snowmobile clubs today operate and maintain over 40,000 kilometres of snowmobile trails - the world's longest integrated recreational trail system!

These trails, and the benefits they generate, foster substantial new opportunity, prosperity, enjoyment and well-being for you, your family, friends, and neighbours, during winter seasons that have been traditionally dormant economically. Many of these same relatives, friends, and neighbours also depend on the use of a snowmobile trail on your land for their family snowmobiling pleasure. It's a classic Canadian example of caring neighbours volunteering to help each other for the overall betterment of their community and lifestyle. Ultimately, through giving generously of their time and resources, everyone wins. Those of us associated with organized snowmobiling know that the voluntary use of your land each winter is a privilege, not a right - a privilege that we have to earn continuously through our diligent care of, and respect for, your land and property. Our commitment to your land starts at the grassroots, with our volunteers and clubs. It continues to the highest levels of our provincial organization, the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC).

That's why the OFSC, in cooperation with your local snowmobile club and its community volunteers, has developed this information piece. We trust that it will help to convey our sincerity, and our commitment to the responsible use of your land for a snowmobile trail this winter. On behalf of your local snowmobile club, its volunteers, local snowmobilers and your entire community, we thank you for your consideration and cooperation.



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**LANDOWNER**  
*Appreciation*  
**PROGRAM**

## **When an OFSC Land Use Permission Form is signed between you and your local snowmobile club:**

### ***What is Accomplished?***

- An exclusive route across your land is designated for OFSC snowmobiles during the winter.
- An opportunity is provided for you and the club to discuss and agree upon the conditions of your land use permission.
- The obligations of the snowmobile club to you are outlined, including off-season trail preparation, opening and closing.
- Physical evidence is available to the OFSC insurer that an agreement exists between you and the snowmobile club.
- The insurer for the OFSC agrees to recognize you as an insured by the OFSC's Third Party General Liability Policy.
- The snowmobile trail on your property is monitored, maintained and groomed by club volunteers.
- Your permission to the club remains in place until either party terminates it.

### ***What Liability Coverage is Provided for You?***

- Protection is provided for any legal liability claims with respect to trail activities on your land.
- Protection is provided by the club for losses stemming from damage caused by snowmobilers going off-trail on your land.
- Protection is provided for defense costs related to any incident or claim arising from the trail being in place.

### ***Who Owns the Land?***

- You do. Neither your ownership, or any of your property rights, are changed by allowing a snowmobile trail across your land, no matter for how long or how much it may have been improved.
- Allowing a snowmobile trail is not forever, nor does it set any precedent that will threaten any future ownership or give permission to any other user group in any season.

### ***Is the Province of Ontario Involved?***

- No. The snowmobile law, Motorized Snow Vehicle Act (MSVA, Ont.), has no direct effect on you or your land because it does not deal with, or have any authority over, OFSC snowmobile trails on private land. MSVA (Ont.) has not changed the existing relationship between you and your local snowmobile club.
- The presence of signs with both the OFSC and the Province of Ontario logos in no way assumes any rights, authority or control over your land. They simply indicate where a Snowmobile Trail Permit is required so it can be properly enforced.
- Because Trail Permit revenues do not completely cover club costs, the Province invests to help clubs with capital and operating overhead as a way of providing new winter employment and business opportunities in rural Ontario.

### ***Where Does Permit Revenue Go?***

- Clubs are non-profit groups who invest every dollar back into their operations.
- No permit money goes to The Province of Ontario.

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