



December/January

FLATHEAD SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION INFORMER

PO BOX 5041 KALISPELL, MT 59903

President's Corner

The VAST majority of the lands we enjoy for over the snow recreation are publicly owned and are shared by different user groups. These groups often have different goals and preferences as to how these lands should be used. I believe, however, if we all can work together, we can all get the most out of these public lands and preserve our access and enjoyment of these lands for years to come. The major players as far as snowmobile access are concerned in Northwest Montana are the US Forest Service, Montana DNRC, Stoltz Lumber, 5 snowmobile rental and guide firms, a cat-ski operation, dogsledders, logging companies, Whitefish Mountain Resort, and various adjacent local land owners, among others. The FSA works year round to maintain and improve cooperation and communication with these groups. When you're out on the trails and in the backcountry, please remember to be as courteous and considerate as possible to others you meet along the way. If we are, we can all continue to enjoy the winter, in what ever way we wish, for a long time to come.

Have a great winter!

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Where: Sacred Waters Brewing

Why: For every beer purchased

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Let's see how many folks we can pack into SWB! If you don't know the story or family that started SWB, it's pretty special...they are really great folks who want to give back to the community by doing events like this. By attending, you're supporting another local business and the FSA...with beer and food! What could be better?!?!



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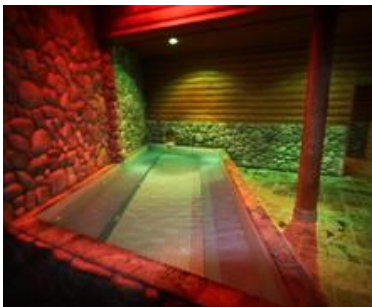


The Lodge at Lolo Hot Springs

Ready to sink your sled into the fresh, new snow? Looking for a new adventure? Lolo Pass in the Bitterroot Range of Lolo Forest is the perfect spot. With more than 500 miles of trails and plenty of playgrounds, it is the perfect spot for you to enjoy a day or a week exploring the countryside. We also have you covered afterwards. Warm up in our Natural Hot Springs Hot Tubs and sink your body into warm sheets as you overnight at **The Lodge at Lolo Hot Springs – Lolo.** Please see the attached pdf.

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- Free Wireless Internet in the lobby
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- 2400 square foot Gathering Lobby
- Complimentary Movie Library for your In-Room DVD Player
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- On site BBQ's
- Lolo Hot Springs (next door) hosts a restaurant and lounge
- Ice skating rink, snowshoe trail and snow sled trail (weather permitting)



Been out riding?? Send me your pictures!

Have info that you think would be interesting to others?

Send it my way!!

Jessica

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**Jessica
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It seems we are already seeing avalanche warnings and dangers creeping up in the news. With a mixed bag of weather and snow conditions, it is important that you check the forecast and conditions!!

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!! Check Flathead Avalanche Centers Website for up to date information!

<https://www.flatheadavalanche.org/>

Announcement! (12/16/19)

Tye Sundt and I opened the Stryker Ridge Gate , Stryker Basin Gate(off the West Fork Road) and the Four-Mile gate off the Upper Whitefish Road(short cut to the old triple-closure) today. We also placed a "road closed / groomed snowmobile trail" sign board just past where the kiosk used to be... We have placed a temporary sign board where the kiosk was...we hope to replace the kiosk later this week(finger crossed).

**Dave Ring
Unit Manager**

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December 1st Gate Opening Get Together

December 1st Gate Opening Get Together. Eleven worker bees – 10 ATV's and 1 side by side. Parking lot is open and all four forest service gates are open behind Big Mountain and Werner Peak. Trails cleared by ATV crew all the way to Big Mountain and Werner Peak.

Photo credit: Dave and Steve Konopatzke



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Calendar Of Events

December

1 - SNOWMOBILE SEASON OPENS!!

6 - 6:30 pm: Night of Lights Parade (Downtown Columbia Falls)

10 - 6:00 pm: FSA Board Meeting @ Penco Power Products (Kalispell)**

- 7:00 pm: FSA Member Meeting @ Penco Power Products (Kalispell)

January

7 - Penco Snow Show, Penco Power Products (2310 US 93 South)

14 - 6:00 pm: FSA Board Meeting @ Scotty's (Kalispell)**

- 7:00 pm: FSA Member Meeting @ Scotty's (Kalispell)

16 & 18 - Motorized Intro. To Avalanches @ FVCC (Time: TBA)

19 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm: FSA Club Ride (Location: TBA)

24-26 - Avalanche Level 1 Training (Time and Location: TBA)

February

6-11 - TransMT Ride

11 - 6:00 pm: FSA Board Meeting @ Scotty's (Kalispell)**

- 7:00 pm: FSA Member Meeting @ Scotty's (Kalispell)

15 - NVSR & FSA Sweetheart Ride (Canyon Creek)

March

6-8 - Motorized L1 with FOFAC at FVCC and in the field

10 - 6:00 pm: FSA Board Meeting @ Scotty's (Kalispell)**

- 7:00 pm: FSA Member Meeting @ Scotty's (Kalispell)

15 - FSA Club Ride (Location TBD)

*****Any and all board meetings are open to the general public. Members are welcome to attend and discuss matters brought before the board but may not vote on board matters.*****

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Please check any and all that you would like to volunteer for:

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- () Family Day Ride -- February
- () Family Day Ride -- March
- () Trans-Montana Ride
- () Summer Camp Out -- July

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