



IDAHO SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM

The Idaho snowmobile program is funded through certificate of number fees purchased by snowmobilers. On November 1 of each year every snowmobile operated on private or public land must be numbered. Certificate of number fees are \$32.50 for residents and non-residents and \$62.50 for rental machines. Note: non-residents are not exempt from purchasing an Idaho snowmobile certificate of number.

Designations: To ensure the area you ride has enough funding to operate throughout the season, please designate your certificate of number fees to the county you ride. **For Blaine County, enter Area 7.**

How is your certificate of number fee broken down?

- \$1.50 vendor fee
- \$1.00 snowmobile related Search and Rescue efforts
- 85% goes to the county operated snowmobile grooming programs
- Up to 15% goes to administration fees and the printing costs of registration stickers.

What are the certificate of number fees used for?

- Grooming
- Parking lot plowing
- Signage
- Clearing/maintenance of groomed trails
- Avalanche classes
- New rider classes

More information can be found on the Idaho State Snowmobile Association website:

<https://www.idahosnow.org>

Over the past six years, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) has apportioned between \$12,000 and \$16,000 per year to Blaine County, based on snowmobile registration fees designated to Blaine County (Area 7). Registration fees are collected throughout the snowmobile season, and are apportioned by IDPR to Blaine County in July each year. This money is held in the Blaine County snowmobile fund, which is a dedicated snowmobile fund used specifically to operate the trail grooming program and to support the Sawtooth Avalanche Center. The Sawtooth Avalanche Center provides important avalanche advisories, weather condition updates and educational outreach to the public recreating, working and traveling

through the mountains of south central Idaho. More information can be found on the Sawtooth Avalanche Center website: <https://www.sawtoothavalanche.com>. In 2018, Blaine County Commissioners approved donating \$2500 from the grooming fund to the Sawtooth Avalanche Center. At the time, IDPR agreed this is an appropriate expenditure of grooming funds. Moving forward, this donation amount will be negotiated.

Currently, the Blaine County snowmobile fund contains \$72,289. This amount includes \$12,109 from last winter's registrations (received in July 2018). IDPR recommends maintaining approximately \$50,000 in the fund in case the groomer requires major repairs. The remaining monies are used to pay groomer operators, to purchase groomer fuel and complete groomer maintenance, to pay for two power meters (one at Baker Creek and one at the groomer shed), to contribute to groomer program improvements (for example, through IDPR grants that were used to build the groomer shed and to purchase the groomer haul truck), etc. At this time, there is an operational fund of \$22,289 for the 2018-2019 winter season.

The Sawtooth Snowmobile Club has accepted the responsibility to act on behalf of Blaine County to operate the grooming program in our area. The Club maintains two separate bank accounts: one account that holds Blaine County monies from the snowmobile fund (explained above) to be used specifically for the grooming program, and one account that holds Club monies raised by membership fees and fundraisers. The Club has no rights to the monies in the Blaine County snowmobile fund beyond that used for the grooming program.

Sawtooth Snowmobile Club membership dues (\$30 for individuals and \$35 for families) include Idaho State Snowmobile Association dues (\$20). The Idaho State Snowmobile Association is an organization dedicated to preserving, protecting, and promoting snowmobiling in Idaho. The Club has agreed in the past to raise monies to support Club activities, the Sawtooth Avalanche Center, and families of local avalanche victims.