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SnowTRAC grants approved for trail grooming and safety

(Anchorage, AK) –The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation has approved funding for two Safety, Signing, and Education projects, as well as snowmobile trail grooming, after receiving input from the Snowmobile Trails Advisory Council (SnowTRAC), the citizen advisory board that reviews Snowmobile Trail Grant Program applications.

A total of $216,815 will be equally divided among 17 organizations for winter trail grooming in the Fairbanks, Mat-Su, Kenai Peninsula, and Juneau areas. And a total of $20,070 will go to two organizations for trail marking and educational trailhead signs. The City of White Mountain will be awarded $10,070 to repair and replace 300 tripod trail markers on the 77-mile trail between White Mountain and Nome, and the Alaska Avalanche Information Center, Inc. (AAIC) has been tentatively awarded $10,000, pending completion of a few remaining requirements. The AAIC project will create and install educational signs to inform riders about safety at multiple locations around the state that are prone to avalanches.

The Snowmobile Trail Grant Program offers competitive and reimbursable matching grants for developing and maintaining public snowmobile trails and related facilities and for safety, education, and trail signing projects. The Snowmobile Trail Grant Program's Grooming Pool provides funding for trail grooming, signing, and maintenance. The program is funded with money generated through snowmobile registration fees.

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