



Fond du Lac County Snowmobile Association

To all clubs:

Did you know that your club can qualify for up to \$900 per mile in state funding for all county snowmobile trails? I want to explain how this is possible. The current base funding program allows for up to \$300/mile reimbursement. If we qualify for supplemental funding another \$600/mile is available if certain qualifications are met.

In order to meet the qualifications for supplemental funding The Fond du Lac County Snowmobile Association will use SNARS grooming hours and their associated expenses to determine if the county qualifies for supplemental funding.

Supplemental Funding Described

Supplemental Funding is a category separate from the rest of the trail program.

When a **county** has exceeded the \$300 per mile allowed in trail maintenance and spends a minimum of \$200 per mile in grooming costs, the **county** can apply for more funding under this program.

In extremely good snow years in high-use areas, this usually ends up being pro-rated and the club will not be reimbursed for 100% of its expenses. In this case, the DNR may choose to transfer more funds into this program from other portions of trail aids through a legislative process to fund as much supplemental maintenance as possible.

Threshold and eligibility for supplemental maintenance funds a county must:

- Expend its entire per mile maintenance at \$300 per mile
- Expend a minimum of \$200 per mile on grooming

In addition supplemental funding requires:

- The maximum allowable non-grooming expense is capped at \$300 per mile
- The maximum cap on total payments for any county is currently \$900 per mile.

Although the supplemental funding program has been around since 1986 Fond du Lac County has rarely qualified for it. We are asking all clubs to focus on grooming trails as often as needed with a goal of qualifying for supplemental funding.

Ray Sippel (920-533-4279 and I (920-948-2141) are available to come to your club meeting to discuss and answer questions.

Regards,
Steve Ditter – President FDLSCA
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