

S.A.M. Map Committee - March, 2009

The map committee can work towards a high-quality, easy to read, standardized map. However, it is only the individual clubs (ALL) that can provide the detailed information for their area to make this project a success.

The plan is to create a draft of the new map over the summer and have it available for all clubs to review and markup by fall. This is only possible with the cooperation of all clubs.

Goals of the new state map

- Maps that will allow snowmobilers to easily locate S.A.M. sanctioned trails and travel from club to club across the state.
- Large, foldable map style
- Water resistant or laminated
- Clear, easy to read, standardized map similar to other state maps
- Clear, labeled major roads
- Outlined state forest regions
- All corridor trails
- Secondary trails:
 1. that are connecting routes to other towns/clubs
 2. that go to fuel, food, gas, parking, and club maps for sale
 3. that are on a grooming contract as secondary or connecting trail
- All intersections labeled on map with new standard (club acronym + number). i.e. NF35 for a Northfield intersection.

Other future goals

- Standardized primary, secondary, and intersection signs
- Points of interest
- Club house locations
- Lookup table with Lat/Long references for intersections for emergency use.

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New State Map – Club Responsibilities

Delegates please talk with your club and get the appropriate people involved.

The committee is aware that local (club) trail maps are an invaluable resource that contains sensitive information specific to that club and the sport of snowmobiling. We are also aware that club maps are a source of marketing and revenue. The committee has no intentions to reproduce all the details of club maps on a state map. However, the more information that is initially provided will help with the final version of the map, which will be reviewed by each club prior to printing. Remember that a state map promotes snowmobiling in Massachusetts as a whole and makes it easier for riders to get from club to club (so they can purchase the club map).

The map committee will not share map information provided by clubs with anyone not involved in the map making process.

Club Information – Deadline April 10, 2009

Please get the following to the map committee by mailing or emailing the information. Fax is not an option as the loss of quality makes things impossible to read. You can also bring information to the annual meeting.

1. Updated GPS file of ALL trails (we won't publish them all, but want to be able to be selective with clubs when reviewing a draft with intersections). It is ideal if GPS information includes the new numbered intersections, but not necessary. If you are not able to provide this for technical reasons, please let someone on the map committee know so we can help get the information.
2. One copy of a clear, unmarked printed map. Also include an electronic copy if possible.
3. One copy of printed map with the following labeled:
 - Corridor trail numbers
 - Secondary trail numbers
 - Intersection numbers (using the new standard). Club acronyms attached.
 - Fuel, food, parking, lodging, and local maps for sale

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