

# Winter Recreation

## Plumas National Forest



### Places for Over Snow Vehicle (OSV) fun

There are over one hundred miles of groomed routes that are maintained throughout the winter season on the Plumas National Forest and all allow for fun and enjoyment. The forest offers both motorized and non-motorized opportunities and reminds visitors to please be courteous and respectful when sharing the trails with others.

### Winter Safety ❄️❄️❄️❄️

Be aware of rapidly changing conditions in the forest. Conditions may change unexpectedly and create unforeseen hazards. Please be responsible and stay alert for winter conditions such as fallen trees, ice, and avalanche areas.

The most hazardous avalanche terrain are typically steep slopes that are long and open with potential for cornice build-up. Snowmobilers are advised to stay on groomed, marked trails to minimize potential risks.

### Be Prepared ❄️❄️❄️❄️

Winter recreation requires extra planning for a safe trip. An OSV operator should be aware of Federal and State restrictions and regulations. Make sure your snowmobile is registered and the green sticker is clearly displayed. The following items are recommended for winter travel in the forest:

- ❄️ warm clothing
- ❄️ drinking water
- ❄️ snowshoes or skis (1 pair each person)
- ❄️ lunch,snacks, emergency food
- ❄️ tools and extra gas in a safety can
- ❄️ first aid kit
- ❄️ map and compass
- ❄️ hatched or hunting knife
- ❄️ rope or avalanche cord
- ❄️ emergency flares
- ❄️ tarp (for temporary shelter)
- ❄️ pocketknife
- ❄️ "space blanket" and survival kit

### Winter Travel Manners

In many areas, skiers, snowshoers, and snowmobiles share the trails and routes. Please be courteous and respectful to allow all trail users to safely enjoy their winter travel.

### Please follow these Winter Travel manners:

- ❄️ Operate snowmobiles at a slow speed near skiers and snowshoers.
- ❄️ Maintain this minimum speed near skiers and snowshoers.
- ❄️ The noise of a snowmobile usually makes it difficult for its operator to hear other trail users. To get their attention, use gestures.
- ❄️ On steep ground, snowmobiles are generally limited to the developed trail surface. Step out of the way to let snowmobiles pass.
- ❄️ Groomed travel routes are closed to wheeled vehicles with a gross width of 48" or greater.
- ❄️ Park your vehicle off the road. Respect the property and privacy of others.



- ❄️ In campgrounds, avoid hitting tables, stoves or other improvements covered in snow.
- ❄️ Please pack out what you pack in.
- ❄️ Signs and trail markers are for direction and use of the area. Please protect them. Vegetation can be damaged if you ride over small trees and bushes.
- ❄️ If you encounter animals, stop and allow them to move off the trail. The energy needed to survive in cold and snow can make unnecessary disturbance harmful or fatal to wildlife.
- ❄️ Avoid leaving human waste near any water course.
- ❄️ Never travel alone.



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