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Snowmobile Use Returns to the Grangeville-Salmon Road #221

Logging activity has ended for the winter in the Cold Springs area near mile marker 20 on the Grangeville-Salmon Road (#221). The Clearwater Ranger District would like to thank snowmobilers, landowners, local snowmobile club members, and the timber sale purchaser for their flexibility and cooperation with the alternate routes and parking during the temporary closure.

Snowmobile enthusiasts can now expect a return to over 100 miles of groomed trails to ride from the Fish Creek Meadows snowmobile parking lot as snow conditions allow. The Grangeville-Salmon Road will be plowed to mile marker 8 and open only to snowmobile use after this point. The entire portion of the Milner Trail (#641) will be open to snowmobile use again.

The Clearwater Ranger District would like to remind snowmobilers about their snowmobile registrations. Registration stickers are available for purchase at: Idaho County Courthouse, Tackett's Saw Shop, and Rae Brother's Sporting Goods in Grangeville; Carol and Val's Store and the Elk City General Store in Elk City; Tom Cat and Frank's Sporting Goods in Kooskia; Mac's RV's in Clearwater; and Bud's Saw Service in Cottonwood. Snowmobile registration applies to both new and used sleds. The registration fee is \$32.50 and the money will support a groomed trail system of your choice. The funds go to the respective County to support the maintenance and operation of trail groomers, signing of snowmobile trails, plowing parking lots, and maintenance of warming shelters.

Also, there have been 20 snowmobile-related avalanche fatalities to date this season. Please remember to refresh your avalanche skills each season through practice beacon searches, reviewing possible avalanche

scenarios, and taking local training. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation will host snowmobile-based Avalanche Awareness Courses in Pierce on February 7th and in Council on February 6/7. For more information, please contact the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Northern Region Office at (208) 769-1511.

The Clearwater Ranger District wishes everyone a safe and fun winter. For more information on our ski and snowmobile trails, please stop in at 104 Airport Road or call the Clearwater Ranger District at (208) 983-1950.

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