

## **SNOWMOBILE SAFETY, ETHICS, & OUTFITTERS**

## **SAFE TRAVEL**

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation recommends the following safe riding guidelines:

For additional information on safe riding and ethics visit: www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov.

- Start by taking a safety course.
- Always ride in control. Ride within your abilities and your machine's capabilities.
- When riding a groomed snowmobile trail, always stay to the right side of the trail.
- Always wear the appropriate safety gear. At a minimum, this should include a helmet, shatter resistant eye protection, long sleeves, long pants, gloves and boots that cover the ankle.
- Only carry a passenger if your snowmobile is specifically designed to do so. Carrying passengers can alter the balance of the machine, causing a loss of control.
- A responsible adult should supervise riders under the age of 16 at all times.
- Riders should be able to straddle the machine with a slight bend to the knees while both feet are on the running boards. Riding a machine that is too big is a major cause of injuries to young riders.
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you will return. Provide them with a map of your intended riding area.
- Be prepared for any emergency. Always carry a tool kit and spare parts, a first aid kit and survival equipment when you ride. Carry plenty of extra food, water and fuel.
- Check the weather forecast before leaving home.
   Always check the avalanche forecast before venturing into the backcountry. Avalanche information is available at <a href="https://www.avalanche.org">www.avalanche.org</a>.
- · Never drink alcohol and ride.
- Travel only in areas open to snowmobiling.
- Be aware of unmarked hazards or obstacles hidden beneath the snow.
- Buddy up with two or three riders as riding solo can leave you vulnerable if you have an accident or become stranded.
- Be considerate to others.
- When stopping on the trail, pull your snowmobile as far to the right off the trail as possible.
- Ride single file, and only pass on the left when it is safe.

## **SNOWMOBILE CODE OF ETHICS**

All riders must be good ambassadors for the sport.

Generally, that means learning to share the trails with other users, as well as learning to take proper care of the environment

- I will be a good sports enthusiast. I recognize that people judge all snowmobile owners by my actions. I will use my influence with other snowmobile owners to promote safe snowmobile conduct.
- I will not litter trails or parking areas.
- I will not damage living trees, shrubs or other natural features. I will go out only when there is sufficient snow so that I will not damage the land.
- I will respect other people's property and rights.
- I will lend a helping hand when I see someone in distress.
- I will make myself and my vehicle available to assist search and rescue parties.
- I will not interfere with or harass skiers, snowshoers, ice anglers or other winter sports enthusiasts. I will respect their rights to enjoy our recreation facilities.
- I will know and obey all federal, state and local rules regulating the operation of snowmobiles in areas where I plan to ride.
- I will not harass wildlife. I will avoid areas posted for the protection of wildlife.
- I will not ride under the influence of alcohol.

## **OUTFITTERS**

- BOISE OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

  Boise, McCall
- SAWTOOTH TRAXX
  Stanley
- INTERMOUNTAIN POWER SPORT RENTALS
  Cascade
- MOUNTAIN MEADOW ADVENTURE RENTALS

  Donnelly
- CHEAP THRILLS RENTALS
   McCall

