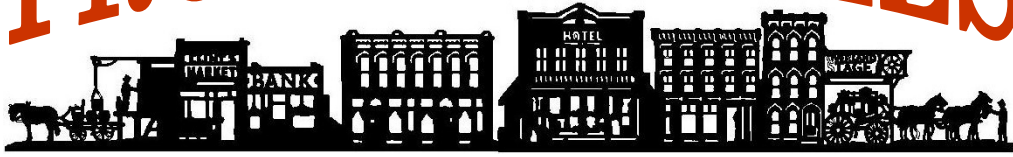


# FRONTIER TIMES



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## DEC Proposes to Extend Deer Hunt through Christmas Week

### ACTION ALERT NYS DEC proposes Extending the Deer Hunting Season into Christmas Week!

For decades, the NY Snowmobile Clubs and NYSSA have been pressing riders to stay off of the trail system until the hunting season is over. Generally, that season ends Dec. 20. Now DEC has developed a proposed regulation that will add another week to the deer hunting season. We believe that this regulation was developed without any input from any outside organizations, including NYSSA, which would be contrary to the department's own recommendations on the need for community input prior to the publication of a draft regulation. Now that the regulation has been released, we have 60-days (through **November 8th**) to submit public comments on these regulations.



DEC is proposing to allow longbow and muzzle loading hunting from December 26 through January 1 in the entire Southern Zone. We believe that while this was supposed to be a three-year trial run, once implemented, it could be extended permanently.

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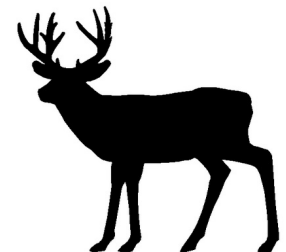
*Delivery of the trailer frame to Frontier Sno Riders a few seasons ago. Now the frame to the Turner Rd bridge.*

## Thanks Given For Donation

On behalf of the Frontier Sno-Riders snowmobile club, we want to thank Mr. Laraway for his donation of a 42' equipment flatbed trailer that we received a few years ago. After planning and timing we were recently successful in completing the replacement of our club bridge along C7B near Turner Road in Berne.

Our April newsletter highlighted the replacement phase of the steel frame structure and the September issue posted pictures of the completion of the bridge. Hope folks can join us on our trails this season and traverse one of our many bridges that Mr. Laraway helped make possible!

Gerry Lenseth  
President/Club Admin  
Frontier Sno-Riders



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# What's Cooking?

Tom Rulison supplied all the plywood decking for the bridge projects in Mariaville and Sloansville. Many thanks go out to Tom!

# Trail Log



## Northern Area

**Burtonsville/Charleston C7E** - Scott Claus/Yancey Zimmer -

**Mariaville C7B** - Mark VanWoeart - More trail widening in Mariaville. Lake Connection Road bridge has had some deck work done on it until we can replace the whole bridge next year. Trails need to be checked since the storm for down trees. Angelo DiCaprio & Mark VanWoeart.

**Sloansville C7F** - Laudy Hoyenga - Brian Schoenherr and I have bushed hog and cleared C7F and trail to Charlston 4 Corners. We have also rebuilt two bridge decks on C7F.

## Central Area

**Esperance/Delanson C7E** - Tom Rulison -

**Duanesburg C7B/S70** - Dominick Friello -

**Wright C7B** - Joel Church - Brushing and clearing C7B at Panis Rd was done. Need to check trails since big storm struck. Trees are likely down.

## Southern Area

**Township S70** - Skip Murrell - Township trail mowed and ready for signs Was all set (less signs), but need to check since storm

**Knox C7B** - Orvil Bates - Orvil and Justin have most of this section mowed also opened spot for new Knox ball field bridge location. We plane to install the bridge Laudy designed and made.

**Maple Inn S73** - Donnie Bauer - Maple trail was widened for groomer, brush hogging done in Berne.

**East Berne C7B/S72** - Brian Buchardt - Brush hogging done on S72.

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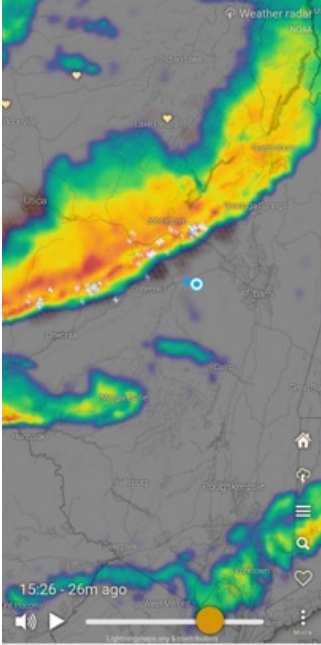
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# Trail Boss Pics-Storm Cleanup

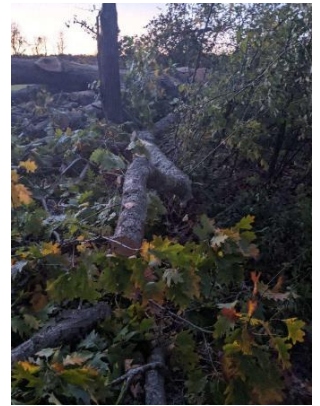


Radar photo of storm just minutes before striking.



The remains of the crushed kiosk.

A massive line of thunderstorms swept through the Frontier area on Oct 7 about 4pm. A very large tree came down on C7B at the intersection with C7G near West Rd in Knox. Cleanup required a lot of work.



Trail boss Orvil Bates, Skip Murrell, Chad Saddlemire, and Vasilios Lefkaditis worked to open the trail.



Excerpt of letter to:

NYS DEC Jeremy Hurst Division of Fish and Wildlife  
625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233  
Re: Extended Deer Harvest Season

To whom it may concern:

The New York State Snowmobile Association is the largest snowmobile association in the world advocating on behalf of the over 220 snowmobile clubs who maintain over 10,400 miles of trail on which over 100,000 snowmobilers ride each year. NYSSA is submitting these comments in response to DEC's recent proposal to extend the longbow and muzzle loading hunting seasons through January 1st in the entire Southern Zone. In general, NYSSA supports the taking of big game, as many of our members are big game hunters. The taking of additional deer would have many benefits for the state, including diminishing damage to new growth understory and to agricultural crops. Over the past several years, the snowmobile industry has been hurt by low snow fall rates and more frequent winter rain. The businesses associated with our activities are feeling this impact – many of which are just hanging on.

*(continued from page 1 - Extended Deer Hunt)*

You know your landowners better than we do. Would this proposal cause your landowners to ask you to stay off the trail for another week? Will they close your trail down?

Please write the DEC, Jeremy Hurst, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY, 12233, [jeremy.hurst@dec.ny.gov](mailto:jeremy.hurst@dec.ny.gov) and send a copy of your letter to NYSSA, PO Box 740, Central Square, NY 13036 or send a scanned copy to [Dominic@nysnowmobiler.com](mailto:Dominic@nysnowmobiler.com). Please let NYSSA know what you think of this proposal.

Your comments will guide the Association's comments.

*Reprint of story by NYSSA.*

Please consider:

Early snowfall can and does happen, remember last year? We had snow on the ground in early December, but the trails were not open due to hunting season. The snow was gone just as hunting season ended. Snowmobiling is dependant on snow, every day during winter can offer a chance to ride. Removing that chance when there is snow on the ground will hurt snowmobiling in New York. The added week would prevent clubs from finalizing the preparation of trails and interfere with what could be the opening of the snowmobile season when many families choose to ride together. Schools are on vacation that week, and many businesses rely on snowmobiling at that time of year.

Writing a quick letter is easy and can make a huge impact on how the DEC may act in this matter.

NYSSA opposes this rule making by the Department for the following reasons:

1. The proposal will have a direct negative impact on the snowmobile season.
2. The proposal is not timely.
3. The proposal could have a direct negative economic impact on rural areas.
4. The proposal will interfere with clubs' efforts to properly prepare trails for safe snowmobiling and could result in less than optimum trail signing.
5. The snowmobiling season is restricted from beginning during hunting season.
6. The proposal will have negative impacts on local government.
7. NYSSA would like to work with the Department on viable alternatives to this regulatory proposal.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment and look forward to working with the Department on alternatives.

Sincerely, Dominic Jacangelo  
Executive Director

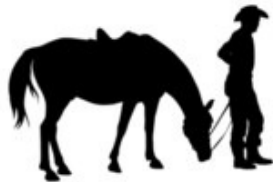
*To see the details of each proposal, visit the NYSSA site. This letter is re-printed from the NYSSA site.*



**Club Meeting !  
Township Tavern  
Wed September 14  
7pm**

**Trail Marshal says...**

Write a letter today to the DEC about your thoughts on extending the deer hunting season in the southern zone, which Frontier Sno Riders is located in. Writing is easy and will not take you long to do. Please take a few minutes and make a difference.



**Welcome Aboard!**

Welcome Brian Schoenherr and Zack Simeon to the board following last month's elections – you both are a valued addition to the decision team. A big thank you to our out going board members Chad Saddlemire and Casey LeClair. We hope both will continue to do excellent work on the trails! Thanks!



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# Trail Boss Pics—Knox and East Berne



Trail Boss Orvil and Justin Bates cleared openings for the new bridge to be built at the Knox Ball Field.



Trail Boss Don Bauer uses a track hoe to clear and widen S73, Maple Inn trail. Helping out were Keith Kodra and Alex Gibitz.



Don Bauer brush hogs C7B in East Berne.



Tom Goodman and Trail Boss Brian Burchardt work on clearing S72. Pat Stempel brush hogs S72, Thacher trail.



# Trail Boss Pics– Wright



Trail Boss' Skip Murrell, Brian Buchardt, Joel Church, and President Gerry Lenseth re-decked the Rt 146 bridge above Gallupville.



Trail Boss Joel Church brushed and cleared C7B near Panis Road.



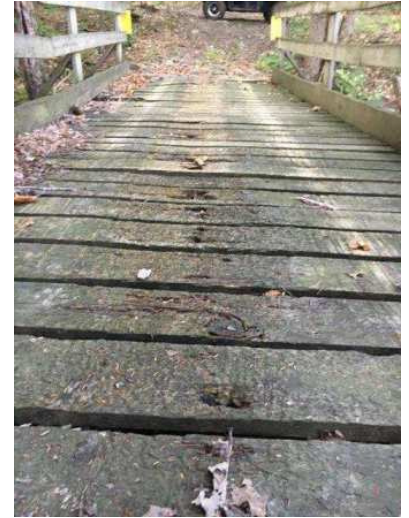
# Trail Boss Pics– Mariaville



The Lake Connection Rd bridge in Mariaville before re-decking.



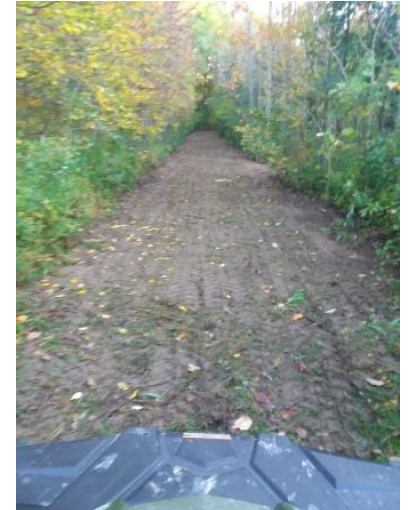
After the temporary decking was installed. The bridge is due for replacement next year. Trail Boss Mark VanWoeart and Skip Murrell got the job done.



The deck boards show signs of wear.



Trail C7B in Mariaville was widened and graded smooth by Mark VanWoeart and Angelo Di-caprio.

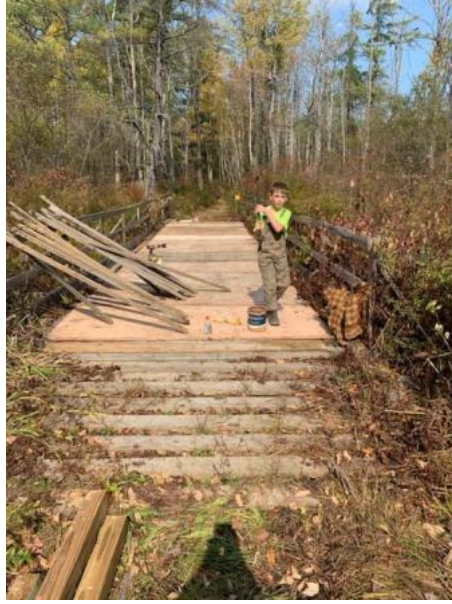


Travis Costello brush hogs trail C7B in Mariaville.

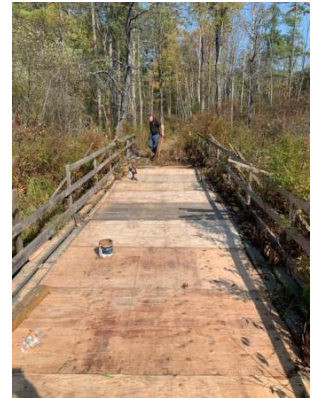




# Trail Boss Pics– Sloansville



The 'Swamp' bridge was repaired and re-decked on C7F, near Ragan Road, Sloansville, by Trail Boss Laudy Hoyenga, Brian and Victor Schoenherr.



Brian Schoenherr brush hogged trail C7F above Sloansville.



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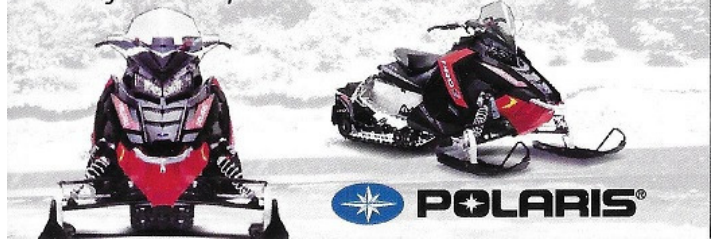
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