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When Seasons Collide

The DEC came out with a proposal in the fall to extend hunting season into the Christmas week, it caused great concern within the snowmobile community.

If snowfall conditions provided ample coverage, but hunting was being extended, would people ride anyway? Would landowners close down trails? How would clubs prepare the trails if snow came early?

As it turned out, the season was not extended. However a snowstorm buried the area a week before hunting season was to end. Lots of trail work remained unfinished at this point. Signage was only complete at highway crossings. Bridge repairs were still underway.

A few people did ride the trails, but most riders held back until after sunset the day deer hunting season ended. Their patience unfortunately was rewarded with only a day and a half of riding when heavy rains and warm temps washed away the entire lot of snow.



The Snowfall forecast map for the Frontier area, forecast busted, more snow fell than predicted!

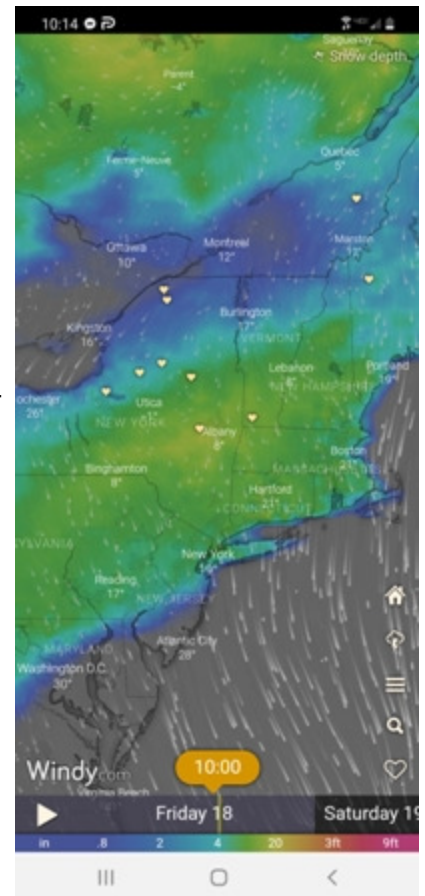
Once the snow was gone, snowmobile clubs sprang into action and put up signs, cleared fallen trees and made repairs.

The last couple of seasons have shown that it does snow heavily from time to time in early to mid December.

It was pure torture for snowmobilers to see all that snow on the ground, and yet unable

to ride on it. The pain continued when the rains came and melted it all.

Respect should be given for each season. To encroach is to invite conflict. Clubs work to ensure hunting is undisturbed by staying out of the woods when hunting is allowed. By working together, seasonal activities thrive.



Snow depth, yellow-green is 25+ inches. Frontier has the most!

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Trail Log



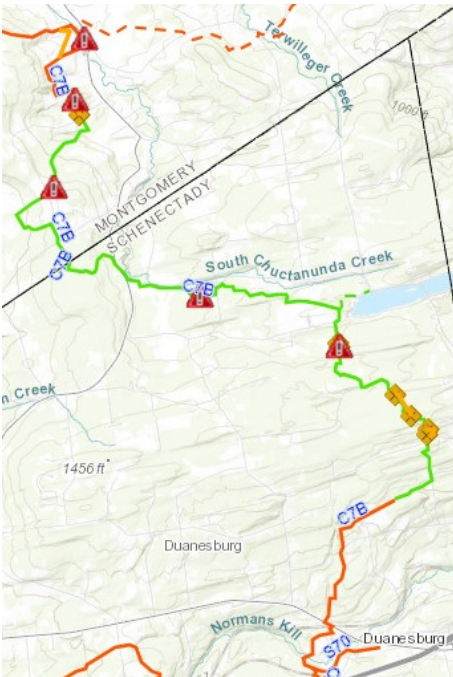
Club Membership stands at **300** as of 1-5-2021

Snowmobile Safety Course on hold until Covid-19 situation allows.

Super Raffle tickets are now available for pickup at the club meetings.

February 22nd for NYSSA Scholarship deadline.

No NYSSA Take-a-Friend Riding program this year.



Check out the NYSSA Interactive Web Map, zoom in on Frontier Sno Riders trails to see current conditions and information.

<https://webapps2.cgis-solutions.com/nysnowmobile/>

There is also a link on the club website under Trail Maps.

Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Yancey Zimmer - bridge on Irish Creek near Rt161 had footings rebuilt.

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - Trails are open, with caution for stream washouts. Parking available at Mariaville store. Trails are being panned.

Sloansville C7F - Laudy Hoyenga - Signs are all up, waiting for snowfall to open.

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tom Rulison - Watch for signage changes near village of Esperance.

Duanesburg C7B/S70 - Dominick Friello - Temp bridge put in place near Scotch Ridge Road.

Wright C7B - Joel Church - Watch for reroute on hill just north of Westfall Rd. Reroute takes you around open ditch. West of Benninger Rd has returned to old route, follow signs and ride area quietly please.

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell - The Knox town park has a new paved walking path system throughout. To keep the snowmobile trail open through the park we had to limit the area the snowmobile riders could go to prevent damage to the paved areas. We added ramps to the two spots we cross and heavily staked the trail to make it as easy as possible to follow. Respect the land owners or lose the trails.

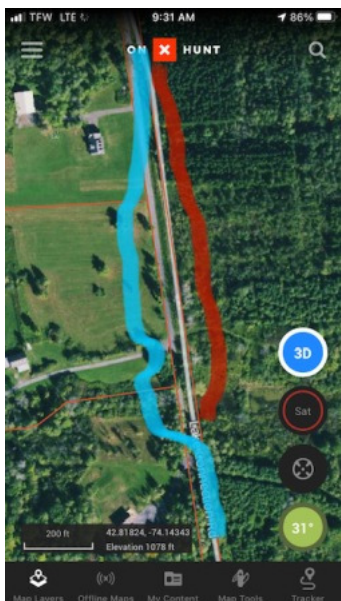
Knox C7B - Orvil Bates - Reroute for Hard Knox planned because winter wheat was planted.

Maple Inn S73 - Don Bauer - Signage is done and waiting for snowfall to open.

East Berne C7B/S72 - Brian Buchardt - Culvert out on C7B near Rt 443 crossing by Pine Park. Thacher Park reroute is complete and saves riding highway edge.



Trail Boss Pics - Mariaville Lake Connection Reroute



Blue line is new route, red is closed route.



Lake Connection Rd, with trail now running to the west side.



Before cutting the path and an after shot. A new bridge was built. Please stay on marked trail until trail signs directs you to ride the side of the road.

Right, closed gate, use caution and stay on marked trail C7B.

Photos by Trail Boss Mark Van Woeart.



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Frontier Sno Riders





Broken track guide on Bombi.



Skip Murrell replaces broken track guide.



Equipment Barn

Groomer Locations 2021	
Charleston/Burtonsville	Skandics (2)
Mariaville	Gator and Skandic
Sloansville	Jeep
Duanesburg/Wright	Skandics (2)
Esperance/Delanson	PistenBully 70
Knox/Township	Pisten Bully 100
East Berne/Thacher Park	Bombi and Skandic

Note: many locations will overlap coverage.



Gator getting a work out in the deep snow. Was used to work on bridge near Scotch Ridge Rd.



Trail Boss Pics - C7E

The footings for the bridge over Irish Creek needed reinforcement. Before and after pics by Trail Boss Tom Rulison.



Right, Kiosk is set in position at junction of C7E and C7B, Trail Boss Joel Church.

Far right, Vice Pres. Mary-Ann Nickloy puts up signs at Schoharie Tpk and Chadwick Rd.

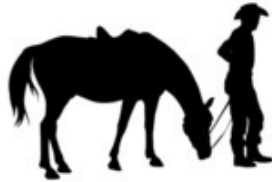


**Club Meeting !
Knox Town Hall
Wed January 13
7:00pm**

Trail Marshal says...

Remember your mask and to space your seating out while attending the club meeting.

We all want to ride, we must all try to remain safe from Covid-19 so we can have that chance.



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Logo that will be seen on new apparel this season offered for sale in the online store.

Online Store Feedback

Frontier is planning on opening the store again in February. The club is looking for feedback on how the online store worked for you. Would more items be to your liking? Sew on patches? More hat styles? Stickers for your sled? If you would like to see changes to the offering, please send requests and comments to

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Trail Boss Pics - Wright

Benninger Rd - C7B



Above - stay off the pond, ice is not safe



Above - orange snow fence blocks closed section of trail. Trail C7B tracks straight ahead, just left of the tree in center.

At right - trail C7B has returned to old location. Please continue to ride quietly in this area as home is located nearby.



Doctor Rd C7B

Caution for a plowed field along Doctor Rd near Middle Rd.



Trail Boss Pics - Wright



Logs are cut up and removed from trail C7B above Rt 146.



Above, Trail Boss Joel Church pounds stake for C7B near Ostrander Rd.



Trail Boss Brian Buchardt clears a clogged culvert on C7B near Ostrander Rd.



Left, Trail Boss Brian Buchardt and Club Pres Gerry Lenseth repair signs and cut fallen trees.



Right, fallen trees on trail C7B.



Westfall Rd Reroute



From above left clockwise, Fred Martin, landowner helps scout reroute in his UTV around open culvert ditch. Cones mark the ditch. Reroute runs a hillside between the woods. Signs and rope help guide the rerouted C7B. Snow fence blocks the closed section of trail at the top of the hill.



Trail Boss Pics - various



Trail Boss Don Bauer installs sign, East Berne, C7B.



Above, bridge repair near Scotch Ridge Rd.




Above, trail S72 in East Berne gets some late work during hunting season.



Left, S72 during the big melt off in late December. Above, C7B Webster Rd crossing.





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Until We Can Go!!!!



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**Club Meeting
Knox Town Hall
Wed January 13
7pm**



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