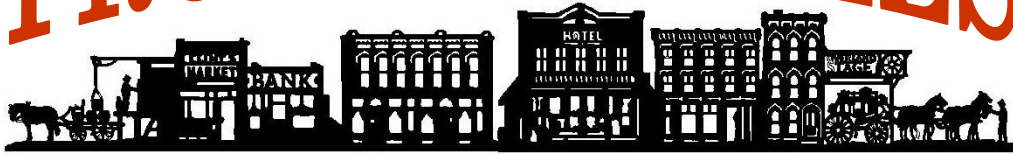


FRONTIER TIMES



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C7B Trail Closed

North-South Travel Corridor Severed

Trail C7B from the crossing of Rt 146 southbound to Doctor Road in the Town of Wright, near the Albany/Schoharie County line is closed due to a landowner withdrawing permission.

Illegal use of ATVs was the direct reason for the land closure. The landowner had no issue with allowing snowmobiles to cross their property. The relationship with the landowners had always been one of cooperation. The club thanks the landowners for their past permission.

A reroute was found to keep the trail open. However it would require the use of Webster Road. After a search for a new route, this was the only option to keeping the vital connection open.

This route was not desirable to the club. Roadside riding can be very hard on snowmobiles.

Upon receiving notification from another landowner on January 3rd that their permission would be withdrawn if trail C7B were rerouted onto Webster Road, it was decided the trail would have to be closed.

The trail had been in use for many years.

Closure Impacts

Impact of the C7B trail closure will be far reaching.

No longer will folks be able to ride from Esperance or Duanesburg to places like On The Hill or Maple On the Lake.

Scenic all day journeys to Thacher Park from many points north are now cutoff.

With the Covid-19 lock downs crippling many small businesses over the last 2 years, this trail closure will add hurt to a number as well.

The closure will cause the club to lose grant funding for about 15 miles of trail in both Albany and Schoharie Counties. These grant funds were used to maintain and groom snowmobile trail C7B.

Local riders in the closed area will no longer have the option to ride from home.

Those who choose to ride C7B to the closed section will have to turn around at that point.

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Loud pipes close trails!

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Trail Log



Club Membership stands at **282** as of 12-22-2021

Diary Carnival is going to stay open all winter long in Sloansville. Plan on stopping in for food when riding.

Matt Lord, GPS Coordinator, designed a new kiosk map for the club. 10 maps were printed and are being placed at this time.

2nd safety class was held in Ravena.

Super Raffle tickets are available, purchase yours at the club meeting! Lots of chances to win!

Schenectady County 30% grant payment still to be received. All other counties are in.

Countywide trail map is printed and available at the club meeting.

Sponsor boards may be mounted on the club drags, looking for volunteer to build signs and sell Ads.

Help Wanted

Duanesburg Trail Boss Position Open

The club is currently looking for a member who is very familiar with the Duanesburg area and trails C7B and S70. Help is available. Please come to the meeting!

Club Seeks Secretary

Frontier Sno Riders are asking the membership for a volunteer to take on the Secretary office. The club Secretary is an important officer and is needed to record the business of the club at meetings. If you or someone you know can attend most meetings, please volunteer. Contact President Gerry Lenseth at 518-330-7373.

Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Yancey Zimmer - Hughes to Burtonsville Rd signed. Irish Creek bridge in good shape. DEC built new bridge. All signs up.

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - Watch speed when riding Tidball to Skyline Dr. Mariaville Peat is in operation, use caution.

Sloansville C7F - Laudy Hoyenga/Brian Schoenherr - New local trail to Diary Carnival off C7F.

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tom Rulison - opened hill to tower above Esperance, was blocked with trees. All signed in area.

Duanesburg C7B/S70 - Open - Rt 20 underpass graded and filled entry to trail. All signs are up. Two short reroutes, one near Schoharie Tpk to avoid construction, other off of Weaver Rd around standing corn, follow signs.

Wright C7B - Joel Church - All signed and cleared to Rt 146. C7B closed between Rt 146 and Dr Rd.

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell - Signs are all up. Removed two large trees from trail. Trails still very wet.

Knox C7B - Zach Simeon - Park to Ball Field signed. Permission needed from new landowners. New local trail planned for store in Knox.

Maple Inn S73 - Don Bauer - Most signs are up.

East Berne C7B/S72 - Brian Buchardt - All signs are up including the blind hill.



Closure Continued from page 1 C7B is open from the north down to Rt 146. From the south, the trail is open to Doctor Road, make your turn around before crossing the road.

Maintaining the trail will help local riders gain access at least in one direction.

Grooming may be reduced in the area due to no grant funding for the trail. The section of trail still open will be treated as local trail only.

Parks and Rec will determine where the funding for C7B will end. Usually this occurs from the first junction on either side of the closed section.



The photo above shows the closed section of C7B where it crossed Webster Road.

At right a map shows in red where C7B trail is now closed in the Town of Wright, just south of Rt 146.



What Can I Do To Help?

- The immediate thing you can do to help is to stay off the closed section of trail.
- Next, please notify either the Trail Boss Joel Church or Club President Gerry Lenseth if you know of a possible route to keep this corridor open. Even entirely new areas can be considered. Your personal knowledge or ownership of land for use can be instrumental.
- Influences from outside the snowmobile community have effectively shut down a major corridor in the Frontier Sno Riders trail system. Represent well.
- Please remember the careless acts which occur have their consequences. ATV use on snowmobile trails is only allowed with landowner permission. It is not part of the snowmobile landowner permission agreement.
- All snowmobile riders have a responsibility to follow the rules. They should also report any illegal use of the trails to the authorities.
- Come to the club meeting and find out how you can help reconnect the trail.



B&B PowerSports donated material to re-deck the club sled trailer, Tom Rulison provided the labor!



Thank you B&B and Tom!!

Laudy Hoyenga has new material for backing on mileage signs. Trail Bosses advise of your need.

Laudy Hoyenga finished the updates to the old gator drag, now has trip plates. Photos below by Tom R.



Groomer Locations 2022

Charleston/Burtonsville
Skandics (2)

Mariaville
Gator 825i

Sloansville
Jeep

Duanesburg/Wright
Gator 825i + Skandic

Esperance/Delanson
Pisten Bully 70

Knox/Township
Pisten Bully 100

East Berne/Thacher
Park
Skandic

Note: many locations will overlap coverage.



Justin repaired the lock on the main PB100. He also has parts made up to replace the guide plates on the smaller PB100 groomer drag.

Trail Marshal

says... Louds pipes sound cool but do not belong on the trail. Please run stock pipes only on Frontier trails.



Club Meeting

January 12

7 pm

Jonathan's—Duanesburg





Close up shot of the PB100 drag.

Equipment Barn
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Before and after repair.



A big thanks go out to Laudy Hoyenga, he built two brand new Gator drags for the club!!

Thanks also go to PowderTech for applying a powder coat to the new Gator drags!

Laudy also painted the old Gator drag while he had it in his shop!

All 3 of the Gator drags now have trip plates for obstacles and wheel kits for road crossings.

Club Folks



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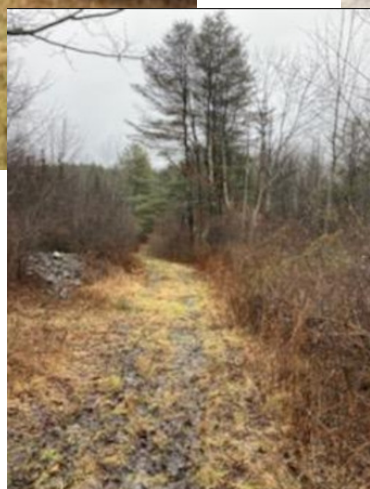
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Trail Boss Pics - Mariaville



Trail work on C7B in Mariaville. Photos by Trail Boss Mark VanWoeart.

Trail Boss Pics - Duanesburg



New smoother approach off of Rt 20 at the RR underpass on C7B. Trail was widened and straightened in the woods nearby. Photos by Trail Boss Tom Rulison.



Trail Boss Pics - East Berne



Trail S72 in East Berne, above the Dollar General store.



The blind hill on C7B looking south towards Rt 443.



At left Trail Boss Brian Buchardt and his Lt Tom Goodman place snow-fence to help direct snowmobilers on S72.

Below, looking back up the blind hill, signs are hard to see in the tall grass.



Trail Boss Pics - Esperance



Lots of tree cutting was required on C7E above the village of Esperance. Photos by Trail Boss Tom Rulison.



Trail Boss Pics - Delanson



Club President Gerry Lenseth works on putting up signs along C7B near Schoharie Tpk. Photos by Joel Church.



Trail C7E has been rerouted again just west of junction with C7B. New crossing of Schoharie Tpk at Chadwick Rd, use caution.



Trail C7B as it winds south from junction with C7E.



Trail Boss Pics - Knox



Karl Pritchard reinstalled the culvert behind the Demis property in Knox



Also filled in the large holes on the approach at the Demis bridge. Photos by Trail Boss Skip Murrell.



Karl also straightened out the "s" turns in the trail heading back to Knox park, by taking out the hedge row at the end of the field.

Trail Boss Pics - Charleston



NYS DEC builds another bridge on Trail C7E in the Charleston State Forest. Plus Trail Boss Yancey Zimmer made improvements in other areas as well. Photos by Trail Boss Yancey Zimmer.



Trail Boss Pics - Wright



Clockwise from top: Trees marked for removal north of Panis Rd. Fresh snow reveals new route.. Landowner Fred Martin brush hogging. The Old Maple Tree junction. Tall grass near Benninger Rd. Water clogged section of C7B. Freshly brush cut trail. Photos by Trail Boss Joel Church.



New Kiosk and Map Placements



3 brand new kiosk with newly installed maps await loading at Karl Pritchard's.



1st delivery was to Charleston Four Corners. Trail Boss Laudy Hoyenga and Pres Gerry Lenseth.



Next up was the junction SCHE1, C7B and C7E near Chadwick Rd. Trail Boss Joel Church attaches a sign. Note the bricks on the left better positioned for holding kiosk in place.



New map installed on S70 in Duanesburg.



Final kiosk placed at ALBA3, C7B and S72 in East Berne.



Snowmobile Safety Class—Ravena

Frontier was asked to hold a class in Ravena.

Club instructors MaryAnn Nickloy and Michael Riek lead the class.

Photos by MaryAnn Nickloy, librarian of the facility, and Kimmy Riek.



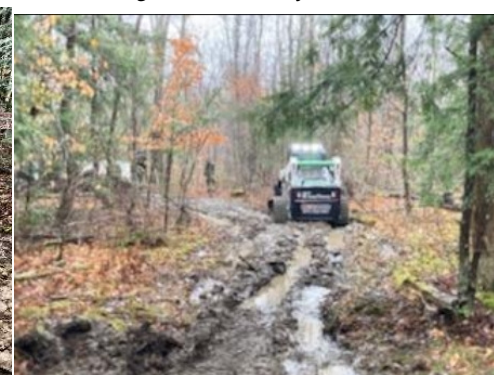
Town of Duanesburg Schenectady County Off-Road Law Enforcement:

On Jan. 2, Central Dispatch received a call about vehicles off-roading on Featherstonhaugh State Forest. Forest Ranger Mitchell responded to the area and met with NYSP and the owners of the vehicles. The owners brought the Ranger and Troopers to the vehicles that got stuck on a snowmobile trail. NYSP requested a tow, which required more than three hours of work and a skid steer with a recovery winch to remove the vehicles. Ranger Mitchell issued tickets to both drivers related to motor vehicle use on State lands.

(note: occurred on C7B in Mariaville)
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Above, 2 stuck in the mud trucks. Below, trail damage and recovery skid-steer.





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