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Super El Nino 2027– What Is In Store?

Will There Be Snow?

Snowmobilers tend to be much more interested in the weather during the winter than the general public.

Watching local TV weathermen forecast doom and gloom snowstorms has long been the snowmobilers burden.

Catching the attention of snowmobilers this season is the effects of a Super El Nino on winter.

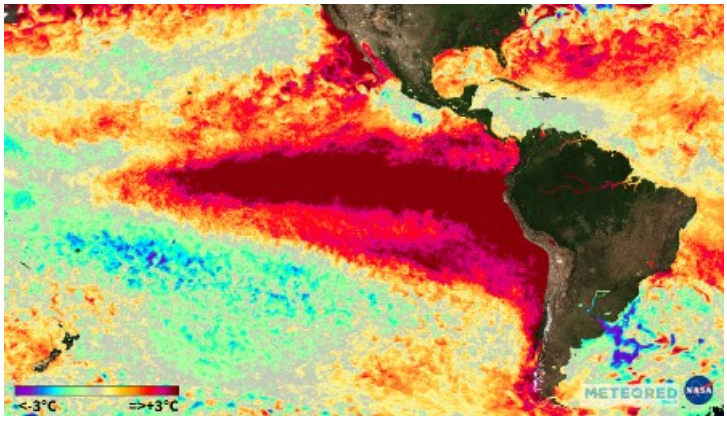
Here is a recap of info on Super El Nino events.

"A record-setting El Niño is expected to steer the 2026-2027 winter pattern, shifting storm tracks, snowfall and temperatures across the country while bringing a stormier setup to parts of the West."
By Brian Lada, AccuWeather meteorologist

"An exceptionally strong El Niño—potentially the largest in living memory—is raising Pacific Ocean waters to record-high temperatures. The effects on ecosystems, especially coral reefs, and the world's weather, from floods in California to droughts in Indonesia, are already being felt and will have lasting ramifications."
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"The Pacific Ocean is warming faster than expected, with sea surface temperatures reaching record levels in key El Niño regions. Some climate models suggest this event could rival or even exceed the strongest Super El Niño episodes ever recorded."
By Glanze Patrick, the Science Times

"For October-November-December, the seasonal average Niño 3.4 sea surface temperature anomaly is forecast to reach approximately +3.7°C, peaking around December. This is the highest since observations began and is stronger than the previous record of +2.6°C in November 2015-January 2016," the WMO said."
By Akshit Sangomla, DownToEarth



Historic El Nino Events

1972–1973 +2.0°C The event triggered a global food panic.
1982–1983 +2.1°C The strongest El Niño of the 20th century.
1997–1998 +2.4°C The strongest El Niño event in the instrumental record.
2015–2016 +2.3°C The year 2016 became the hottest on record at the time.
2023-2024 +2.0°C Set global heat records.
2026-2027 +2.5°C Current peak, may go higher and last through February.

ONI classification: Weak (0.5–0.9), Moderate (1.0–1.4), Strong (1.5–1.9), Very Strong (≥2.0).
By Alex Chen, El Niño Guide



A very strong El Nino occurs on average every ten years. In the average winter, the National Weather Service (NWS) says we get 59.2 inches of snow in Albany. Very strong El Nino seasons average 52.1".

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What's Cooking?

Trail Log



Club membership as of November 1 2026: __

Congratulations to John Cislo and Lance Martineau in being elected as new Director and Trustee respectively to the Board. In addition, Kimmy Riek stepped up to fill the vacancy in the Secretary position. Mike R and Chad S have been re-elected as incumbents to the Board. All current Officers were re-elected.

NYSSA has announced a new partnership with Trail-Intel relating to the membership platform. Three webinars are scheduled October 13th, 15th and 20th to inform club administrators of changes. Matt L indicated he would observe the webinar and report on updates.

National Grid maps and forms have been submitted to Town of Duanesburg, Glen and Florida for municipal approval. Upon receipt Gerry L will submit to NG for updated license agreements.

Club volunteers and landowner memberships have been renewed. Insurance activation for landowners will be completed and insurance certificates printed for mailing.

Committee evaluating December dates and location for safety course.

Matt L followed up with the GPS tracking device representative. Alpine GPS Tracking Device appears to be the best option at this time to equip all groomers in our fleet. Committee recommends submitting a GPS program reimbursement request through Schoharie county - Terry M to confirm with Dave Toburg.

Kimmy R to address updating club by-laws and evaluating revisions needed. Officers should convene for a review of by-laws.

Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Yancey Zimmer - Scrima property currently in ownership transition. Additional trail head parking possible. Will need landowner approval form. Reroute in the village of Esperance proposed for improved trail.
Mariaville C7B - **Seeking Trail Captain** - Stafford property bridge awaiting landowner approval to complete decking. Trail north of Lake Rd brush cut and trimmed by Gerry L and Dan D through state land to bridge rebuild location. Bob F and Dan D completed a reroute on the House property with skidsteer brush cutter. Bob F to seek new trail routing to connect Mariaville with the National Grid line west of the large ravine. John C and others addressing reroute options from multiple lots in Shellstone area. At Rt 30 and Rt 159 - need new landowner approval.
Sloansville C7F - Scott Claus -

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tyler Walters - Wilkey property needs landowner approval form completed.
Delanson #463 - Lance Martineau -
Duanesburg C7B/S70 - Rob Kreitzer - Need volunteers to work with Bob F in reconnecting NG trail west of ravine to Featherstonaugh Forest.
Wright C7B - **Seeking Trail Captain** -

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell - Skip M and Justin B completed Township trail preparation for season.
Knox C7B - Barak Strock - need to reestablish trail access in hayfield where last season stakes not removed. Major reroute needs help from local members and landowners to connect to Schenectady.
Warner Lake S73 - Don Bauer -
East Berne/Thacher C7B/S72 - Matt Lord - Mann bridge requires new decking and steel rails widened. Matt L and Brian B installed new gates on Dyer and Mann properties. Small reroute on l/o Willsey prop.

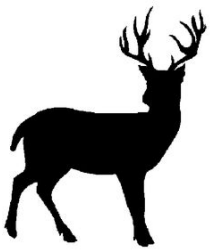


Trail Grants

Very important - all late spring, summer and early fall trail reports are due in to Terry M for recording to sponsors. Be sure to include any trail improvements by volunteer landowners including reroutes, mowing and trimming. Parks have updated equipment and labor allowances for trail improvements.

Hunting season in Southern region of NY:

Oct 1 to Nov 20	Bow
Nov 21 to Dec 13	Rifle
Dec 14 to Dec 22	Bow
Dec 26 to Jan 1	Bow





Club Meeting
November 11th
7 pm
Helderberg Mountain Brewery

Help Wanted and More

Seeking club volunteer to assume Wright Trail Captain responsibilities. North/South traffic corridor currently blocked. Contact Gerry Lenseth at 518-330-7373.

Looking for a club volunteer to take on advertisement revenue from business sponsors. Sponsors provide needed funds to the club through ads. Contact Joel Church at 315-384-4985 if interested.

Club seeking a volunteer to design and maintain online store for Frontier merchandise and promotional material. Interested parties contact President Gerry Lenseth at 518-330-7373.

Wanted: Club member to be bold and fearless to take on the roll of Trail Captain in the Mariaville area. Contact Gerry Lenseth at 518-330-7373.

Wanted: Editor for the Frontier Times. Laptop provided. Interested parties contact Joel Church at 315-384-4985 or email cato79@peoplepc.com.

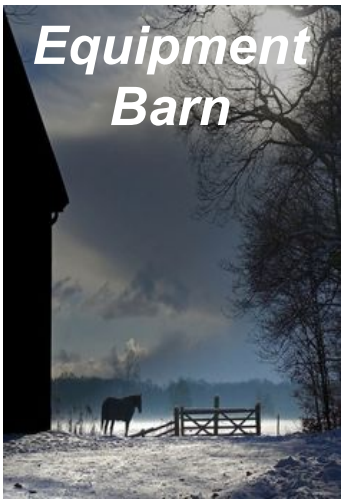
Wanted: Club members to step up and volunteer!











Groomer Locations 2026

Charleston/Burtonsville
'18, '26 Skandic

Mariaville
'13 Skandic +?

Sloansville
'11 JD Gator

Duanesburg/Wright
'12 JD Gator

Esperance/Delanson
'98 Jeep

Knox/Township
PB070 + '18 Skandic

East Berne/Thacher Park
PB100 + '26 Skandic + '26 Ranger

2000 PB100 - Karl P has requested that tracks be installed and removed from storage barn ASAP.
1989 PB070 -
1998 Jeep - late season track alignment issue occurred - Tyler W has addressed the issue.
2026 Polaris Ranger UTV -
2012 JD Gator -
2011 JD Gator - late season front ball joint failure requires repair. John P and Yancey Z to address.
2026 Skandics -
2018 Skandics -
2013 Skandic -
2008 Skandic -
2006 Skandic -
2003 Skandic - to offer to members in a silent auction this fall. Several interested members.

Drags

UTV drags require trip plate update. Planning to request BOCES to build two UTV drags from revised prototype.

Groomer Storage

Other - 300 stakes have been produced by Little Hill Sawmill. Bryan S will pick up stakes and remit payment then deliver to Mike R for required orange painting.



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Trail Marshal says…

It is time to step up and become involved with your club. There are many things you are good at and you can benefit the club.



Advertise Your Business Here

For **$25**, you get 8 issues in the Frontier Sno Riders newsletter and a whole season on the club website.

Contact the Newsletter Editor,
Joel Church at 315-384-4985
for more information.

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Trail Captain & Trail Assistant Contacts

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Support Staff

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Membership Administrator	Gerry Lenseth
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Safety Instructor	Kimmy Riek
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FaceBook	Chris Bukowski
Instagram	Kimmy Riek
Newsletter Editor	Joel Church







Bridge in Delanson needs deck replaced. Will you volunteer to help? Pics by Trail Captain Rob Kreitzer.



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For our area, we will look at snowfall and temperatures in Albany. While conditions can vary a lot from up on the hill, it gives a fair comparison.

Very Strong El Nino Year	Albany Temp Hi/Lo Avg °F Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Albany Total Season Snowfall
2026-2027	60.1/ 45.1	---	---	---	---	---
1965-1966	62.5/ 39.9	46.2/ 28.9	38.5/ 23.1	29.9/ 13.1	33.8/ 12.7	67.1"
1972-1973	56.9/ 34.5	42.7/ 27.5	36.2/ 21.5	37.1/ 16.9	32.6/ 11.3	70.9"
1982-1983	62.4/ 38.8	52.1/ 34.0	42.3/ 25.0	32.6/ 16.0	35.9/ 17.7	75.0"
1991-1992	63.9/ 42.5	48.1/ 32.0	38.0/ 19.9	33.2/ 15.7	35.5/ 18.2	30.7"
1997-1998	58.7/ 37.2	43.0/ 28.5	36.3/ 23.3	35.4/ 22.5	39.9/ 23.6	52.3"
2015-2016	59.8/ 39.7	55.7/ 35.4	49.3/ 34.3	36.0/ 19.5	40.6/ 20.6	16.9"

Data by El Niño Monitor, National Weather Service at Albany, Extreme Weather Watch

You will note the 2016 season produced very little snowfall. Worst snow season ever for the Frontier Sno Riders. Mild temperatures may persist if the Super El Nino does not back down before winter's end. This was the case in 2016. Our biggest snowfall up on the hill, occurred in April, after the Super El Nino decreased.

Conclusions:
No cold spells (4 days or more in a row with temperature of 0 or below) are expected this winter.



What's wrong with this picture?

Temperature will average from above to normal during December to the end of February.

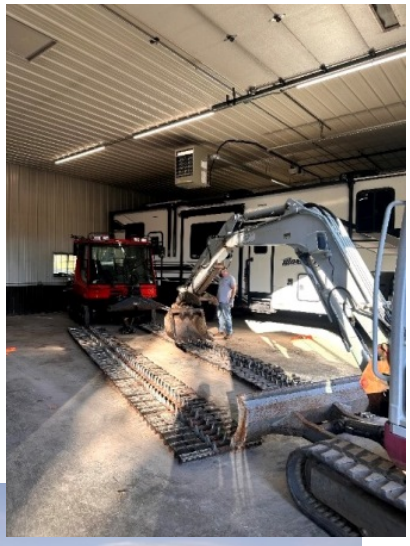
With a lack of cold spells, thaws seem more likely.

Snowfall will favor slightly less than average amounts. However, possibilities allow for above average, but not high snowfall amounts.

While the forecast seems grim, this could be a record setting El Nino event, the results of which we have never seen. Thus, we could be in for a winter surprise?

Frontier Weather Wizard







Groomer and Drag Prep

Tracks are on the PB100 and it was taken out of its summer storage location. Thanks to Brian Buchardt, Pat Stemple, and Connor Hautau for helping with this endeavor. Special thanks to Karl Pritchard for letting us store it indoors all summer. The Ranger drag is back at Matt Lords. Looking into design modifications to improve the trip/ cutting edges.

Trail Captain Pics - Delanson

Pics by Trail Captain Tyler Walters

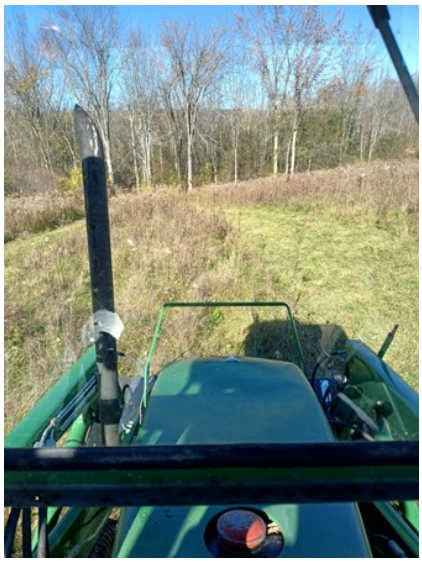






Trail Captain Pics - Duanesburg













Duanesburg, from Schoharie Turnpike to the town is brush hogged. Pics by Trail Captain Rob Kreitzer




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Think Snow!

And down with Super El Nino!





Club Meeting
November 11th 7 pm
Helderberg Mountain Brewery, East Berne





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