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US Fish and Wildlife May List Wolverine as Threatened Species

ACTION ALERT: US Fish and Wildlife Service concludes motorized recreation is primary threat to species despite conclusions which contradict research.

Research Unable to Establish Relationship Between Wolverine and Motorized Recreation

The decades long saga around management of wolverines has reached another critical point with the proposed listing of the wolverine as a threatened species. Motorized recreation has again been identified as a primary threat to the species, despite previous listings recognizing the minimal risk to the species from recreation.

Decades of targeted research has failed to establish any relationship between dispersed recreation and wolverine populations.

Please Send Comments

Your help is needed to ensure this threat to our sport does not become reality. Please go to <https://unitedsnowmobilealliance.com/us-fish-and-wildlife-may-list-wolverine-as-threatened-species/> for information and ideas for writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Please make your voice heard, in your own words. Your active support can make the difference in this decision mak-

Volunteerism

.....is such a simple concept. Doing something to help others at no cost. People should be lining up to help with the things they love to do to perpetuate their passion. Right? WRONG!

I sit here looking out my window staring at the lack of snow, I think how many times we have been out on the trails clearing them from blowdowns, floods and trail reroutes. The hours we spend getting them ready for "The Dump" of snow and it really hasn't come. Many people just go north and chase the snow. Chasing snow is great but it also stinks at the same time. Once we get into the cycle of traveling, we become accustomed to just going to an area, riding, and going home. Since most are not from the area traveled to ride in, they simply pack up and leave. They forget that someone still must maintain the trails snow or no snow. So who takes care of the trails, mostly the locals. I have talked to clubs that have thousands of members and I ask, "how many members do all the work?" The answer is always the same, "10-15 people" do all the work for everyone else to enjoy our great sport. We all say that we need more volunteers, but if we all travel to ride, our local clubs will dwindle and die. Doing work for the local club now suffers as many of its members have gone riding in other areas. Now, I can't blame them, but soon the local trail systems will become a thing of the past. And as snow totals slowly dwindle, even way up north, the club volunteers will dwindle as well.

So, what do we do? The answer is not simple, but we all do this for one reason, to ride. But riding comes at a cost, if your state has trails, we need volunteers to maintain the infrastructure. We can't just travel to a location, ride, and go home. We need to help those that make our sport possible. We need to support the local riders who, wherever they are, maintain these for us all to enjoy. We all need to understand that the group of volunteers is getting smaller, because of age, expense, or a shortened season. It is just a fact that we need to address. So, I urge you to talk to your membership and tell them the importance of the locals. For while we all are traveling, they continue to make sure the trails everywhere are ready for when you get there.

Jeff Miller, Chairman, USA

What are Your Views on the Future of Organized Snowmobiling?

As a representative organization, we would like your opinions on where we should exert our efforts in the future. Snowmobiling is changing and we understand that this brings new challenges to every level of the sport. Please share your thoughts with us by taking our national priorities survey located here: <https://unitedsnowmobilealliance.com/national-snowmobile-priority-survey/>