

Recreational Trails Program Grooming Information Sheet

Fish, Wildlife & Parks has implemented a snowmobile trail groomer reimbursement methodology that would employ an hourly rate based on expenditures for fuel, oil, maintenance, repairs, etc. FWP will reimburse snowmobile and cross-country ski clubs for all expenditures associated with grooming operations through the hourly rate.

- Costs included: repairs, maintenance (including maintenance labor), costs associated with transportation of groomers, fuel, oil.
- Costs not included: labor to operate machine and any other costs not associated with actual operation of the equipment.

Labor and other costs (i.e. signs, weed spray) not directly associated with operation of a snowmobile trail groomer would be reimbursed under previously approved methods.

Hourly Rates:

Utility Sled Used for Trail Grooming: \$20.00 per hour (does not include grooming labor)

All Other Large Groomers: \$60.00 per hour (does not include grooming labor)

Beginning in FY 2010, FWP reimburses RTP grant sponsors for snowmobile/ski trail groomer expenses at \$20 or \$60 per hour of trail groomed, according to the groomer's hour meter. These rates would be used in lieu of receipts for fuel, oil, maintenance, repairs, etc. Labor and other eligible costs not directly associated with operation of the snowmobile trail groomer would be reimbursed under standard and previously approved methods.

Reporting documentation requirements for snowmobile clubs will include the following.

- Daily Groomer Sheets
- Monthly Summary of Grooming Expenditures

It is very important that each club documents hours and miles groomed using the Daily and Monthly grooming record sheets.

All fiscal year Recreational Trails Program grant applicants will need to comply with these reimbursement requirements in order to receive grant funds for grooming operations. All clubs need to submit project cost tables based on the above explanation.

Please feel free to contact us for further information at 444-4585 (Beth).