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NEWS RELEASE/ PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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From: Al Murray, Langlade County Forest Administrator

RE: COUNTY ORDINANCE 8.08 (12) LANGLADE COUNTY SNOWMOBILE TRAILS CLOSED TO OPERATION OF TRUCKS AND CARS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY WITH EXCEPTIONS BELOW:

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS DURING SNOWMOBILE SEASON

- a) During the period from December 1st of any year and extending to April 1st of the following year no person shall operate any MOTOR VEHICLE on any designated and marked snowmobile trail within Langlade County that has been groomed unless:
- i) That person is the owner of land of which such trail crosses
 - ii) That person authorized by a permit from the land manager for public lands of which such trail crosses
 - iii) That person is officially completing snowmobile trail maintenance under a club maintenance agreement.
 - iv) Such trail section is plowed for motor vehicle use by actions of the land owner or land manager of such trail section
 - v) Rescue and official vehicles are exempt from this section.

Please note that State definition of Motor Vehicles generally includes trucks, cars, motorcycles and jeeps. Snowmobiles and other similar recreational vehicles are not "Motor Vehicles"

Under this Ordinance all County Forest Roads/trails which are signed and groomed as snowmobile trails are restricted from use by trucks and cars unless those roads have been plowed by authority of the Forestry, Parks and Recreation Department. Hunters and fishermen retain all access to County Forestry properties by walking or use of snowmobiles on these trails/roads, or through alternate routes, however use of trucks and cars are subject to violations and possible cost for repair of trail surfaces.

State regulations also restrict trucks and cars on snowmobile trails crossing other public or private lands to provide safety to the snowmobile operators. Violators of these restrictions are subject to law enforcement action.

Illegal use of snowmobile trails by trucks and cars may subject violators to substantial liability if accidents by snowmobile operators can be attributed to their illegal use.

Please feel free to contact the Forestry, Parks and Recreation at 715-627-6300 for more information.

Al Murray

Langlade County Forest, Parks and Recreation Administrator