

## **What You Need to Know About the New Wisconsin Trail Pass under Wisconsin Act 142**

### **1. When does this new law go into effect?**

**July 1, 2015.** Act 142 requires each sled operating on public trails and corridors in Wisconsin to display a Wisconsin Trail Pass to be purchased annually. This will be separate from the Wisconsin snowmobile registration.

### **2. What is the cost of the Wisconsin Trail Pass?**

Once Act 142 is implemented on July 1, 2015, if your membership with an AWSC affiliated snowmobile club is up to date, and the club has paid your AWSC dues, the cost of the Wisconsin Trail Pass will be **\$10**. If you are purchasing the new Wisconsin Trail Pass and are NOT a member of the AWSC and an affiliated snowmobile club the cost will be **\$30** per snowmobile.

### **3. Do I have to join a club?**

No, it will be your choice to join one of the nearly 600 AWSC affiliated snowmobile clubs statewide. To find a club to join, go to [www.awsc.org](http://www.awsc.org).

### **4. Where do the funds from the Wisconsin Trail Pass go?**

The revenue generated from the sale of snowmobile registrations and Wisconsin Trail Passes will go into the state snowmobile program's segregated fund, which is used to pay snowmobile clubs for trail maintenance and development.

### **5. Where can I purchase the Wisconsin Trail Pass?**

The discounted (**\$10**) resident Wisconsin Trail Pass for club members will be available for purchase through the AWSC office in DeForest after July 2015. You will be able to purchase them online, by phone, by mail or at the office by providing your AWSC membership number (found on your membership card or mailing label of your WSN magazine) and snowmobile registration number. Snowmobile clubs will be responsible for processing your AWSC membership (new or renewal) providing you eligibility to purchase the discounted Wisconsin Trail Pass. Members, not the clubs, will be responsible for purchasing their own Wisconsin Trail Pass. If you are not an AWSC affiliated club member, you are responsible for purchasing your Wisconsin Trail Pass (**\$30**) through the DNR.

### **6. Do I still have to register my snowmobile with the State of Wisconsin?**

Yes, you will still have to register your snowmobile with the state. The registration fee structure will change to a **\$30/3-year** registration. Currently it is \$30/2-years. The registration process will not change.

### **7. Is the Out of State (Non-Resident) Trail Pass going to increase in cost?**

Yes, it will increase to **\$50** from \$35 (current). Club membership will not result in a discount for the Non-Resident Trail Pass.

### **8. If I don't live in Wisconsin can I still register my snowmobile(s) in Wisconsin?**

Yes, if you reside in another state you can still register your snowmobiles in Wisconsin, providing your state's law allow you to do so. If you chose to belong to an AWSC affiliated snowmobile club, have paid your annual membership dues, and the club has paid your \$10

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AWSC dues, the cost of the Wisconsin Trail Pass will be **\$10**. If you register your snowmobile in Wisconsin but do not belong to an AWSC affiliated club, your Trail Pass will cost **\$30**.

### **9. My snowmobile is 35 years (or older.) Do I still need a Trail Pass?**

The new law provides a free annual Wisconsin Trail Pass for snowmobiles registered as antiques. Which now includes sleds 35 years old.

### **10. If I own more than one snowmobile, will I be able to purchase more than one Wisconsin Trail Pass?**

Yes, if you own more than one snowmobile you will be able to purchase a Wisconsin Trail Pass for each of your snowmobiles by providing the registration number for each one. As part of the discounted Trail Pass application process for club members, you will need to provide your club membership number and the registration number for each snowmobile for which you are purchasing a Trail Pass.

### **11. Will the structure of the AWSC annual membership dates change?**

No, AWSC memberships are good for one year from the date it is processed in the AWSC office. This is the reason for an annual trail pass. The AWSC and clubs have annual memberships. You will only be able to purchase one trail pass per sled per year. Memberships will have to be current to be eligible for the discounted trail pass. For example, if a membership is paid on September 1, 2016, the member could purchase one discounted trail pass per sled owned any time before September 1, 2017. If their membership is paid on January 20, 2016, they would qualify for a discounted pass any time before it expires on January 20, 2017. The AWSC membership cards will be printed with the month, day and year it expires. It will be extremely important that clubs update their rosters with the AWSC as soon as a member pays their dues.

### **12. Will club members be able to buy trail passes for more than one year at the same time, for example both the 2015-16 and 2016-17 riding seasons?**

No, they will not. Membership to the AWSC is done on an annual basis only, with dues paid once a year. The AWSC will be taking the necessary steps when designing the software to ensure that current members are able to purchase a trail pass for only one season.

### **13. What will be the color, size and shape with the Trail Pass?**

The DNR has yet to determine the size, shape, color, or placement of the Trail Pass. They understand that everyone would like it to be as small as possible, but for law enforcement reasons, it does need to be clearly visible.