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Snow, Snowmobiles & Safety

As we move into the end of the year with snow being more common in our winter months, our snowmobile trails will hopefully be quite busy with devoted snowmobile enthusiasts. We are fortunate here in Wisconsin to have more than 25,000 miles of snowmobile trails in our great state, with many trails being located in our own district.

Tourism is a vital component to our economy and Wisconsin is a dream destination for snowmobile riders. It is great to see individuals from all over coming to our local communities that eat at our mom and pop restaurants, fuel their gas tanks at our gas stations, and sometimes even get equipment and parts while they are in town as well.

While riding can be a great time, it is still important to remember to be thankful, appreciative and respectful of the landowners that allow snowmobiles to sometimes run through the middle of their property and to be mindful of all those who live along these trails as well.

In addition, there are hundreds of snowmobile clubs that are doing a fantastic job maintaining these trails for us to enjoy, these folks dedicate their time to ensuring that we all can have a safe place to ride and are continually looking for ways to make the experience better. On January 7th, in a committee that I sit on, we heard comments from the public on Assembly Bill 692 that increases funding for county snowmobile trails. Hopefully this bill will get voted out of committee and will see a vote on the Assembly floor in the near future.

For those of us who are at home or driving doing some last minute errands, it is important to be careful driving as you may see snowmobiles crossing our streets. It is sometimes hard to see these vehicles at night, so be aware of your surroundings.

Be sure to be safe out there this winter and happy snowmobiling!

Please visit Travel Wisconsin at <u>https://www.travelwisconsin.com/things-to-do/outdoor-fun/winter-activities/snowmobiling</u> to find more information on our extensive snowmobiling trails in Wisconsin.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns.

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