



Klondike Snowmobile Association

February 2026 News

Welcome to the Klondike Snowmobile Association's February 2026 news update! For all the latest Yukon snowmobiling news, events, trail conditions, safety tips, and more, please check out our website at <http://ksa.yk.ca>, like us on [Facebook](#), and follow us on [X](#).

International Take A Friend Snowmobiling Week

February 7th through 16th 2026 is International Take A Friend Snowmobiling Week!

Do you know someone who doesn't snowmobile, but might be interested? This is your chance to take them out and show them what snowmobiling is all about.

Surveys indicate many people in our community are interested in snowmobiling, but either they don't know where to start, they're not sure who to talk to, or they're hesitant to purchase a snowmobile without having tried it first.

During International Take A Friend Snowmobiling Week all snowmobilers are encouraged to invite their non-snowmobiler friends, family, neighbors and co-

workers out for a ride. Reach out to them and offer an easy and affordable opportunity to experience what snowmobiling is all about...

- Step 1: Strike up some conversations, get your friends interested.
- Step 2: Dust off any extra snowmobiles and gear you have around, and offer to lend it to them so they can try it out before committing to any big purchases.
- Step 3: Take some time to explain what they'll need to bring, what to expect during the ride, and before you head out be sure to show them how to safely operate a snowmobile.
- Step 4: Go for a ride and let them experience what it's like to get out snowmobiling. Either head out on your own schedule or join us for our annual Take A Friend Snowmobiling Group Ride on Saturday February 7th, details are on our events page at <https://ksa.yk.ca/coming-events>.
- Step 5: After the ride, encourage them to ask questions and follow up with some advice on how they can get out snowmobiling more often.



Trail Conditions

We hope you're all enjoying a fabulous snowmobile season!

Before you head out be sure to check the [Current Trail Conditions](#) page on our website for updates, and after your ride please come back and send in a trail report.

Reporting trail conditions is fast, easy and free. It helps other riders plan their trips and it also helps us know where our volunteer efforts are needed most. Please send in a report after each ride using the online form on our [Current Trail Conditions](#) page, or send us a message any time!



From The Groomers

Volunteers are out on the trails grooming for you! To see where our groomers have been lately please check our [Current Trail Conditions](#) page.

Unfortunately our largest grooming machine, the Kubota, is out of service needing expensive repairs after a major mechanical failure. Nobody's fault and nobody hurt. The board is currently exploring the options and opportunities for moving forward in a way that suits our operations and benefits our membership. Stay tuned.

We do have a freshly modified groomer drag for towing behind a new volunteer's side by side that should be entering service shortly for grooming on the Copper Haul and surrounding areas. Give him a wave if you see him!

Our two Skandics are also still in service and performing well. Thank you JLR welding for the generous offer to help get our older Mogul Master drag going again after an actuator failure earlier in the season. We expect to be grooming with both Skandics throughout February and March.

Want to help our groomers? It's easy...

- Many multi-use trails are two snowmobiles wide, please use full width and stay to the right side when possible. This helps pack the snow evenly across so groomers aren't left with rock hard snow down the middle and a sea of fluff on the rest.
- Avoid leaving ruts, holes and mounds on trails. Please be gentle with the throttle and don't operate wheel vehicles on the trails during the snow season.
- Leave tracks not trash.
- Join your local club, membership pays for grooming.
- Give right of way to groomers, they are heavy, awkward, volunteer operated and may be out at any hour.
- Report trail conditions after your ride so we know where we're needed most.

Thank you for your continued support!



Backcountry Reminders

It's that time of the year again, where many Yukoners are out and about enjoying our big and beautiful back yard.

This year throughout most of the Yukon there is good snow and good weather in the backcountry, however some regions do have elevated avalanche risks due to the snowfalls we had earlier in the season, and more recently we are getting reports that overflow is plentiful on many of the Yukon's lakes.

Snowmobiling in the backcountry is great fun however there are some additional challenges that all snowmobilers need to be prepared for. In addition to the conditions mentioned above, when riding in the backcountry please keep in mind these basic safety tips:

- Always go with a riding buddy who knows the area and be sure to leave a detailed trip plan with someone back in town.
- Always go prepared with a shovel, survival kit, extra supplies and extra fuel.
- Never go into potential avalanche terrain without up to date avalanche safety training and associated equipment. Courses are available, go to avalanche.ca to learn more.
- Check your gear regularly and practice with it often.
- Before you head out review the weather forecasts, check for trail condition reports (available from Klondike Snowmobile Association at <https://ksa.yk.ca/trails/trail-conditions>) and check for Avalanche Forecasts (available from Avalanche Canada at <https://avalanche.ca/map>)
- Respect the land and respect the wildlife. We are all responsible for taking care of our beautiful territory and when it comes to animals you are a guest in their home.
- For riders heading up to the White Pass / Skagway Summit area, please note most days are multi-use with snowmobiles welcome, however there are some non-motorized only weekends during which snowmobiles are not allowed anywhere within the Chilkoot Trail National Historic Site park. For details please go to <https://ksa.yk.ca/news/20252026ctnhswinteruseschedule/>, and a copy of the schedule is also posted on our [Events](#) page.
- After your ride please send us a condition report so we can pass along the information to other riders.



Hamilton Boulevard Motorized Multi-Use Trail Update

As many of you are aware, we are working with the City of Whitehorse (CoW) to have them help maintain the Hamilton Boulevard Motorized Multi-Use Trail (HBT) for two years to provide as many users as possible access to this mainline route.

Klondike Snowmobile Association provided strategies and a work plan to the CoW so this can happen without affecting snowmobile access to the route. Now we need to hear your feedback.

We planned to have a base layer remain for the majority of winter but some reports are coming in that the base is almost down to pavement. While that works well for other user groups, snowmobile carbides and cooling systems will suffer. We need to hear from all users please so we can provide CoW accurate feedback.

Share your thoughts at <https://www.engagewhitehorse.ca/hamilton-boulevard-paved-trail> and also reach out to the Klondike Snowmobile Association directly at klonsnow@gmail.com.



K.S.A. Support On The Other Trails

The Klondike Snowmobile Association continues to work with other trail groups to maintain balanced and accessible trail networks for all Yukoners. Some recent updates:

Chadburn Lake ski trails: Our winter has been a challenge to keep these trails well groomed. An ice top layer is not ideal for our equipment. We are looking into modifying some equipment so we can provide a better more reliable snow surface as opposed to slippery skating rink conditions some are calling the Chadburn Lake Skate trails. That would be cool though. Stay tuned for updates.

Grey Mountain non-motorized trail network: We have been providing winter trail maintenance assistance to Contagious Mountain Bike Club (the other big trail steward organization in town) for the double track trails in winter for a few years now. Since these are "snowmobile related activities" in our mandate, we want to let people know that the trail conditions on Grey Mountain have also been challenging

this year for non-motorized multi use users. Its coming along though, so February is a great time to get out and non-motorize you way around Grey Mountain with you dog, your partner, your skis or fatbikes. You will enjoy it.



Trail Work Volunteers Needed

The Mary Lake to Mt. Lorne trails need some love. After the huge snowfall and warming spell, the trail we had just put into usable shape has had many trees come down on it recently and it's become too much for any one volunteer to tackle.

If anyone is interested in providing some weekend help to our groomer out in the Mary Lake subdivision please contact Colin McCann for details at 867 333 5847.



Upcoming K.S.A. Group Snowmobile Rides

It's time to ride.

Bring your friends on Saturday 07 February for our annual Take A Friend Snowmobiling ride! Details are posted on our [Events](#) page.

Join us again later in the season for another group ride details of which will be posted soon. Keep an eye on our [Events](#) page for more snowmobile rides coming soon!

There's also a few other groups in the Yukon hosting some fun and exciting snowmobile events this season, including races, poker runs, and more. On our [Events](#) page you'll find links to their events as well.

Do you have an idea for a group ride? Let us know! We're looking for ideas on when and where our membership would like to go, and we're also seeking volunteers to help organize and lead some rides. Interested? [Contact us](#) any time!



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