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## Colville National Forest out of snowmobile trail grooming business

**Colville, Washington....**Area snowmobile riders may see changes in how and when area snowmobile trails are groomed this winter, according to Jerry Coleman, Colville National Forest Recreation Staff Officer.

Washington State Parks and Recreation Department has taken over the contract for grooming snowmobile routes including those trails located on the Colville National Forest. Tri-County Groomers Council, a local group of snowmobile club members, have been contracted by the state parks department to groom area snowmobile trails. They started grooming trails the end of December. Funding sources for the contract has been through recreation dollars generated through the forest service under a partnership agreement.

Some of the changes include conducting grooming activities at night to lessen the conflict with daytime snowmobile users.

Groomed snowmobile trail maps are provided by the council and can be obtained at trailheads.

Contact Mary Ann Walker at 509-684-3465 for the latest information regarding snowmobile grooming.

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