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RESPECTFUL SNOWMOBILING AWARENESS

On behalf of the Springfield Pathfinders Snowmobile Club, I would like to raise a few concerns that we as a club have been noticing and receiving public feedback on.

With just a little way into the riding season, the club has received a few complaints already from landowners regarding sleds taking liberty by traveling outside the marked trail. One of the reasons why we have signed trails is to keep riders within the marked trails system, which is largely due to crops planted, past complaints and respect of personal property. We strongly advise riders to **Please** stay on the groomed trails. The risk we all face is lack of landowner cooperation and trust on our trail systems which may result in the loss of existing and future trail systems.

Driveway crossings, are another area of concern where some sleds pass through at high speeds without stopping and jumping across, elevating the safety risk to both rider and others that may be using the driveway approach. Please slow down, stop and look before proceeding over and across driveways.

Noise and speed within town limits is becoming a growing problem with riders. We ask that riders obey posted speed limits and if you are running a performance exhaust, please have the respect to idle through residential areas for the courtesy of others.

Be reminded that land use is a privilege, not a right. As such, the land-use agreement is an inherently fragile document that can be revoked at virtually any time by the landowner. Clubs rely on signage or other means to raise awareness and ensure that snowmobilers respect the allocated corridors. Despite this, the issue remains contentious and snowmobilers are reminded that seemingly harmless off-trail excursions could potentially have a serious impact on the trail's long-term sustainability.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read and understand the need to write this article and hope that you will pass this message along to your fellow riders who enjoy this great sport.

***PLEASE RESPECT OUR SNOWMOBILING SPORT, LANDOWNERS
AND RESIDENTS***

Respectively:

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