



Tourism Department

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### **Notice of Seasonal Trail Opening**

Washburn, WI (Dec. 28, 2016) – All snowmobile trails in Bayfield County are now officially open. However, most trails are in early season condition and no trails are actively being groomed. All riders should exercise extra caution when recreating on the trails at this time.

Riders may experience trail segments with little to no snow, icy or rocky conditions, wet and muddy areas or otherwise very rough riding. In addition, some of the areas that were impossible to reach after the major flooding and wind events this summer may still have downed trees. Report any downed trees or unsafe conditions to the Bayfield County Snowmobile Alliance at (715) 969-4150 or email [baycotrails@icloud.com](mailto:baycotrails@icloud.com).

Please keep in mind that some of these trails are on private land. Private landowners give us permission to maintain portions of these trails on their property. If a segment is in poor condition or if riding could result in damage, please refrain from use. Any damage to the trail system, especially those that exist on private land, will jeopardize our future use privileges and potentially result in permanent trail closures.

For the most up to date trail conditions, including ice crossings over lakes and wetlands, please contact the local snowmobile club in the area you would like to ride. Grooming will commence once we receive adequate snowfall.

Please stay on the designated trails and routes. Changes to the trail system are marked with signage on the trails so when in doubt, follow the signs.

A general overview of Bayfield County Snowmobile Trail Conditions is posted on Snowtracks at: <http://snowtracks.com/reporter-areas/bayfield-county-wisconsin/>

Links to trail conditions for all types of trails can be found at [www.bayfieldcounty.org/323/trails](http://www.bayfieldcounty.org/323/trails).

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