



Penticton Sno-Trackers Club

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It's been a busy month for the Penticton Sno-Trackers Snowmobile Club. Mother Nature has been generous with the snow and members have been out enjoying the white stuff already!

Work has begun with our BCSF approved signage endeavour with Curtis Turchack leading the way and volunteers have been marking and installing posts along the trail systems for phase 1 of this program.

Our first priority was to install safety signage for cross country skiers and snowshoers. The club has installed 6 BCSF approved reflective cross country skier signs at both Eagle's Nest trail crossings and the Motherlode trail intersection on Winters Creek forest service road.

To keep motorized users safe, we have installed 4 BCSF approved reflective stop signs where the Nickel Plate Trail and Gunbarrel Trail cross the Hedley Nickel Plate Road between Apex Mountain Resort and the Nickel Plate Nordic Centre. 6 BCSF approved reflective cross country skier/snowshoer signs have been installed at the Vista Connector Trail crossing, the Okanagan Vista Loop crossing, and the Burn Perimeter Trail intersection. In addition, 3 BCSF approved reflective ice crossing signs have been added to the motorized trails accessing Nickel Plate Lake at the north campsite, pump shack, and south campsite.

In the next month, additional "no snowmobiles allowed" signage will be installed along the motorized Nickel Plate Trail parallel to the Snowflake Loop to reduce the chance of user conflict.

We will also be launching our new geo-referenced PDF map for use with Avenza software once the map is posted on our website.

This plan would not be able to progress if not for the Penticton Sno-Trackers being chosen as recipients of the Ski-Doo PASS Grant program. A big shout out goes Lacey Smith and Curtis Turchack for their hard work for attaining this benefit.

Members of the Penticton Sno-Trackers have also volunteered hundreds of hours of their time to improve the new Sno-Tracker parking lot, clean and stock the emergency shelter, clear brush, and install concrete sign bases.

The Penticton Sno-Trackers wish to thank these exceptional local businesses who continue to support our sport and the preservation of snowmobiling and snowbiking in BC's Backcountry!

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Come join our team and see what we're all about! The next meeting is on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 pm at Barley Mill Brew Pub. Check out our website at www.pentictonsnotrackers.ca. We are also on Facebook and Instagram.

