

# ROCK THE TRAILS

## Gearing Up for Winter: Trail Improvements, Shelter Upgrades and Volunteer Dedication Across the Province

The vibrant colors of fall are fading into the first hints of winter, and another snowmobile season is just around the corner. Thanks to our clubs and hardworking volunteers, the NLSF trail network is ready for adventure. Grab your trail pass, support your local club and its volunteers, and get ready to make this season one to remember.



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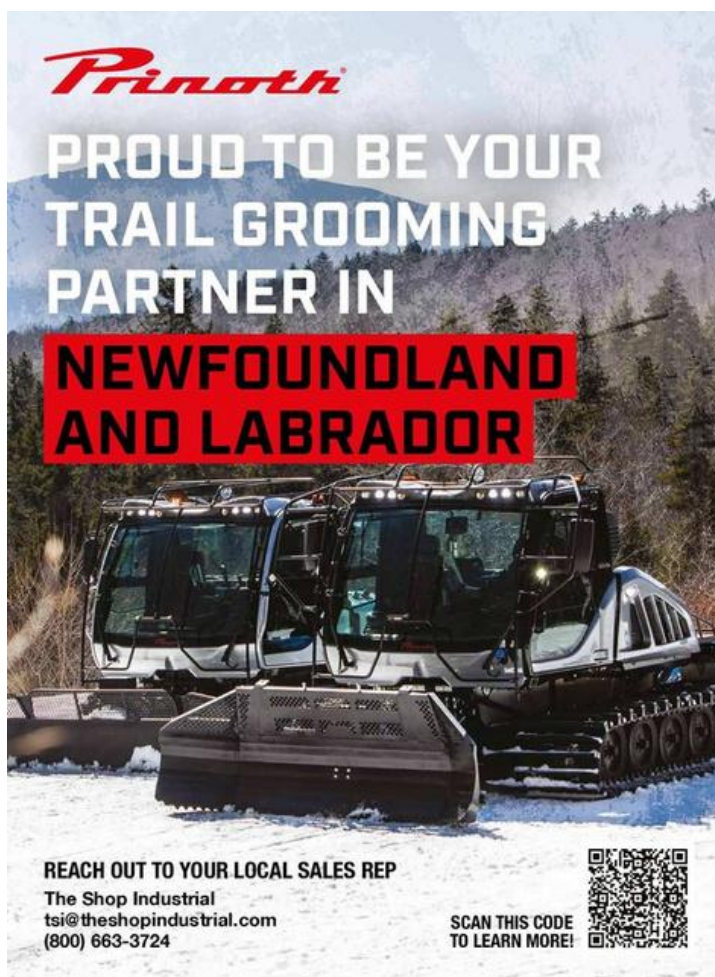




## From Fall Preparations to Winter Rides: How Your Trail Pass Makes It All Possible

Trail pass sales are the backbone of our operations, funding the maintenance and grooming of over 3,300 km of trails across Newfoundland. Prices remain the same this season, ensuring great value for riders while directly supporting trail grooming, signage, safety and infrastructure.

With climate change affecting season lengths, our clubs have been working hard to prepare trails for early grooming while maintaining safety and environmental responsibility. These improvements also create multipurpose trail opportunities for fall and spring.




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# What We've Been Up To

## Supporting A Sweet Cause

Earlier this spring, members of the NLSF Board stopped by Tim Hortons in Deer Lake to take part in the annual Smile Cookie Campaign. Proceeds from every cookie sold were donated to Deer Lake Fire Rescue.

Community support is an important part of what we do, and we were glad to join our sponsor Tim Hortons in helping recognize the local heroes who keep our communities safe.



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## Trail Upgrades in Action

Our clubs have been busy getting the trail network ready for the season, and there's been plenty of progress across the province. Crews have been clearing brush, repairing bridges, upgrading signage and tackling grading and excavator work to keep routes safe and smooth for winter riders.

This year, the NLSF contributed nearly \$165,000 to clubs to support trail maintenance and upgrades, funding that's already making a visible impact on the ground.

Warm-up shelters are also shaping up for the colder months with fresh repairs, new features and well-stocked wood. Several cookhouses and woodsheds have been built or refreshed, adding extra comfort for riders taking a break along the way. "A lot of hard work has gone into these trails, and it shows," says Matthew Swain, NLSF General Manager. "We're gearing up for a solid season."

It's been a productive off-season behind the scenes, with volunteers putting in steady effort to ensure the system is ready when the snow hits.





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# Recognizing Excellence



## Discovery Trail Snowmobile Association Wins National Environmental Award

The Discovery Trail Snowmobile Association (DTSA) was recently awarded the CCSO National Environmental Award, recognizing their impressive commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

DTSA set out to build a new equipment facility that would not only support their operations, but also reflect their responsibility to the land they ride on. From the early planning stages, the executive made environmental impact a top priority, designing a building that is durable, functional and built for long-term sustainability.

A major part of the project is their goal to achieve a net-zero energy facility. The building is designed with optimal roof orientation for solar production and features approximately 50 solar panels, generating power from March to November and feeding excess energy back into the grid. This offsets winter consumption when daylight is limited, helping manage rising costs while reducing the club's carbon footprint. The system is expected to prevent over 8 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions annually, equal to planting more than 400 trees every year.

And they didn't stop there. The club also took direct action on the ground by re-planting trees in the area, helping restore cutovers and support healthy forest growth along their trail network.

It's not just about riding, it's about protecting the places we ride. Congratulations to Discovery Trail Snowmobile Association for their leadership, innovation and well-deserved national recognition.





## Kevin Sweetland Volunteer of the Year: Wade & Theresa Short

Husband-and-wife team Wade and Theresa Short of the Junction Trail Blazers (JTB) were named the 2024–25 Kevin Sweetland Volunteer of the Year, accepting the award at our AGM on October 5.

Avid outdoor enthusiasts, Wade and Theresa have shared a lifelong love of snowmobiling. Their passion shines through in all they do – from trail improvements and shelter upgrades to organizing rides and events like the Veterans Ride and Race on the Humber, fundraising and advancing the growth and development of the club.

Their involvement extends well beyond the trails, supporting youth programs, local groups and community initiatives that make a real difference.

In their roles as President and Secretary of JTB, they also keep members connected through strong communication and community engagement. Their leadership, dedication and countless volunteer hours have helped shape both their club and the region's trail network.

Congratulations, Wade and Theresa – your commitment to snowmobiling and community is truly appreciated.



## Snowmobiling? Mind the Line.

Electricity is everywhere you go, even if you're off the beaten path.

Look for hazards that can be harder to see in winter conditions. Be cautious of guy wires and avoid power line rights-of-way.

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# AGM Highlights

## Recap

Thank you to all our club members and guests who joined us for this year's AGM held on October 5!

We're pleased to welcome our new Chair, Bruce Yates, and Board Director, Theresa Short. Both bring valuable experience and a strong commitment to the sport, and we're excited to have them on board. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Phyllis Randell for her dedication throughout her term.

We were also glad to have MP Carol Anstey from Long Range Mountains join us and share her insights on the impact and importance of snowmobiling in our province.

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## Celebrating Leadership – Thank You to Past Chair Bob Blundon

We want to give a big shout-out and thank you to Bob Blundon for his 10 years as Chair of the NLSF. His dedication, guidance and many contributions have helped build the NLSF as we know it today.

Bob's journey in the snowmobiling community started as a board member of the Western Sno-Riders (WSR) and even included time as a groomer operator, devoting many years to the

club. From there, he became involved with the NLSF and eventually took on the role of Chair, serving with passion and commitment.

Although Bob didn't seek re-election as Chair this season, he will remain Past Chair of the NLSF and will continue his role as Vice President of the Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations (CCSO), furthering his work in organized snowmobiling.

Please join us in congratulating and wishing Bob the best, while he continues to support and advance the sport we all love across Canada and internationally!





## Guiding Our Path Forward:

**Chair** Bruce Yates

**Vice-Chair** Shellie Reid

**Directors** Chad Colbourne,  
Jason Pond, Glenn Green,  
Roy Higdon, Blair Sparkes,  
Rick O'Brien, Theresa Short

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## WHERE DO YOU RIDE?

Newfoundland's snowmobile trail network is made up of 17 club areas, each responsible for maintaining and supporting the trails in their region. While one NLSF trail pass gives you access to the entire provincial network, choosing your primary riding area on your application is still important.

This information helps us understand rider activity across the island and plays a key role in determining funding and planning future upgrades.

## Garmin Tread October Giveaway

During the month of October, everyone who purchased their NLSF trail pass was automatically entered to win a Garmin Tread GPS.

Congratulations to Jody Coffin, this year's winner. We hope it serves you well on the trails this season.





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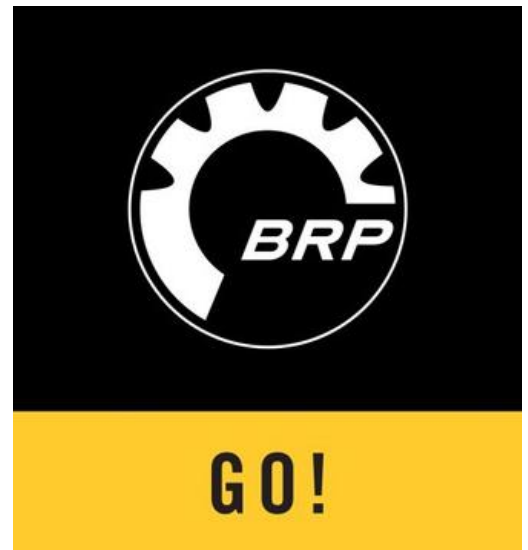
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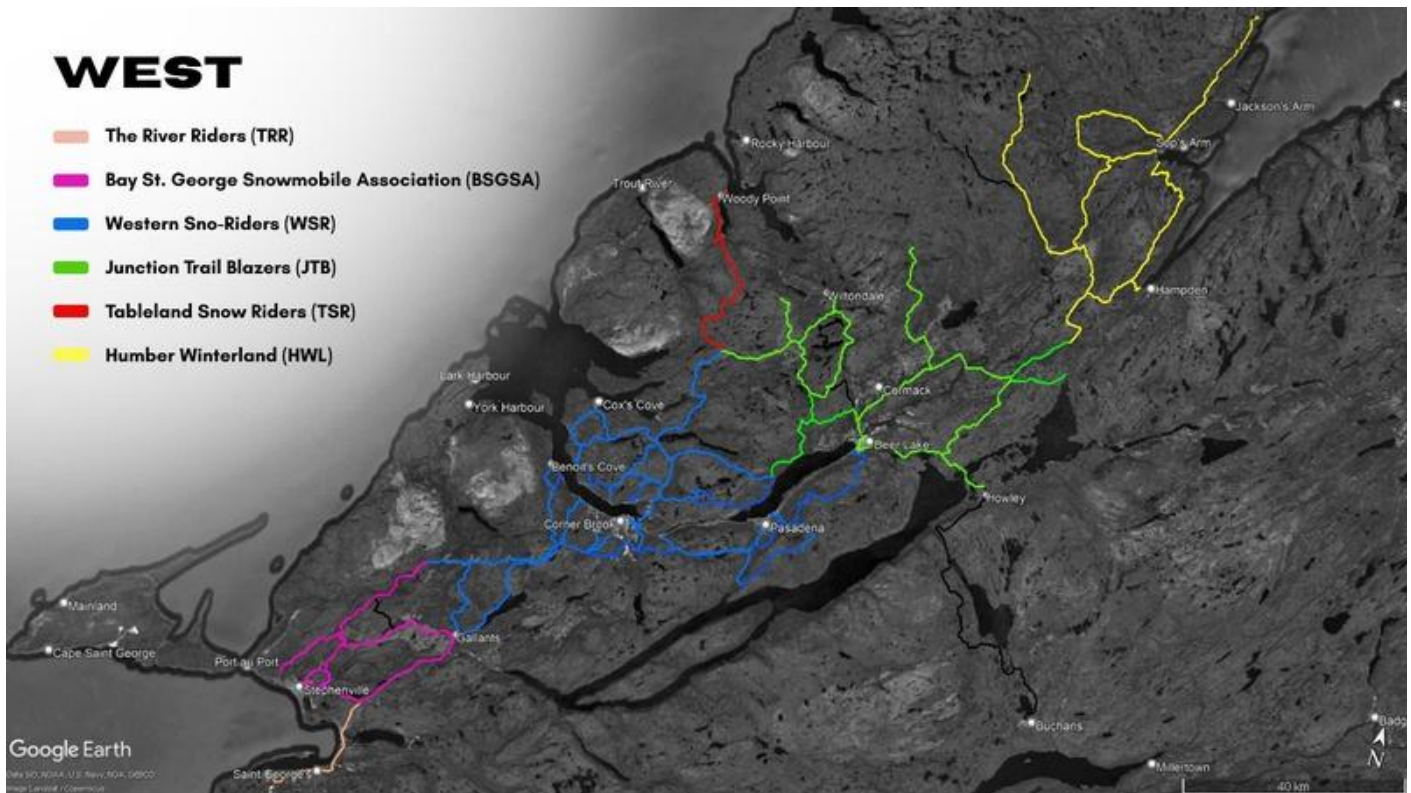
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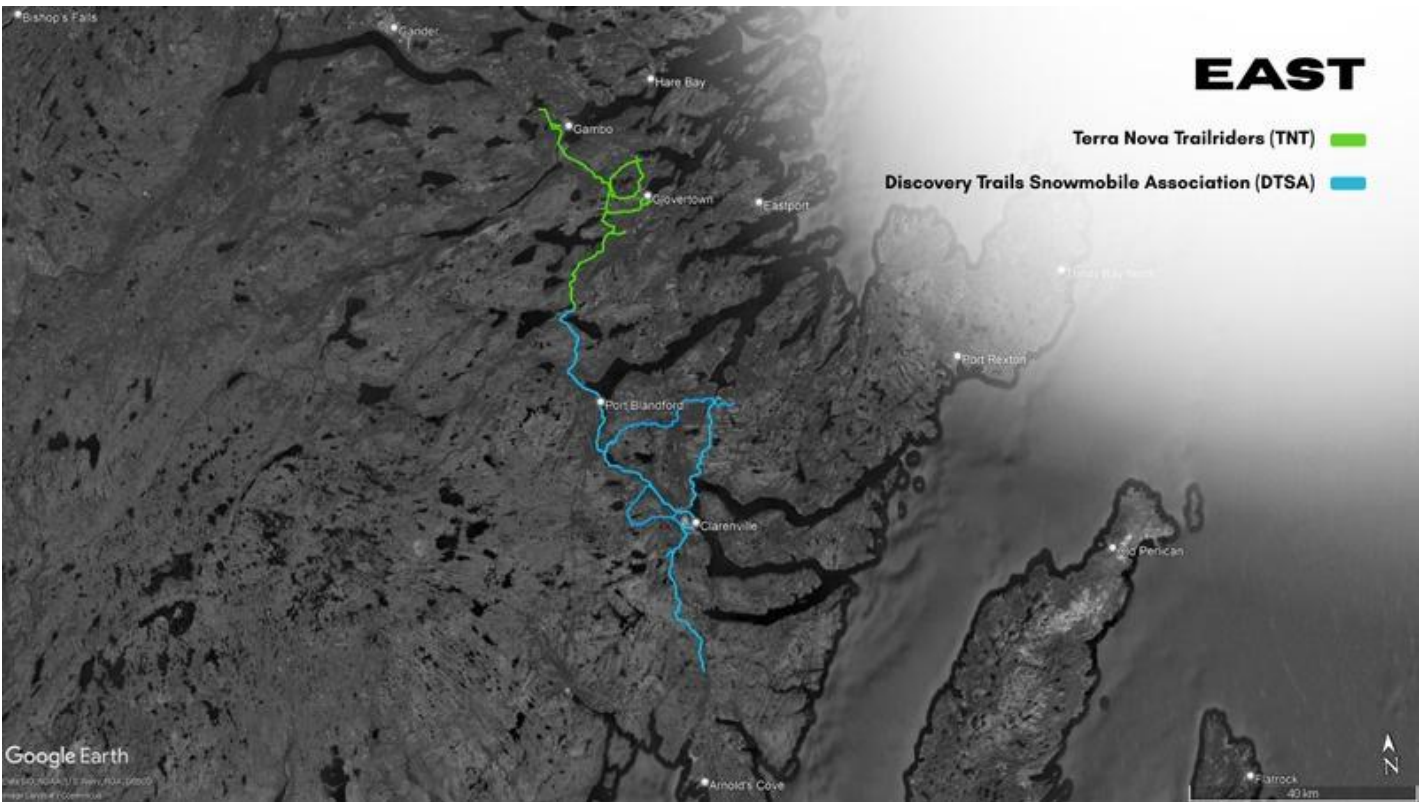
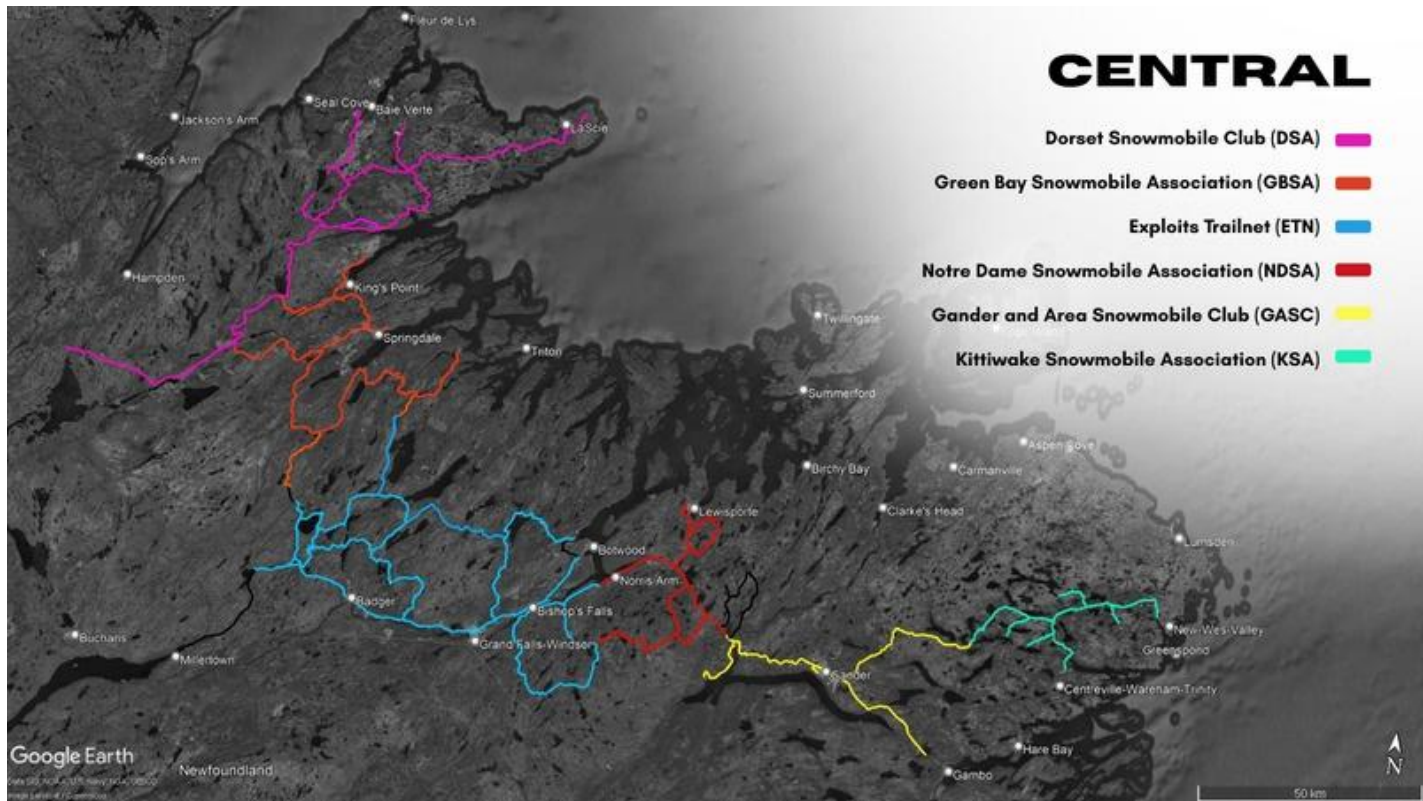
# Clubs by Region (West and North)

*A look at the trail networks maintained by NLSF clubs across the island*





# Clubs By Region (Central and East)

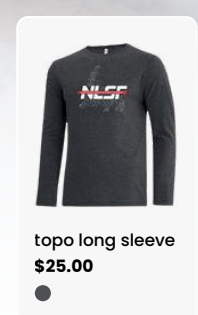
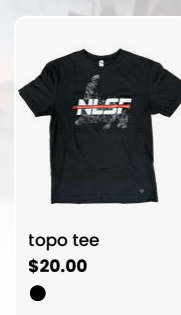
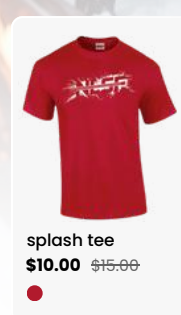
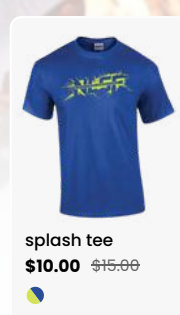
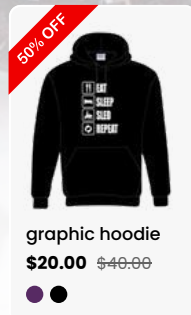




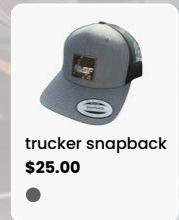
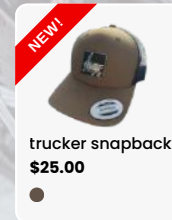
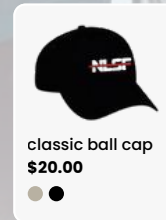
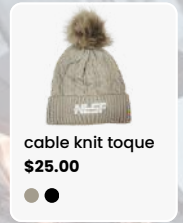
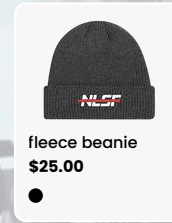
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# Make Every Ride A Safe Ride

- Ensure your snowmobile is working properly.
- Avoid riding along power lines and watch for guy wires.
- Steer clear of high snow banks around overhanging power lines.
- Proceed slowly near utility workers, vehicles or equipment.
- Stay off the ice, including reservoirs and rivers near hydroelectric dams where ice is unstable.



A top-down view of a dark wooden surface. In the top left, a red ceramic mug is partially visible, containing a dark liquid. Scattered around it are several dark coffee beans. In the top right, a metal cooling rack holds two plain, golden-brown donuts. In the bottom left, a donut is covered in white icing and multi-colored sprinkles. In the bottom right, another plain donut is visible. The text is centered on the wooden surface.

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