

Mountain Living Update January 23, 2009



Arrowhead Groomers

Jim Gelsomini, Ron Benson, John Cook,
Will Hobson and Eric Johnson (not pictured)

Dear Arrowhead Residents,

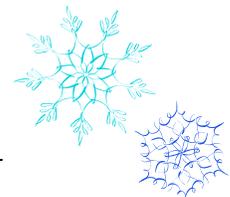
I would like to describe how the grooming organization will work to keep our filing roads groomed this winter. This group was formed to address the winter road issues we face as a community. This is not to suggest those who have groomed in the past, of which I am one, didn't do a good job. It is a more analytical approach to the problems to identify better ways to get the job done.

First and foremost, I'd like to explain that grooming is a process to 1) maintain the roads so as to allow winter travel, 2) address certain recurring problems such as drifted in snow and moguls on well traveled roads, and 3) groom a cross country track behind the Inn. Security will assist us by reporting problems to us as they are riding each road daily. Groomer drivers will also make scheduled reconnaissance runs on snowmobile to monitor road conditions. In conditions such as we experienced during the holidays of constant snow, poor visibility, and drifting snow, Security is the first line of defense. If you are coming back to Arrowhead in bad weather and suspect you cannot reach your home, call Security (862-8262 or 209-6335) to check on your road situation. They can break a trail on your road to get you into your house. It is not advisable to walk to your house in blizzard conditions. Wait to return to Arrowhead, stop at a neighbor's house, or follow Security's trail to your home. As soon weather permits, grooming will be done to alleviate the problem areas.

Use common sense during bad weather conditions by not going out unless it's an emergency. Call Security to find out what the road conditions are so as not to create problems for yourself. Let someone know if you must leave and call back upon your destination arrival.

We are also tracking expenses to determine the cost of groomed roads and how we can reduce them in the future. Some of the grooming will be done at night to avoid traffic and allow the roads to harden before snowmobiles track on them. Please be careful when passing the groomer to avoid accidents. If you have suggestions for us, don't hesitate to let us know.

Ron Benson



Cross country skiing News.

Note from Diane Benson-

A few of us have been talking about having informal cross country ski days at the track behind the Inn. We have decided on Tuesday and Friday, starting around 10 - 10:30 a.m. These will be "target days" for the groomers. This does not mean they will always be able to groom the track for us in advance of those mornings. But it would be a target for them as they would have an idea of when people might be most likely to use the track.

I have asked my resident groomer (Ron) to set an additional track on the left hand side of the track so that we can ski two by two - and chat as we go. That will still leave the middle section for skate skiers. Hope to see some of you out there!



Pictured here is the cross country track groomer and the snowmobile (with just one ski) used to pull it.



The AVFD is holding the annual Snow Golf tournament January 27th starting at 1:00 pm at the Fire House grounds. Volunteers have been helping the Darnels and Joanie stomp out the course (which takes a few days to accomplish). This is a fund raiser for the Fire Dept. and chili is served afterwards. So come out and join the fun.



Last Fall the Fire Dept. set out several defibrillators in the community. There has been on-going fund drives to purchase these. They can save lives in a remote area like ours. Thank you all that contribute to this "Winter Wonderland" in one way or another.

