

SEASON OFFICIALLY OVER!!



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It's sad but true — our 2009-2010 snowmobile season is officially over. Our permit with the Forest Service expires on April 1 of every year, and they request that we remove our survival packs, counters, and signage as close to that date as possible.

So on Saturday, April 3, two crews of volunteers ventured out to retrieve all of our gear that we put out on the groomed routes last December. One crew of volunteers went up the Skalkaho groomed route and the other went up the Rye Creek groomed route. As dumb luck would have it, we were thrilled to find that the recent moisture events in the Valley had deposited 16-18 inches of beautiful new snow at higher elevations and snow conditions were the best we had seen all year!!



Snowmobile volunteers organizing and labeling signs



(Above) Contrary to some expectations, snowmobiles cannot fly!!

(Right) It's all good — memories and friendships that last a lifetime!!



Having completed our tasks retrieving signage and survival packs, it was natural for us to drop the sleigh and take off into the “boonies” to enjoy — perhaps for the last time this year — all that beautiful snow.