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Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2009 11:44 PM
Subject: Darrington Washington Snowmobiling Shutdown by US Forest Service

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Subject: Re: New Web Page Up for Tracking & Posting Government Roundabout Takings

Please forward this to all multiple use and those interested in constitutional rights please.

We met with the USFS Dist Ranger and the over zealous FS cop today. Before 1990 there was a FS pamphlet that stated "Since Darrington is a logging community, there are numerous logging roads which are excellent for snowmobilers." "3 Roads ARE Closed to Snowmobilers" (the 3 roads are listed.

For the past 25 years we in Darrington have assumed that a road was open for snowmobiling when it became snowed in and impassable by cars or trucks.

We have found out today that according to the following CFR we now have to go through a NEPA process road by road to get it opened to snowmobiling in the future. With one stroke of a pen 25 yrs of public meetings and PR with the FS for winter recreation is down the toilet and a precedent has been set for all FS lands in the US. The law was signed by John Phipps

Forest Supervisor of the Mt Baker Snoqualmie Forest Order
Number: 06-05-FO-05-02, 36 CFR 261.54(a)

The only FS roads open are those that are under the Wash State
Parks Winter Recreation Grooming Program. The fine is
\$5000 or 6 months in jail.

The young FS cop sited safety. I am wondering safety for what
and whom? There were no public meetings or input that we
know of.

With a stoke of a pen we have lost 85% of our non groomed
riding area in the Darrington area. And this law will be in place
for all forests. The future is that the Mt Baker, Okanogan, and
Wenatchee National Forests are going to become The
International North Cascades National Parks. Good luck
maintaining any motorized access of any kind when that
happens. I give it 5 to 10 yrs and it will be a done deal.

What I am suggesting is that we have a multiple use motorized
recreation meeting with all players such as WSSA, Blue
Ribbon Coalition, American Land Rights, NMA Off-road.org,
etc. Somewhere along the I-5 corridor on a Sunday afternoon,
3rd weekend in March, north of Seattle. Any ideas? Questions
to be asked.

Who proposed this law? What, when and where were the public
meetings held? Were any recreation groups consulted or
included in the discussion? What part of this law helps with
recreation and tourism economic development in rural
communities? We need to also include the 4 wheelers also. I

would much rather have my kids doing snowmobiling or 4 wheeling then violence, drugs, etc.

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I have just find out that the law that was quoted was 36.CFR.261.54a and the law officer quoted a law that stated a road that was in the Olympic National Forest . This law is on a lot of other forest but not the Mt Baker Snoqualmie and is setting a precedent for all federal lands. SB

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From: Shari Brewer

To: Jack Venrick ; Chuck Cushman

Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2009 12:48 PM

Subject: Re: New Web Page Up for Tracking & Posting Government Roundabout Takings

We have just found out the USFS has shut down all snowmobiling on all roads that have been open for at least 25 yrs. RCW 46.10.110. 2 of our members got \$75 tickets this afternoon. Evidently this was placed into law by a FS executive in the last yr or 2 without any public notice or input. Shari Brewer shari@glacierview.net

I am talking to the USFS Dist Ranger tomorrow. I have a call into the USFS Law enforcement head. Evidently it is a CFR which overrides the RCW which says it is okay to ride snowmobiles in the state of WA when the road is snow covered and closed. I will continue to get to the bottom of this. The WSSA (WA State Snowmobile Assoc.) is meeting in Okanogan for the yearly meeting this weekend. Hopefully we will have more exact answers then.

Even the local Dist Ranger was blind sided by this one and had no clue. I will keep you posted tomorrow as soon as I learn more. Thanks SB