

Trail Update

We at Hyner Mt. Snowmobile Club want to take a moment to let you know about a trail re-opening for this coming winter. A couple of years back Dry Run Rd. which is a joint use road located in both Lycoming and Clinton Counties was closed to snowmobiling due to the natural gas industry. As you all know our trail system in the Sproul, and Tiadghton State Forests are like a loop. With Dry Run Rd. being closed it was a big portion of the loop being taken out. This did in fact create a major travel problem for snowmobiles riding in and, accessing the trails in the Black Forest area. Though the gas companies have not been in our area long, the protocol is for them to repair and or replace the trails that have been affected by the drilling. This unfortunately was not the case with Dry Run Rd. We at Hyner Mt. took on the project of trying to get this trail re-opened. I am happy to say that after approximately two years of meetings, telephone calls, e-mails, grant applications, and construction estimates involving DCNR, XTO Energy Corporation, and the Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association, a new trail has been constructed. The trail has been placed on the gas line right of way which parallels Dry Run Rd. A connector trail has been made by XTO under supervision of DCNR that connects Dry Run Rd. Trail with Rt. 44 and the Coudy Pike. A little side note to this is; it is so much better for all involved, both snowmobiles and DCNR for us to be riding on the gas right of ways. Better grooming and safer!

I would like to thank all the people who helped with the hard work that went into making this project a success. Jim and Barb Scheifley, and Dan Hawk all from Hyner Mountain Snowmobile Club. Doug D'Amore, and his staff from the Tiadghton State Forest. Lori Jackson, Outdoors

Recreation Representative with XTO Energy Corporation. Lori Elliot from the Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Assosiation. Senator Gene Yaw and his aide Adam Pankake. Also a thank you goes out to Bill Hale, and the Haneyville Snowmobile Club for the use of their club if needed.

This trail accomplishment goes a long way in showing the importance of snowmobile clubs, the Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association and partnering with DCNR, and how these partnerships will help both promote and improve snowmobiling well into the future.

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