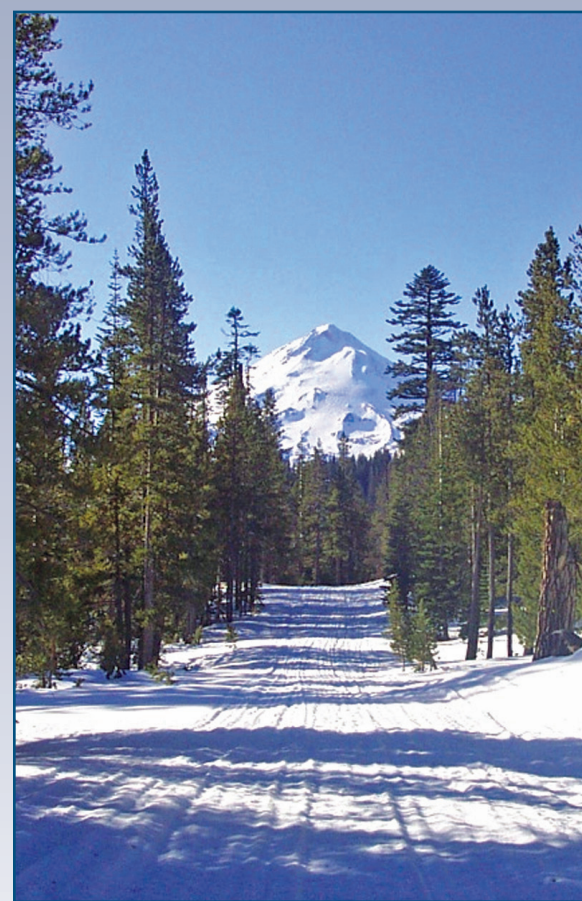


## Tri-Forest Snowmobile Trails

Klamath, Modoc & Shasta-Trinity National Forests, California



Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region

# Welcome

to the Tri-Forest Snowmobile Trails. There are many places on the National Forests where you can enjoy winter recreation. Identified on this map are the more popular designated and maintained routes. Skiers, snowshoers, and dog-sledders are invited to use the area as well as snowmobilers. These different forms of snow travel need not conflict with one another if everyone observes basic courtesy.

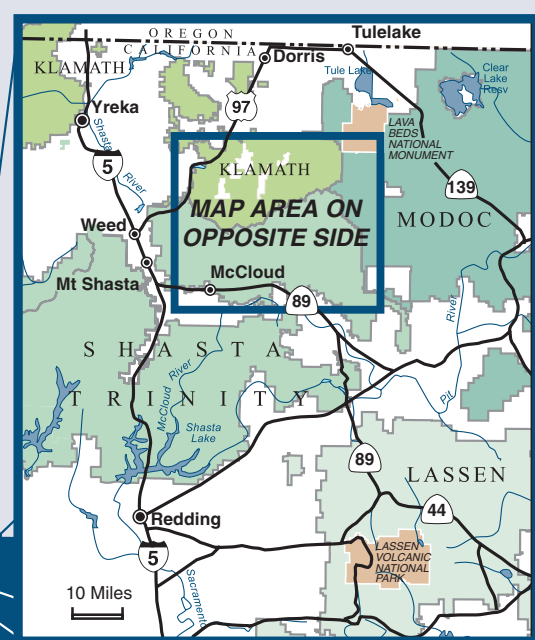
Shown on this map is a Tri-Forest snowmobile trail system linking four snowmobile parks to each other. All parks are within a days travel apart and the major trails linking the parks are groomed. There are approximately 260 miles of signed trails plus many other suitable riding areas offering excellent snow conditions and spectacular views. The access roads to the parks and paved parking areas are plowed.

Located on the Goosenest Ranger District, Klamath National Forest are Deer Mountain and Four Corners Snowmobile Parks. The facilities offered are warming huts, restrooms, loading ramps, picnic tables, fire grills and garbage service.

The Pilgrim Creek Snowpark is located on the McCloud Ranger District, Shasta-Trinity National Forest and offers a warming hut, restrooms, a loading ramp and garbage service.

The Doorknob Snowpark is located on the Doublehead Ranger District and offers a warming hut, picnic tables, a loading ramp and restrooms.

Grant dollars from the California State Off-Highway Vehicle Fund have financed the development of these snowmobile parks. Other State recreation funds provide for maintenance, snowmobile trail grooming, snow removal from parking area and access roads, and trail signs. Some of these funds come from the fees you pay to register your snowmobile. Proper registration is required on all snowmobiles.



The Tri-Forest Snowmobile trails are in an area in California where the Klamath, Modoc and Shasta Trinity National Forests converge.



Snowparks are public facilities offered for the enjoyment and shelter of all winter recreationists. Always use caution and be aware of snow grooming equipment!



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## Sharing Routes

In some areas of the Forest those traveling by skis, snowshoes and snowmobiles share the same routes and areas. Consideration of others is necessary for enjoyment and safety. The following suggestions will provide safe routes for everyone:

- Operate snow machines at minimum speed near skiers and snowshoers. Maintain minimum speed until well beyond those on foot.
- Do not operate snowmobile or other over-the-snow vehicles in excess of 5 MPH in or around designated snowmobile parks.
- Skiers and snowshoers should realize that snowmobile operators are generally not able to hear approaching trail users. On steep topography, snowmobiles are generally limited to the developed trail surface. On shared corridors, skiers should ski single file and keep poles and arms out of the way of passing over-the-snow machines.
- Do not operate over-the-snow vehicles on designated ski trails.



Don't go alone and make sure that you and your group are able to meet any conditions that arise.

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## Winter Travel Safety

Be aware of the hazards of winter travel. Harsh conditions of wind, cold, snow or whiteout can turn an outing into tragedy. Knowledge of the area, weather, route and the limitation of your body and equipment, plus a little common sense, will insure a safe and enjoyable trip.

- Always tell a responsible person where you are going and how long you plan to be gone. Mark on a map your planned route of travel. Use registration boards where provided.
- Don't go alone and make sure that you and your partner or group are able to meet any conditions that arise.
- Get an updated weather and avalanche report from the Forest Service or other appropriate agency.
- Watch for avalanche paths; avoid old slide paths, open gullies and slopes. Snow falling at the rate of one inch per hour increases avalanche danger rapidly.
- Travel over frozen lakes or streams may be hazardous. As a rule, do not try to determine if the ice is safe, just assume it is not.

- Be aware of the danger of **Hypothermia** – the lowering of the internal temperature of the body that leads to mental and physical collapse. Untreated hypothermia can result in death. Hypothermia is caused by exposure to cold, and it is aggravated by moisture, wind, overexertion or by drugs and alcohol. Prevent it with proper clothing, food and water. If someone in your party is affected, give first aid by raising body temperature with warm drinks, quick energy food, a warm indoor environment or if not possible, body contact in a warm sleeping bag.

- Frostbite** is caused by exposure of flesh to subfreezing temperatures and can be a precursor to hypothermia. It can be recognized by loss of feeling and a dead white appearance of the skin. If affected, restore body temperatures as quickly as possible, preferably in a water bath of up to 105 degrees. If necessary to continue traveling, the affected part should be kept covered, and the victim moved to a location where treatment and evaluation can be obtained as soon as possible. If it is cold enough to freeze flesh, you should reconsider your trip?

- Dress in layers: If you get warm, take off the top layer. When you stop, put it back on. Wool, down-filled, and wind and waterproof clothes are very effective. Cotton gives little protection. By controlling your body temperature you will be comfortable and avoid hypothermia.
- If you are lost, injured or your equipment has failed – keep calm, decide on a plan. Trust your compass. Stay together, if possible, if not, send at least two people for help. Don't abandon your equipment. Build a fire and shelter to stay warm and stay where you are. It will make it easier for rescuers to find you.

- Do not ride on plowed highways or roadways.
- Always drive with headlights turned on, never turn off the lights when stopped on a trail at night.
- Be prepared for cold and wet weather and emergencies while traveling in the mountains or remote country.
- Unforeseen events may require an overnight stay in the snow. Be equipped with survival supplies.
- Use distress signals in an emergency – three puffs of smoke, three blasts of a whistle, three shouts, three flashes of light, or three signals of anything that will attract attention.



## Groomed Snowmobile Trails & Access Routes

Not all the trails shown on this map are groomed. All of the "marked X/C ski routes" and some of the "marked snowmobile routes" are not groomed. Visitors, especially novice snowmobile riders, need to be aware that snowmobile routes and access roads that are regularly groomed or plowed sometimes exhibit ungroomed characteristics. This may occur under several different circumstances, such as:

- Just after a snowstorm if the groomer or plow has not yet reached the trail or road you planned to ride.
- During a heavy snowstorm. Snow depths of two or more feet can accumulate in just a few hours and bury a freshly groomed trail. Be sure to check weather forecasts before venturing out.
- Funds for operations may have been exhausted, especially in late winter.
- If you would like current grooming or road conditions information, call the local Ranger District Office for the area you plan to ride.

Please remember to respect the Forest as you enjoy your winter recreation!

## Signs to Know

Symbols like this one are generally located at the trailhead. They show the type of use for which the trail was designated.



**Snowmobile Trail**  
These designated trails are marked and maintained for the use of snowmobiles.



**Orange blazers** mark snowmobile trails, especially in areas where the trail is difficult to follow.



**Intersection Number** identifies important road intersections.



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## Attention Snowmobilers!

Operating a snowmobile on a roadway maintained by snowplowing equipment is a violation of the State of California vehicle code (Sec. 38025). Current registration and green sticker must be in a place on all snowmobiles. Your cooperation and compliance with these regulations is appreciated.



## For More Information

Winter trails on this map are managed by the Forest Service. Additional information may be obtained from the following:

**KLAMATH NATIONAL FOREST**  
Goosenest Ranger District  
37805 Highway 97  
Maddox, CA 96058  
(530) 398-4391  
www.fs.usda.gov/klamath

**MODOC NATIONAL FOREST**  
Doublehead Ranger District  
P.O. Box 369  
Tulelake, CA 96134  
(530) 667-2246  
www.fs.usda.gov/modoc

**SHASTA-TRINITY NATIONAL FOREST**  
McCloud Ranger District  
P.O. Box 1620  
McCloud, CA 96057  
(530) 964-2184  
www.fs.usda.gov/stmf

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
Telephone listing for full service communities:

Dorris (530) 397-2111  
Tulelake (530) 667-5312  
Weed (530) 938-4624  
Mt. Shasta (530) 926-4865  
McCloud (530) 964-3113

**MT. SHASTA SNO-MOBILERS, INC.**  
www.snowcrest.net/mssc/index.html



Persons using a TTY may call 711 to connect to the phone numbers listed above.

### OTHER INFORMATION WEBSITES

- www.shastascascade.org
- www.visitsiskiyou.org/winter
- www.snowdrifters.homestead.com
- www.buttevalleychamber.com
- www.dot.ca.gov/dist2/

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## Common Sense & Courtesy

Snowmobiling, skiing, sledding and other forms of snow play on public and private lands are increasing as more people are discovering the enjoyment of these forms of winter recreation. Many areas of the National Forests are accessible to those who enjoy the pleasure of winter sports. As in other recreational pursuits, visitors to an area have the responsibility of seeing and enjoying – but not destroying – the area.

### REMEMBER:

- Respect the property and privacy of others.
- Be a good sportsman. Recognize that people judge all winter recreationists by individual actions. Promote sportsmanship.
- Plan your outing according to your ability, endurance and equipment. Check current weather reports prior to departure.
- Snowmobilers and over-the-snow vehicles should operate at a minimum speed near skiers or snowshoers.
- Skiers and snowshoers should yield the track to oncoming or overtaking snowmobiles.
- Learn to recognize winter trail signs, blazes and maps. Respect and obey designated trails, closed areas and private property.
- Park your vehicle considerably and in designated spaces where provided. Do not block other vehicles or impede trail access.
- Do not litter trails, camping areas, streams or lakes.
- Do not damage trees, shrubs, or other natural features.
- Know and obey all Federal, State and local laws or rules regulating the operation of snowmobiles in areas where you use your vehicle.
- Lend a helping hand when someone is in distress.
- All snowmobile Trailheads offers warming huts that are available for use on the Tri-Forest snowmobile trail system. Snowmobile Trailheads are public facilities offered for the enjoyment and shelter of all winter recreationists.
- The use of motorized vehicles is prohibited in Wilderness and certain other protected areas.
- Animals must not be chased or harassed. The energy needed to survive in cold and snow can make unnecessary exertion harmful or fatal to wildlife.

## Winter Safety Checklist

This equipment is suggested for day trips; Additional items are needed for overnight trips.

- Proper clothing & extras (sunglasses, wool garments, gloves, boots, headgear, suntan lotion, etc.)
- Liquids to drink
- Snowshoes or skis (a pair for each person in case of break down.)
- Equipment (in top shape and tested)
- Lunch, snacks, and emergency food
- Tools, belts, and extra gas in safety cans
- Waterproof matches
- First aid kit
- Map, compass
- Hatchet or hunting knife
- Rope or avalanche cord
- Emergency flares
- Tarps (for temporary shelter)
- Pocket knife
- Space blanket
- Survival kit
- Avalanche transceivers
- Avalanche probe
- Shovel



## Wind Chill Chart

ESTIMATED WIND SPEED IN MPH	ACTUAL THERMOMETER READINGS (°FAHRENHEIT)											
	50	40	30	20	10	0	-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60
CALM	50	40	30	20	10	0	-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60
5	48	37	27	16	6	-5	-15	-26	-36	-47	-57	-68
10	40	28	16	4	-9	-21	-33	-46	-58	-70	-83	-95
15	36	22	9	-5	-18	-36	-45	-58	-72	-85	-99	-112
20	32	18	4	-10	-25	-39	-53	-67	-82	-96	-110	-124
25	30	16	0	-15	-29	-44	-59	-74	-88	-104	-118	-133
30	28	13	-2	-18	-33	-48	-63	-79	-94	-109	-125	-140
35	27	11	-4	-20	-35	-49	-67	-82	-98	-113	-129	-145
40	26	10	-6	-21	-37	-53	-69	-85	-100	-116	-132	-148
(Wind speeds greater than 40 mph have additional effect)	LITTLE DANGER	DANGER Exposed Flesh Can Freeze		INCREASING Exposed Flesh Begins to Freeze in 30 Seconds				GREAT DANGER! Exposed Flesh Begins to Freeze in 10 Seconds				