



Montana Trail Stewardship Program Funding for Winter Grooming Activities

Funding for Winter Grooming

The MTSGP uses a snowmobile trail groomer reimbursement methodology that employs an hourly rate based on average groomer expenditures. These rates are used in lieu of receipts for trail groomer expenses. For projects using the trail grooming reimbursement rates, the included expenses (see below) may not be reimbursed for exact cost or used as match.

Expenses covered by the grooming reimbursement rate:

- Fuel
- Oil
- General maintenance and repairs (including labor)

Hourly Rates (do not include labor):

- Utility sled used for trail grooming: \$20.00 per hour
- Large groomers (e.g. PistonBully): \$120.00 per hour

MTSGP funds may be used to reimburse groomer expenses, according to the groomer type and record of hours. Grooming hours and mileage must be documented using daily grooming logs and monthly summary sheets. An example can be found on the MTSGP webpage. Logs with alternative formats may be acceptable; contact the program manager for approval prior to use.