



Snowmobile Program 2019 Equipment Purchases/Allocations

Each biennium Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks receives approximately \$420,000 to replace groomers and/or upgrade them in the statewide fleet, as well as purchase other misc. equipment to benefit the Program. The equipment is allocated to Montana's 25 Snowmobile Clubs through a process involving the citizens Snowmobile Advisory Council (SAC).

The replacement groomers sought for purchase are typically low-hour used machines from ski hill operations in the western United States. New groomers cost \$275,000-to-\$450,000. Used groomers typically range from \$135,000-to-\$210,000.

For the current biennium, these are the groomer purchases, related machine transfers, and the refurbishment of a groomer within the Snowmobile Program:

1. **Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association (Bozeman)** – purchase of a replacement groomer in 2019.

Groomer Transfer – the Club's groomer is transferred to the Big Sky Snowgoers Club in Livingston. The previous machine in Livingston had reached the end of its useful life and disposed of via the State Surplus process.

2. **Beaverhead Sno-Riders (Dillon)** – purchase of a replacement groomer in 2019.

Groomer Transfer – the Club's groomer is transferred to the Ponderosa Snow Warriors Club in Lincoln. The previous groomer assigned to the Lincoln club was traded in for the purchase of the replacement groomer for the Beaverhead Sno-Riders Club in Dillon.

3. **Montana Nightriders (Haugen)** – purchase of a replacement groomer in 2019.

Groomer Loan/Transfer – a privately owned groomer from the Montana Nightriders was transferred/loaned to the Big Hole Snowmobile Club (Wisdom). The Wisdom club currently has two State-owned snowmobile utility groomers for their trail system.

4. **Little Belt Snowmobile Club (Hobson)** – the existing groomer was returned to the manufacturer for refurbishment (i.e. - tracks, hydraulics, engine leaks, etc.).