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INFO FROM VAST

The Club has received the following letter from VAST:

Dear VAST Clubs & Grooming Contractors,

We have found ourselves in uncharted territory with the global pandemic unfolding before us. The VAST Long-Range Planning Committee and Board of Directors have been actively meeting virtually, discussing recommendations to protect the future and financial well-being of snowmobiling in Vermont. While we are lucky that COVID-19 hit us near the end of our season we also recognize that we must create a conservative, yet solid plan so that when or if COVID-19 is still a problem next fall and winter, VAST, our clubs and snowmobiling are well protected.

The Long-Range Planning Committee and VAST Board of Directors are contemplating the following cost savings measures for Fiscal Year 21.

- **Moratorium on the purchase of new or used power units and drags**
- **Policy changes regarding tailored grooming contracts**
- **Reorganization of the VAST Trails Committee**
- **Strengthening the equipment grant in aid program, fulfilling needs, not wants**
- **Consolidation of the grooming fleet**
- **Developing automated systems, decreasing volunteer burden and increasing revenue for clubs**
- **Building up emergency and reserve accounts that will carry us through any future obstacles**

Additional information for clubs to review.

- **The Spring Construction Seminar will be held online - Details will be e-mailed out to all clubs soon**
- **Grant in Aid Deadlines will remain unchanged (June 1st-Equipment, June 30th Construction/Debrushing)**
- **The VAST Grant in Aid Program will require all clubs to submit a copy of their W9 (valid EIN#) If you need help with an EIN# or compliance with state and federal filings contact Cindy Locke at cindy@vtvast.org**
- **Grooming Log Sheets and the Financial Analysis are due from all grooming clubs and contractors**

These are trying times, however, together our strength and experience providing recreational opportunities in Vermont for more than 50 years will persevere as we provide the best maintained trails at a great value. We appreciate your help, time and most of all your open mindedness, understanding and support as we preserve the future of snowmobiling in Vermont.

Sincerely,
Matt Tetreault
VAST Trails Administrator
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The Club has also received a letter from the State regarding the timetable for trail work on State land. Work will depend upon the loosening of the Governor's Stay Home, Stay Safe restrictions.

We will continue to keep our members updated as all of this unfolds.

Thank you for your continued support.

Joe Marini, President