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FOLKS WHO LIVE IN AND VISIT OKANOGAN Country know that winter is a great time to be outside enjoying the area's winter sports.

Okanogan Country offers a variety of snowmobiling opportunities through pristine forests, wide-open high desert and groomed trails in snow that's first class. Nearly 400 miles of groomed snowmobile trails exist in Okanogan County alone, running out of nine Sno-Parks sprinkled throughout the county. In the greater Okanogan Country area lie hundreds more miles of trails in mountains and flatter countryside.

Some trails are maintained by snowmobile groups or private resorts, and others are groomed by Okanogan County, which also opens some roads to snowmobilers. Some of those roads are dual-use roads, meaning motorists and snowmobiles share the road and need to watch out for each other.

Many areas feature cabins and shelters in which visitors can rest.

Popular Okanogan County trails include Black Canyon in the southern Methow Valley; Bonaparte, north of Wauconda; Boulder Creek and Eightmile, both north of Winthrop, and Kerr, northwest of Conconully.

Favorite Ferry County snowmobiling opportunities are in the Boulder Pass area between Curlew and Orient, and can be reached from the Boulder Pass interpretive center/ information site.

Other favorites are the Hall Creek and Empire Lake areas.

Riders should check with national forest offices to make sure forest areas are open; some popular areas have burned in recent wildfires and may have restricted access.

Weekly snowmobile rides are hosted in the Methow Valley.

Okanogan County snowmobile grooming meetings will resume this winter season in November through March the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Okanogan County Public Works conference room at 1234 2nd Ave. S., Okanogan.



Jared Lay Photo

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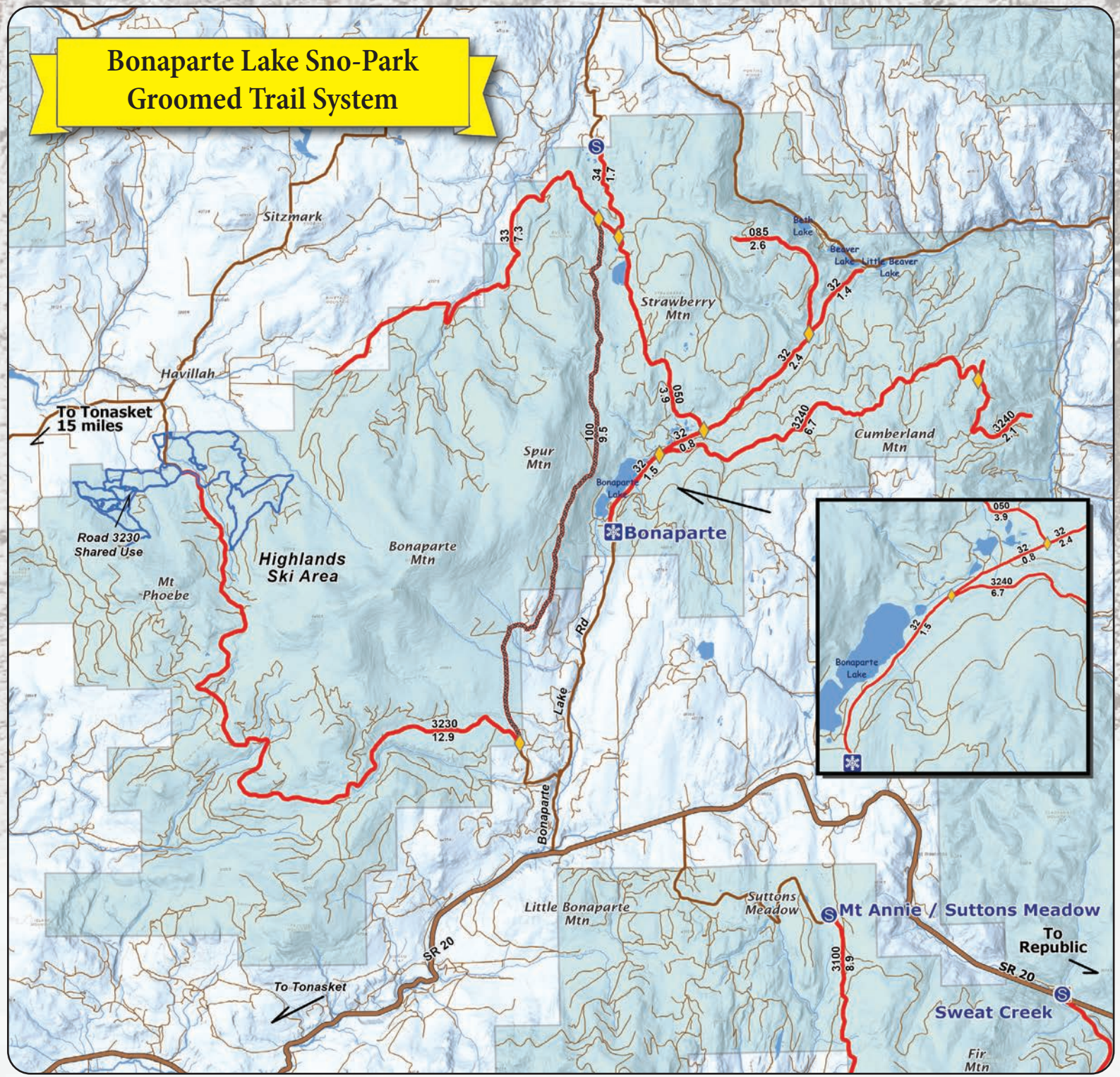
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Special thanks to Washington State Parks for the trail maps.

Wildfire season may have impacted the closing several parks for the 2025-2026 season, so make sure you're in the know before you go. Before you head to a park, please check its page or head to our alerts page for closures, alerts and other important information to make sure you have a fun, safe and informed trip.

Please visit https://parks.wa.gov/find-sno-parks for the most up to date snowmobile route information before planning your trip.

Bonaparte Lake Sno-Park Groomed Trail System



EXPLANATION

- Snow-Park
- Staging Area, Limited Plowing & Parking
- Restroom
- Major Junction
- Groomed Cross Country Ski Trail
- Groomed Snowmobile Trail
- Highway
- Sno-Park Access Road
- Road
- Okanogan National Forest
- Road Closure

Area has 52 miles of groomed trails. Road # and mileage labeled between junctions.

Road Number
Road Miles

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Creek

Antoine Loop

Mill Creek

Stinger

Telemark Trail

Windsong

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×4600'

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×4800'

×4450'

3950'

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⚠ Trails groomed with a skate lane and set with tracks. Arrows show directionof climb. Please remember--No dogs or snowshoes on groomed tracks. Do not walk on the groomed trail. Downhill skiers have the right of way. Trails may become more difficult during icy conditions.

EXPLANATION

- Non-Motorized Sno-Park
- Groomed Ski Trail
- Marked Ski Route
- Groomed Snowmobile Trail
- Trail Junction
- View
- Elevation in Feet
- Restroom
- Sno-Park Access Road
- Road
- Okanogan National Forest
- Private Parcels within USFS Administrative Boundary

Area has 30 kilometers (18 mi.) of groomed cross country ski trails. Trail name and distance labeled between intersections

Kilometers

- Easiest
- More Difficult
- Most Difficult

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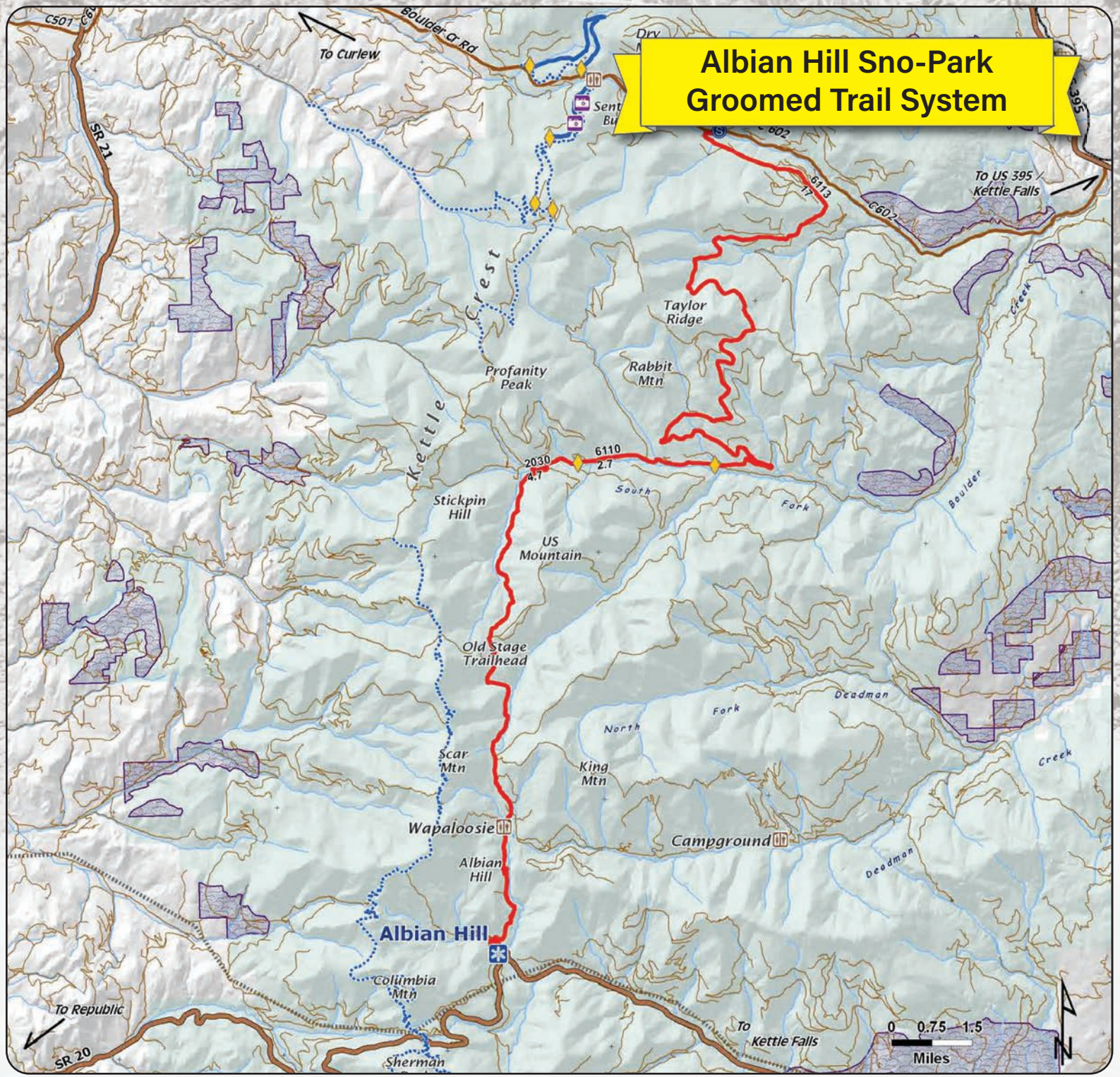


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EXPLANATION

- View
- Sno-Park
- Staging Area, Limited Plowing & Parking
- Restroom
- Shelter
- Major Junction
- Groomed Ski Trail
- Marked Ski Trail
- Groomed Snowmobile Trail
- Highway
- Sno-Park Access Road
- Road
- Utility Corridor
- Winter Wildlife Closure Area
- Colville & Okanogan National Forest

Albian Hill has 32 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Road # and mileage labeled between junctions.

Road Number
Road Miles

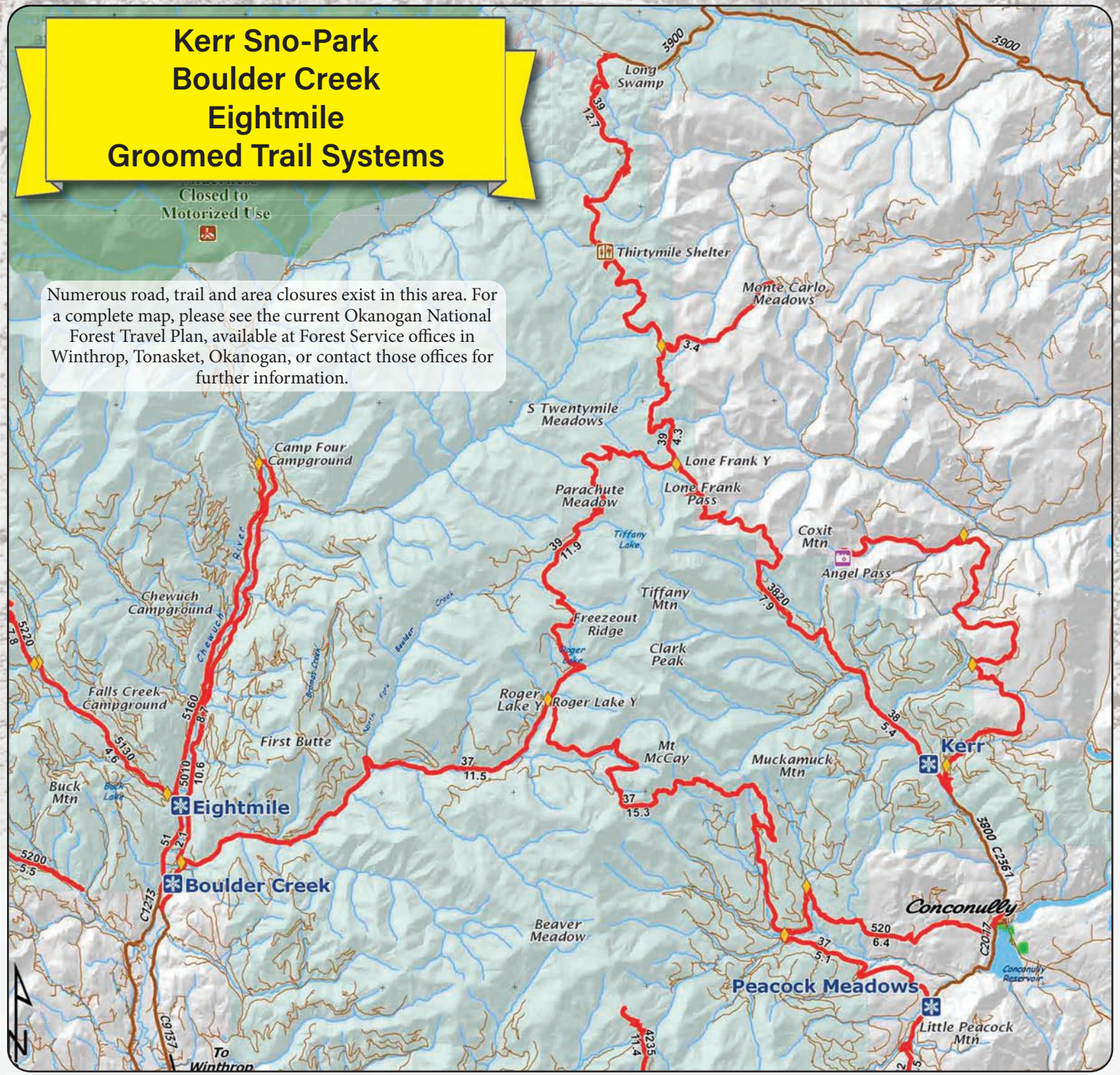
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Boulder Creek
Eightmile
Groomed Trail Systems



EXPLANATION

- View
- Sno-Park
- Major Junction
- Groomed Snowmobile Trail
- Restroom
- Highway
- Sno-Park Access Road
- Road
- Wilderness Area

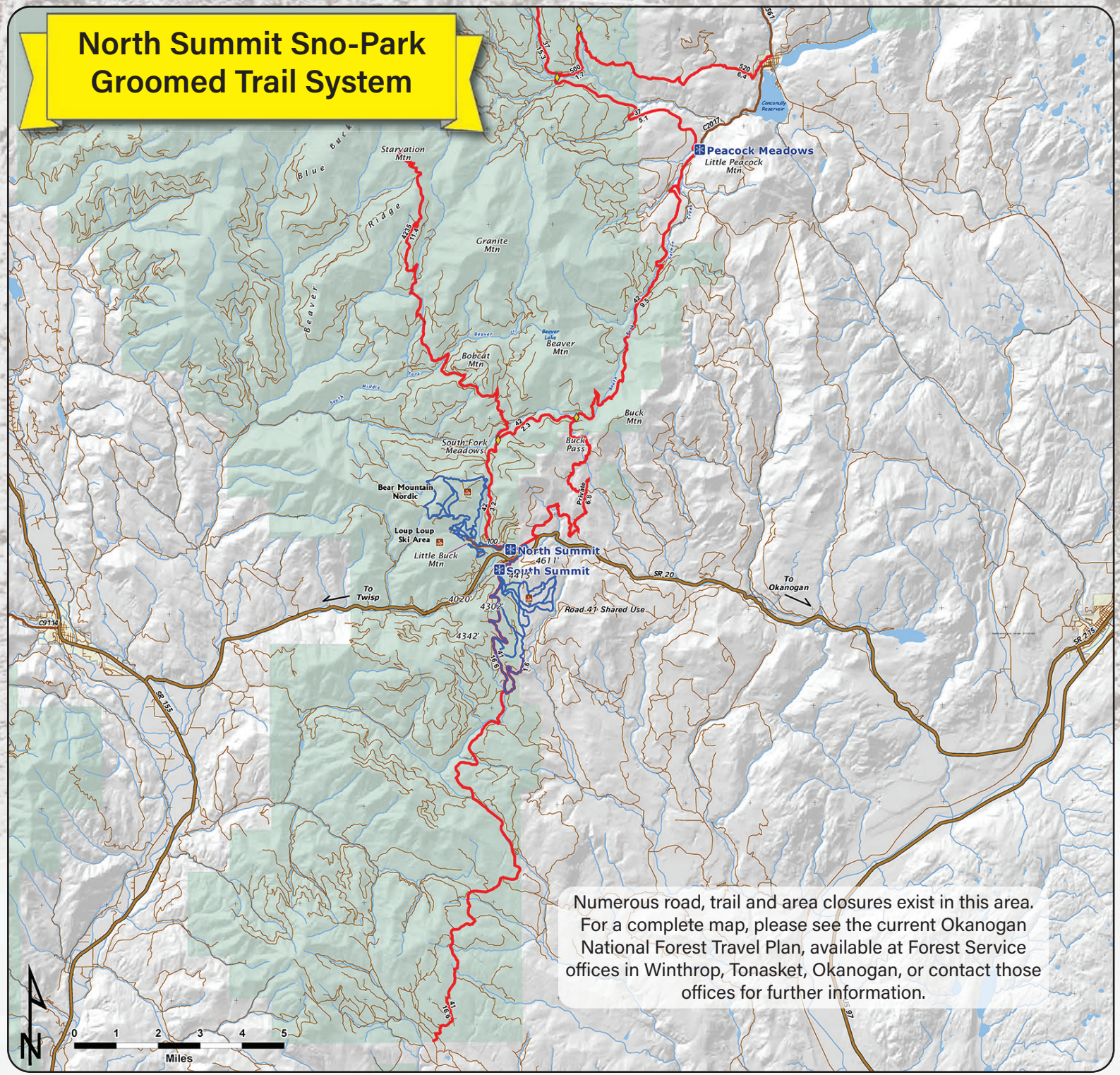
Area has 128 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Road # and mileage labeled between junctions.

Road Number
Road Miles

OKANOGAN COUNTY SNOWMOBILE GROOMING MEETINGS

will resume this winter season in November through March the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Okanogan County Public Works conference room at 1234 2nd Ave. S., Okanogan.

North Summit Sno-Park Groomed Trail System



Numerous road, trail and area closures exist in this area. For a complete map, please see the current Okanogan National Forest Travel Plan, available at Forest Service offices in Winthrop, Tonasket, Okanogan, or contact those offices for further information.

EXPLANATION

- Sno-Park
- Restroom
- Major Junction
- Groomed Cross Country Ski Trail
- Groomed Snowmobile Trail
- Highway
- Sno-Park Access Road
- Road
- Utility Corridor
- Okanogan National Forest

Area has 34 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Road # and mileage labeled between junctions.

Road Number
Road Miles

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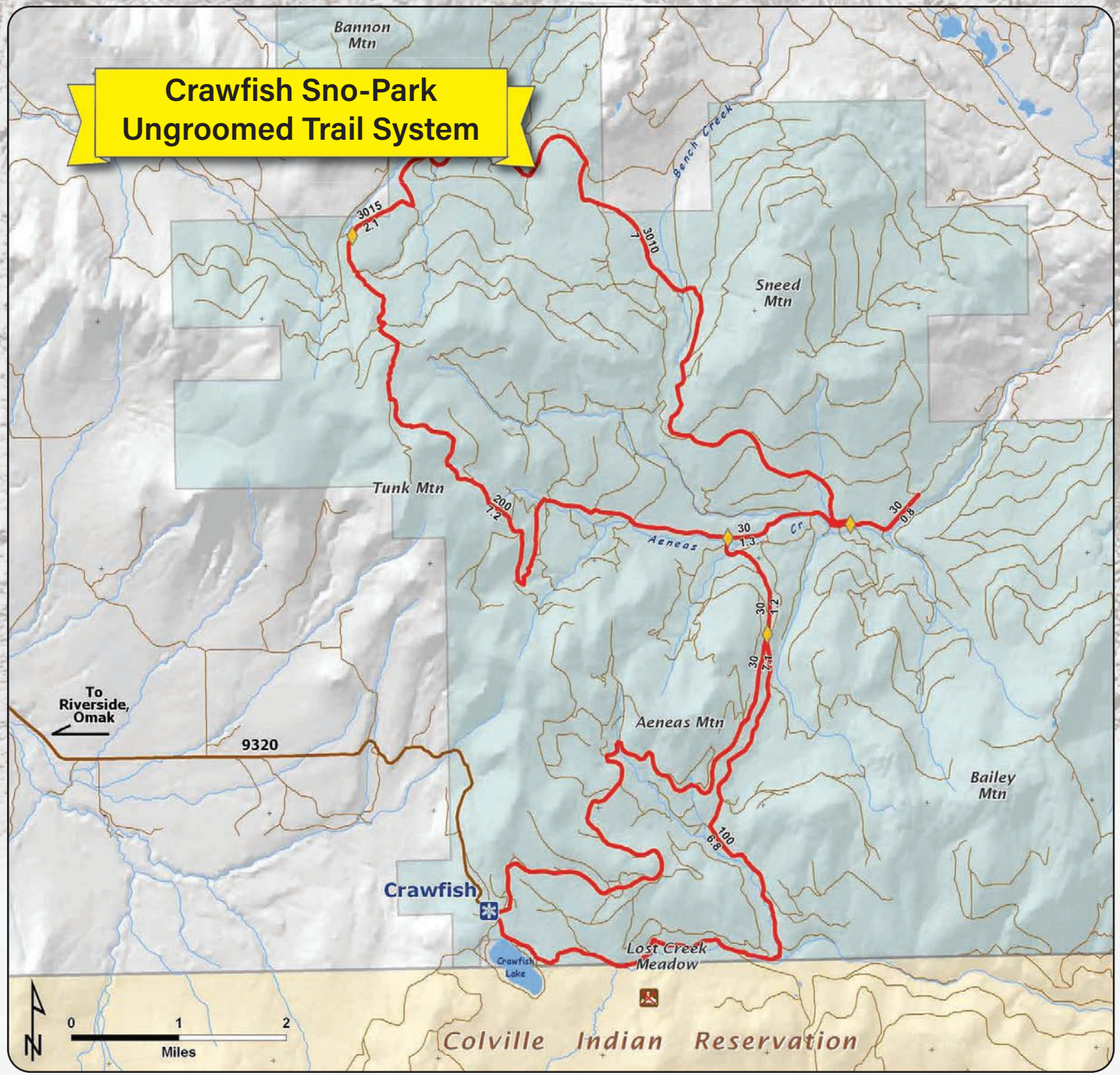
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Crawfish Sno-Park Ungroomed Trail System



EXPLANATION

- Sno-Park
- Major Junction
- Ungroomed Snowmobile Trail
- Restroom
- Sno-Park Access Road
- Road
- Okanogan National Forest

Area has 33 miles of ungroomed snowmobile trails. Road # and mileage labeled between junctions.

Road Number
Road Miles

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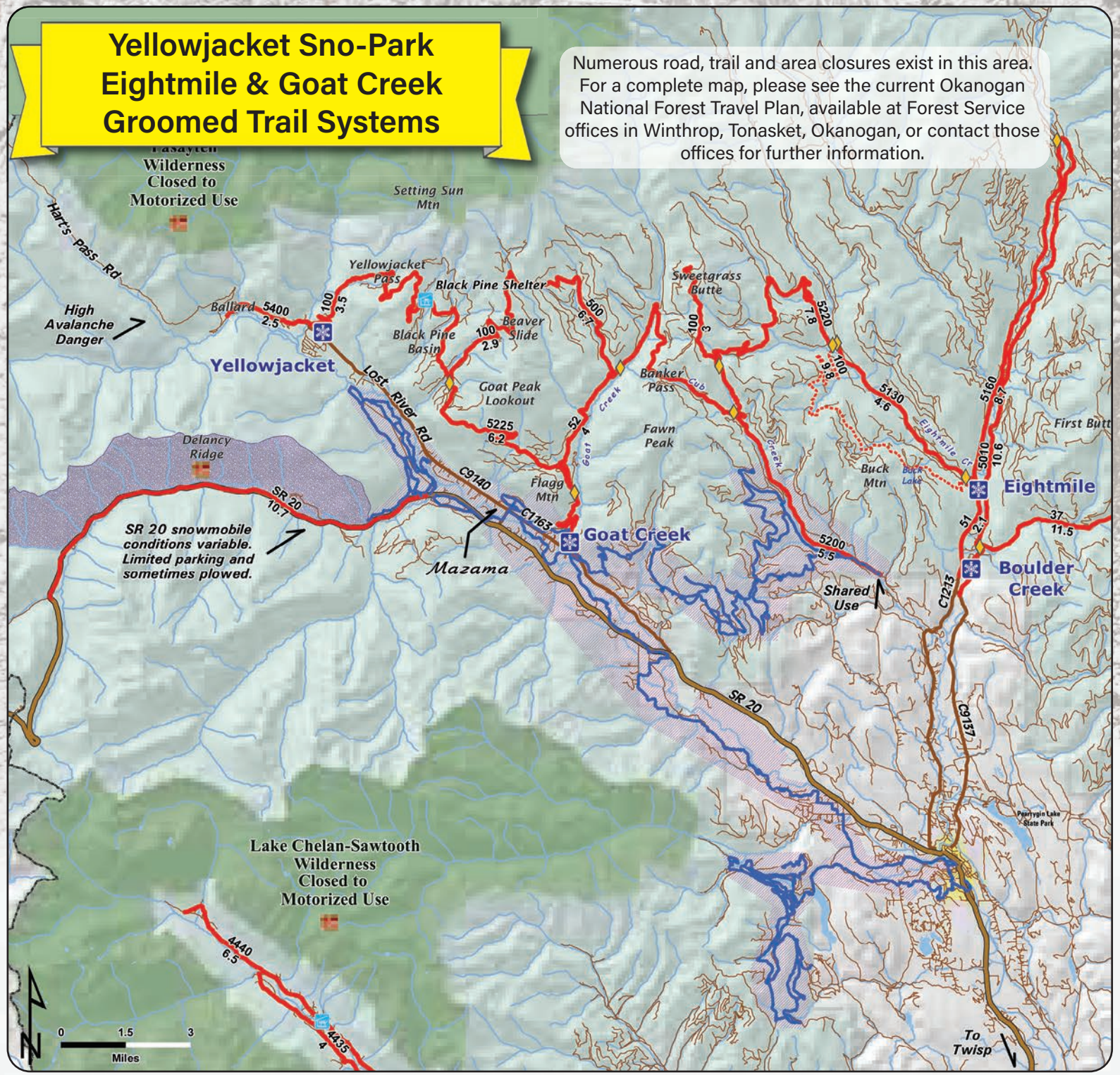


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Yellowjacket Sno-Park
Eightmile & Goat Creek
Groomed Trail Systems

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EXPLANATION

- Sno-Park
- Groomed Snowmobile Trail
- Groomed Intermittently
- MVSTA Groomed Cross Country Ski Trail
- Major Junction
- View
- Highway
- Sno-Park Access Road
- Road
- Ski Area, No Snowmobiling
- Wildlife Closure Area
- Wilderness Area
- Okanogan National Forest

Area has 119 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Road # and mileage labeled between junctions.

Road Number
Road Miles

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Sno-Parks offers trails for snowmobilers

SEVERAL SNOWMOBILE SNO-Parks are available for recreational use in Okanogan and Ferry counties. State Sno-Park permits are required for almost all of the areas.

They include:

Black Canyon — Offers access to groomed trails to Chelan Ridge, Parrish Peak, Cooper Mountain, Oss Peak and Ski Peak. Leave state Highway 153 in the Methow Valley on Black Canyon Road 4010 and drive one mile to the sno-park. Has one vault toilet.

Bonaparte — Head east of Tonasket on state Highway 20 for 20 miles to Bonaparte Lake Road. Travel another six miles. The site, at 3,560 feet, has 25 spaces. It gives access to 52 miles of trails. The site has no bathrooms.

Bottle Spring Trail No. 398 — The nine-mile trail connects to Woodpile Ridge and Sarsapkin Creek on state Department of Natural Resources land. From Loomis, take County Road No. 9425 for two miles, turn west on County Road No. 4066, which becomes Forest Service Road 39, for 20 miles. Drive 13 miles on Forest Road 39 to the junction with South Fork Toats Coulee Road, then go two miles more. (Not a state sno-park.)

Boulder Creek — Six miles north of Winthrop. Take County Road 1213 north to County Road 9137, then go northeast for a mile. The Sno Park is at 2,050 feet elevation at Forest Service Road 37. The area has 30 spaces and gives access to 134 miles of trails. There is a restroom.

Eightmile — Six miles north of Winthrop. Take County Road 1213 north to County Road 9137, then north for 2.5 miles. The area is at 2,100 feet elevation and has 50 spaces. It gives access to 134 miles of trails. Offers one vault toilet.

Empire Lake — The area is 12 miles from Republic. Take County Road 270, then turn left on County Road 201 and then right on County Road 517. The 20-space area, at 3,200 feet elevation, gives access to 57 miles of trails.

Goat Creek — Located 16 miles north of Winthrop. Cross Weeman bridge, then take Goat Creek Road south for two miles to Forest Road 52; travel another 0.25 mile. The site, at 2,200 feet elevation, has 20 spaces and gives access to 100 miles of trails. The site has a vault toilet.

Hall Creek — Head east of Republic on state Highway 20 to Forest Road 99 and travel about three miles. The area, at 3,600 feet elevation, has 20 spaces. It gives access to 38 miles of trails.

Kerr — Four miles north of Conconully on County Road 2361 to Forest Road 38. The 25-space area is at 3,050 feet elevation and gives access to 134 miles of trails. There are no bathrooms.

North Summit — Travel 12.5 miles east of Twisp on state Highway 20 to Forest Road 42, then go north for a half-mile. The 50-space area is at 4,040 feet and gives access to 34 miles of trails. There is a vault toilet.

Peacock Meadows — Go three miles southwest of Conconully on County Road 2017, then one mile south of Forest Road 42. The area, at 2,550 feet, has 50 spaces and gives access to 134 miles of trails.

Scatter Creek — Travel south of Republic on state Highway 21 to Forest Road 53/Scatter Creek Road. The five-space area, at 2,205 feet, gives access to 63 miles of trails. No Sno Park permit is required.

Silver Star — West of Mazama on Highway 20. Features parking, turnaround, vault toilet, information kiosk and avalanche beacon.

South Fork Gold Creek — Located on South Fork Gold Creek Road in the Methow Valley. There is a vault toilet.

South Summit — Off state Highway 20 at the Loup Loup summit. The site has a vault toilet.

Twisp River — Head 10 miles west of Twisp on Twisp River Road to Buttermilk Creek Road, then south to Forest Road 4420. The 15-space area, at 2,350 fee, gives access to 58 miles of trails. There is a vault toilet.

Yellowjacket — The area is 6.9 miles west of Mazama on Lost River Road. The site, at 2,400 feet elevation, has 50 spaces and gives access to 100 miles of trails. The site has a vault toilet.



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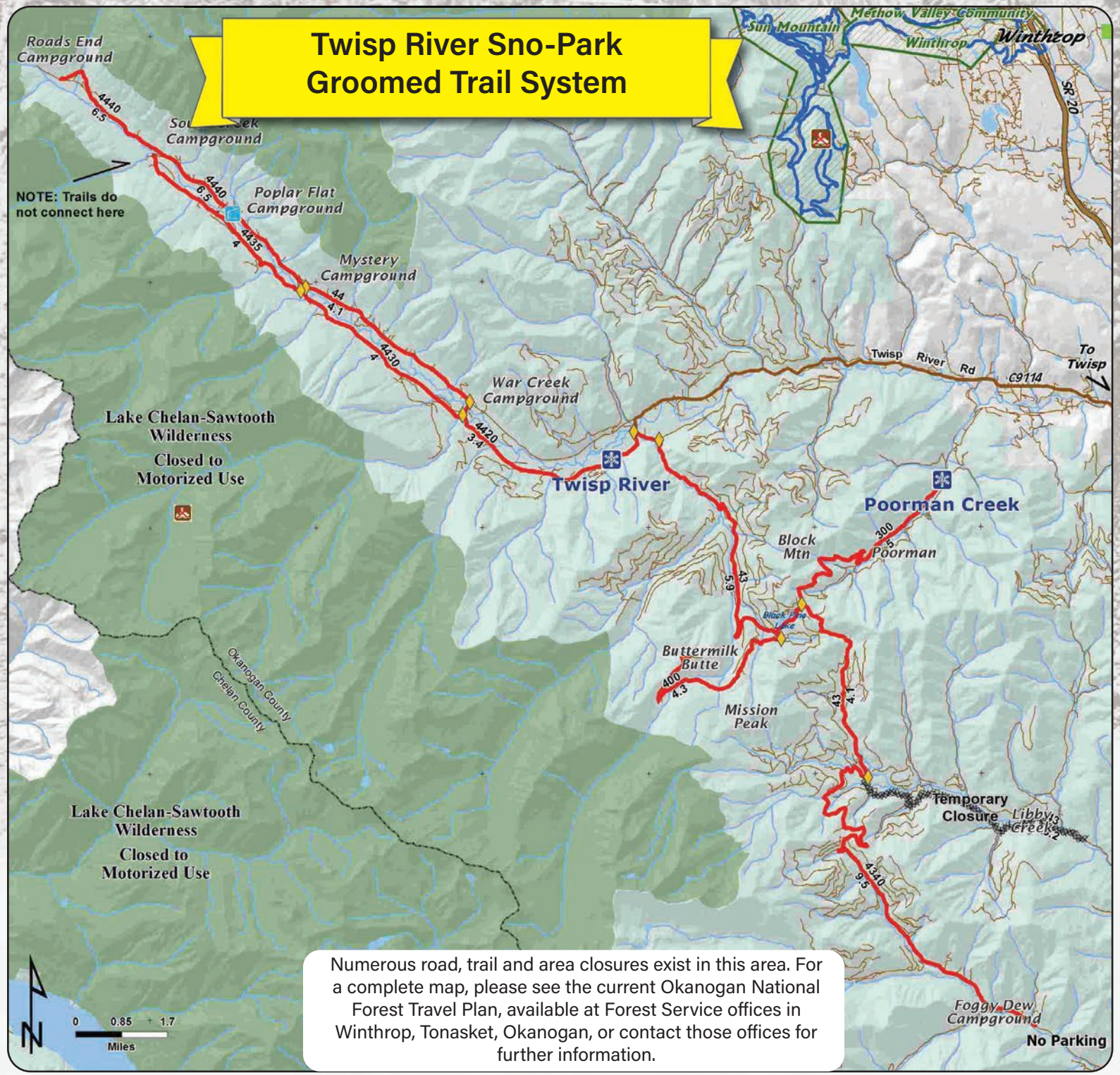
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Twisp River Sno-Park Groomed Trail System



Numerous road, trail and area closures exist in this area. For a complete map, please see the current Okanogan National Forest Travel Plan, available at Forest Service offices in Winthrop, Tonasket, Okanogan, or contact those offices for further information.

EXPLANATION

- Snow-Park
- Groomed Snowmobile Trail
- Groomed Cross Country Ski Trail
- Temporary Closure
- Major Junction
- Shelter
- Highway
- Sno-Park Access Road
- Road
- Ski Area
- Wilderness Area
- Okanogan National Forest

Area has 58 miles of groomed trails. Road # and mileage labeled between junctions.

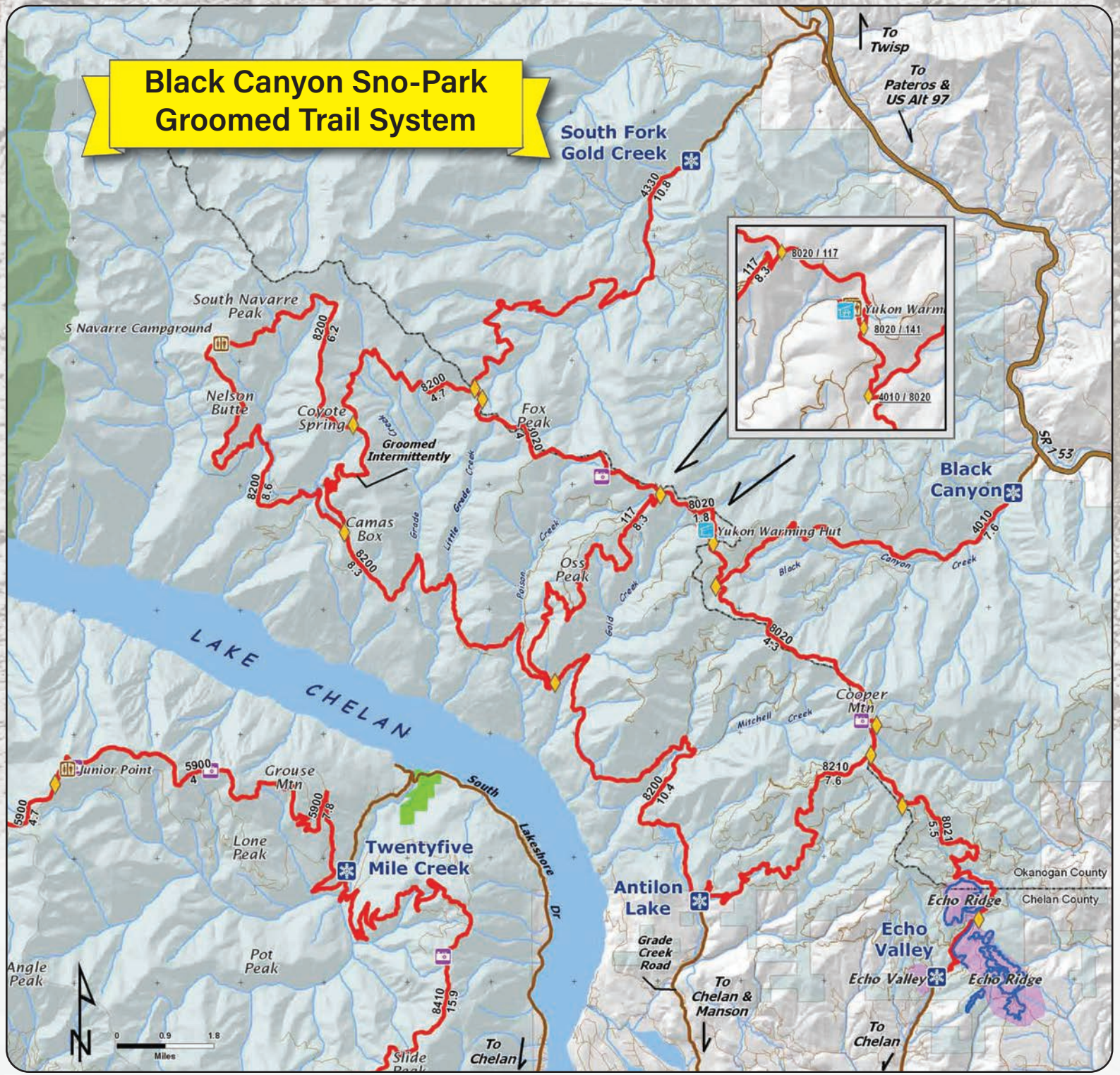
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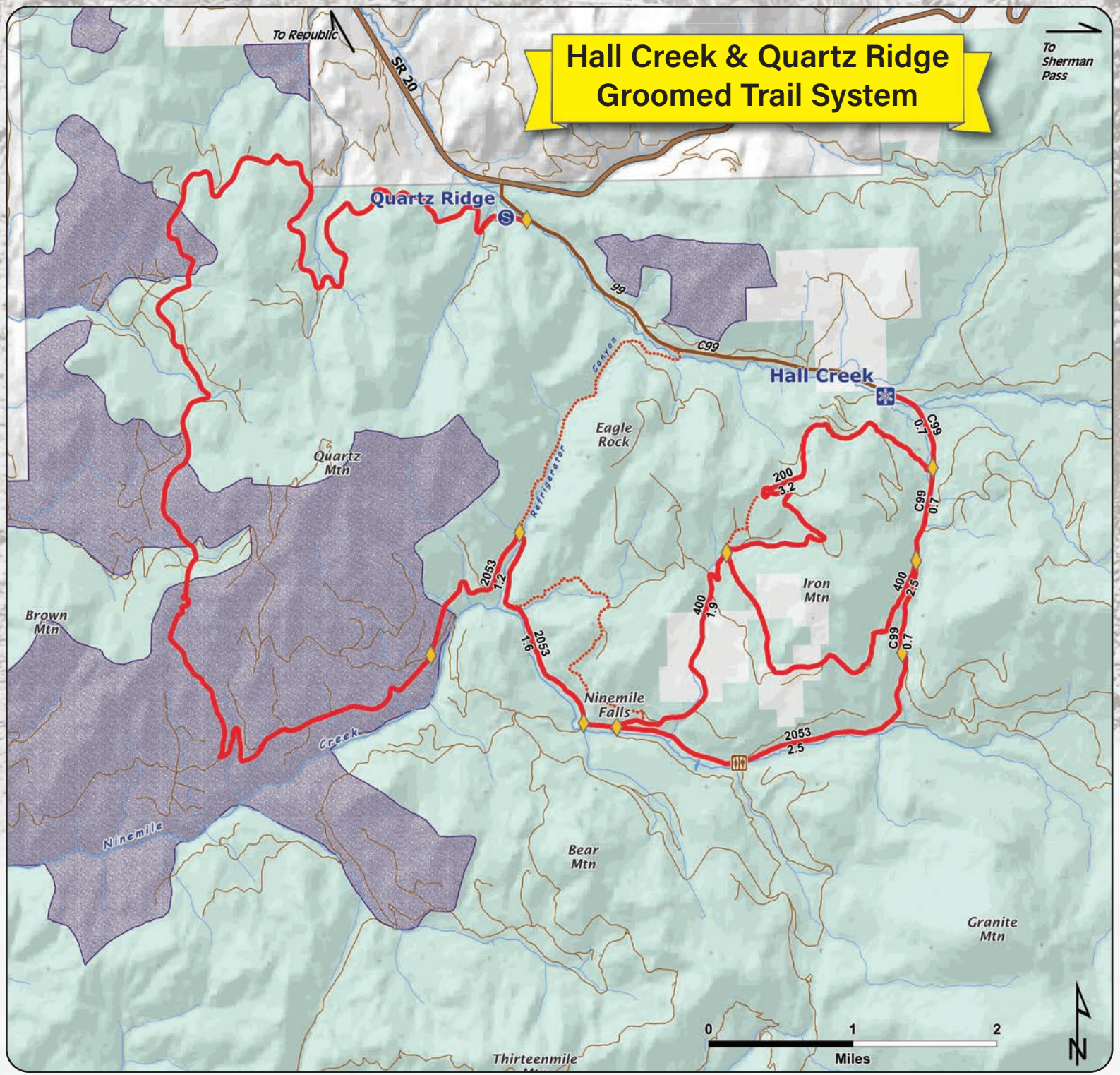
EXPLANATION

- Snow-Park
- Groomed Snowmobile Trail
- Groomed Cross Country Ski Trail
- Major Junction
- Shelter
- Restroom
- Highway
- Sno-Park Access Road
- Road
- Ski Area
- Wilderness Area
- Okanogan- Wenatchee National Forest

Area has 100 miles of groomed trails. Road # and mileage labeled between junctions.

Road Number
Road Miles

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EXPLANATION

- Snow-Park
- Staging Area, Limited Plowing & Parking
- Groomed Snowmobile Trail
- Ungroomed Trail
- Major Junction
- Restroom
- Highway
- Sno-Park Access Road
- Road
- Winter Wildlife Closure Area
- Colville & Okanogan National Forest

Area has 38 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Road number and mileage labeled between junctions.

Road Number
Road Miles

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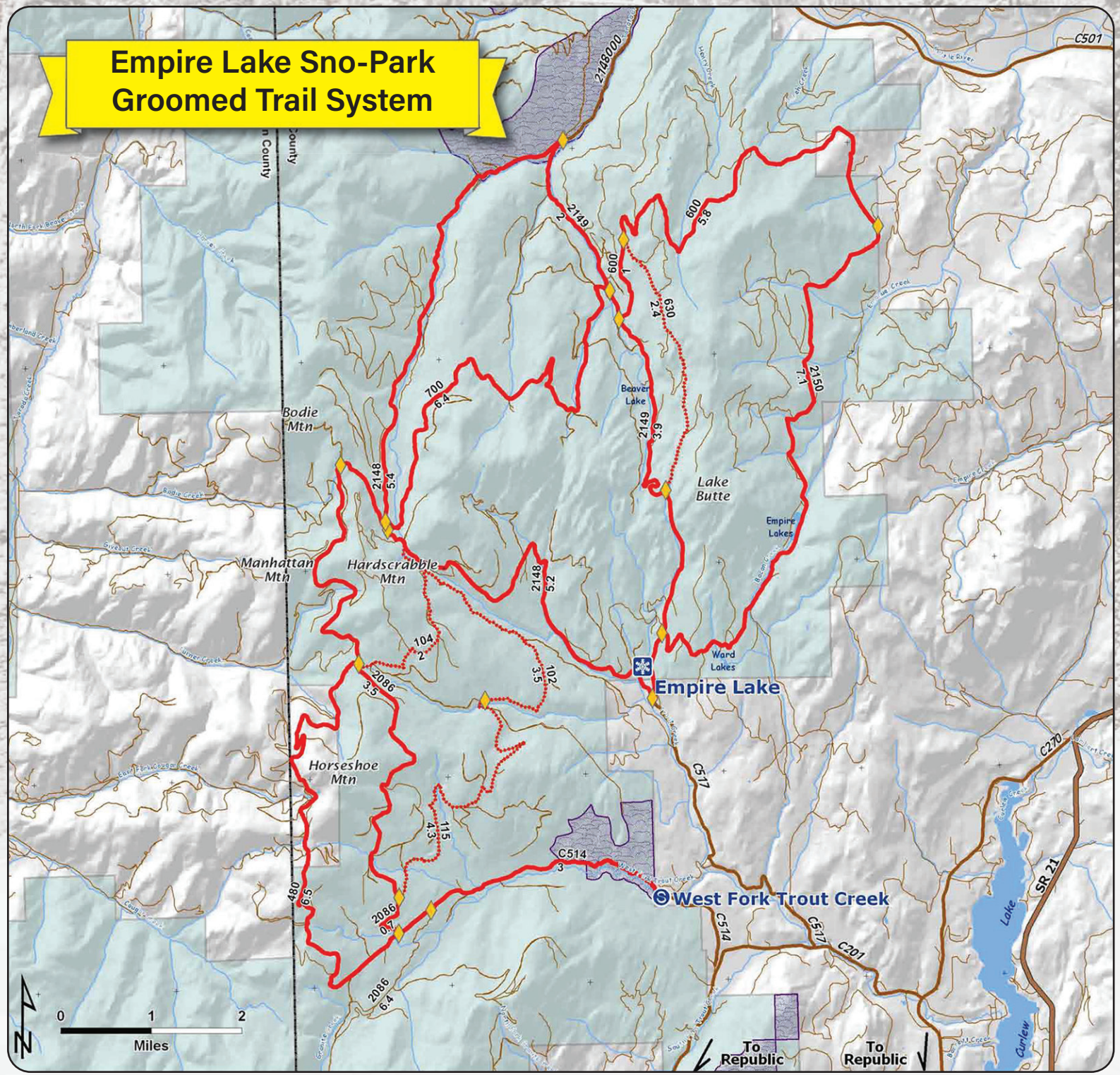
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Empire Lake Sno-Park Groomed Trail System



EXPLANATION

- Snow-Park
- Staging Area, Limited Plowing & Parking
- Groomed Snowmobile Trail
- Trail Closed for Grooming
- Major Junction
- Restroom
- Highway
- Sno-Park Access Road
- Road
- Winter Wildlife Closure Area
- Colville & Okanogan National Forest

Area has 57 miles of groomed trails. Road # and mileage labeled between junctions.

Road Number
Road Miles

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Snowmobiling is one of the state's most popular winter activities. More than 3,000 miles of groomed trails are provided through the Winter Recreation Program, in cooperation with federal, county, and local agencies, ski areas, snowmobile clubs, and private landowners.

The Winter Recreation Program provides Sno-Parks, cleared parking areas for vehicles in close proximity to groomed and/or backcountry trails. There are two types of Sno-Parks, those for snowmobiles and those for non-motorized sports. A handful offer both types of activities.

Age restrictions and Safety Certification Course

Children under age 12 may not operate a snowmobile on or across a public roadway or highway. Children ages 12 to 16 must pass the snowmobile safety education course and carry the certificate of successful completion with them when operating a snowmobile. Youth who operate a snowmobile under the direct and present supervision of a qualified adult need not show the certificate.

Persons 12 years of age and older who successfully complete the snowmobile exam will receive a snowmobile safety patch and a snowmobile safety certificate permitting operation. For information on where to take the course, call the Winter Recreation Program at 360-902-8684.

COMPLETE RULES

View the complete snowmobiling rules in the Revised Code of Washington at https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/dispo.aspx?cite=46.10.110

RULES & SAFETY

Snowmobiling is an exciting and wonderful way to enjoy the great outdoors during the winter months. However, snowmobilers should observe the following safety tips and remain alert. The majority of snowmobiling fatalities occur off trails. Most snowmobiling injuries involve alcohol and/or excessive speed, and most snowmobiling injuries and deaths occur among males, aged 20-34.


Photo by Suzette LaDouceur

• Let someone know where you're going and when you expect to be back. A good description, even a picture of your sled, can be very important, and remember never ride alone.

• Watch your fuel supply. Head out only to a point where the fuel gauge reads one half; then follow your track trailhead.

• Be on constant watch for:
- Obstacles hidden in the snow
- Trees and branches on the trail
- Slow grooming equipment
- Oncoming sleds, skiers and walkers
- Wildlife
- Trail wash outs and flooding
- Snow banks and moguls
- Road and railway crossings
- Unexpected corners, intersections and stops
- Bridges, open water and unsafe ice
- Logging operations











AVALANCHE DANGER

Avalanches are very real, life-threatening winter hazards. Always avoid areas where avalanches are known to occur.

- Spend as little time as possible on open, steep slopes.
- Don't drive across long, open slopes where avalanches have occurred.
- Avoid crossing steep-sided hills. If you must cross, stay on the side where the wind blows.
- Stay out of narrow, steep canyons – getting out may be difficult.
- Snowmobile in timbered areas, along ridges, and on rocky outcrops where snow tends to be anchored.

IF YOU GET CAUGHT IN AN AVALANCHE:

- Call out to others so they can see your course.
- Stay clam.
- Move away from your machine and equipment.
- "Swim" with the avalanche.
- Move toward the side of the avalanche – don't "swim" against it.
- Before coming to a stop, place your hands over your face to form an air pocket.

If the snow is soft you may be able to dig yourself out. Be sure to dig UP! If you are able to create a pocket use gravity to determine "up and down." Don't waste your strength and oxygen by shouting. Sound is easily transmitted into snow but transmits out poorly.

If you survive the avalanche don't leave others in your party. You might be their only hope. Search for victims by probing with a pole directly downhill from the point they were last seen.

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- Start with polypropylene and thermal under layers that release moisture while retaining heat.
- Add other heat retentive layers depending on the temperature; remember your forward motion will add to the wind chill factor.
- Avoid cottons and sweat shirts, which retain moisture, making you cold and clammy which leads to hypothermia.
- Try to find suits that are water and wind proof.
- Consider wearing a buoyant snowmobile suit if you plan on traveling across ice a buoyant suit will assist to keep you afloat but most of all help to protect you against hypothermia.
- All snowmobile suits should have reflective trim for night visibility.
- Carry extra clothing, socks, boot liners and mitts for layering.

HYPOTHERMIA

The greatest danger for winter riders is hypothermia. The body loses heat faster than it produces it. Dressing, in layers, can usually prevent hypothermia.

Factors that contribute to hypothermia include:

- Cold, but not necessarily severe cold.
- Wetness from rain, snow, water immersion, or condensed perspiration.
- Wind and the wind chill factor.
- Exhaustion.

Symptoms of hypothermia:

- Uncontrolled shivering.
- Vague or slurred speech.
- Fumbling hands or stumbling walk.
- Memory lapses.
- Drowsiness and apparent exhaustion.

Treatment for hypothermia:

- Remove the victim from the wind, rain, snow or cold.
- Set up a shelter or move to a timbered area.
- Remove the person's wet clothing. Put the victim in dry clothing or a dry sleeping bag. Get in the bag with the victim to provide extra warmth.
- Give the person warm drinks if possible. NO alcohol.
- If the victim is conscious, give him quick energy food (sugar).
- Get medical help as soon as possible.



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FROSTBITE

Frostbite is caused by prolonged exposure of unprotected flesh to freezing temperature. Fingers, toes, and ears are particularly susceptible to frostbite. Tissue damage occurs as the flow of blood to those areas is reduced. Symptoms of frostbite include loss of feeling and a dead white appearance of the affected area.

To Treat Frostbite:

- Restore body temperature as rapidly as possible by providing external heat (campfire, hot water bottle, immersion of affected areas in a water bath of less than 110 degrees).
- Cover the affected body areas.
- Do no rub, vibrate, or apply pressure to frostbitten area.
- Do not apply snow or attempt to thaw frostbitten areas in cold water.

DON'T DRINK AND RIDE

Alcohol is involved in most snowmobiling fatalities.

- Any amount of alcohol impairs your perception, slows your reaction time and limits your ability to control your snowmobile.
- Contrary to popular opinion, alcohol increases your susceptibility to cold and hypothermia. This will decrease your chances of survival if you have to wait long for help to arrive.

SLOW DOWN

Speed is a contributing factor in nearly all fatal snowmobiling accidents. Drive at a speed that will give you enough time to react should you need to change speed or direction quickly. Conditions will dictate what a reasonable speed is. Weather, visibility, trail conditions, snow coverage, and night or day, must be taken into consideration. Remember, even though you feel you are in total control you have to respect how other snowmobilers feel. When meeting and passing other snowmobiles on the trail, do so at a slow and cautious speed. Enter all corners with caution; be ready to react to any situation you may encounter.

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WINTER SHARED TRAILS ETIQUETTE

Winter recreated shared trails require respect for all user groups. The following are guidelines for different user groups:

SNOWMOBILERS

- In populated areas, snowmobilers should ride to and from the operator's intended destination.
- Obey all rules that apply to automobile traffic.
- Helmets are highly recommended.
- Current registration decal required.
- Do not operate in such a way as to endanger human life, wildlife or animals
- It is unsafe to pass a dogteam unless they know you are there and have waved you by. Be at least two team lengths beyond a musher team before accelerating.
- Yield the right-of-way to all motor vehicles, pedestrians and to uphill traffic.
- When traveling in groups, proceed in single file, do not block the trail when stopping, always respect public and private property, keep to the right, respect designated areas, trail use signs and established trails.
- Slow down and use caution approaching or overtaking another recreationist.
- Snowmobile operators must be 16, or between 12 and 16 and have completed a snowmobile safety course certified by the State of Washington, and be under the direct supervision of a qualified adult snowmobile operator.
- Additional operator skill is required when operating a snowmobile that is towing a cargo sled or another sled.
- Snowmobile operators are subject to Washington State DUI and controlled substances laws.
- Pack out your garbage.

MUSHERS

- Be in control of your animals.
- Wear a head lamp and reflective clothing after dark. Reflective tape should be on dog harnesses and on the dog sled.
- Snowmobilers and Mushers should indicate how many others are coming behind them to oncoming recreationist.
- Mushers should be listening for oncoming and overtaking traffic at all times and should position their team, which may include stopping and holding their dogs for a safe pass.
- Pack out your garbage.

X-COUNTRY SKIERS, SKATERS, SNOWSHOERS

- Pets must be on a short leash.
- Single file.
- Obey rules of the road.
- Please keep to the right.
- Wear reflective clothing after dark.
- Obey trail signs.
- Avoid snowshoeing in the groomed ski tracks used by cross-country skiers.
- Pack out your garbage.

Respect private land and residential areas.

Okanogan Highlands Alliance advocates a spirit of cooperation amongst recreation trails and works together for multiple use of our public lands.

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916 Koala Dr., Omak, WA 98841
509.**826.1800**

Oroville Clinic
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