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### NEWS RELEASE / PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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**FROM:** Todd Bierman, Vilas County Parks and Recreation Supervisor

**RE:** Vilas County Snowmobile Trails to Remain Closed

**THE VILAS COUNTY SNOWMOBILE TRAIL SYSTEM, INCLUDING ALL FUNDED AND NON-FUNDED TRAILS AND ROUTES WILL REMAIN CLOSED AT THIS TIME.**

The Vilas County Snowmobile Alliance, at its January meeting, discussed the opening of the Vilas County Trail System. Many factors were taken into consideration including economic impact to area businesses, private property owners, and most importantly, safe use of the trails. A majority of the voting member clubs recommended that the trails remain closed at this time, citing current marginal snow amounts, possible off-trail riding situations and the unsafe conditions currently found on the trail system. The latter being the most important trail issue out there. This was not an easy decision for these clubs to make.

The Alliance is made up of the 11 snowmobile clubs in Vilas County, (The Arbor Vitae Cross Country Cruisers, The Boulder Junction Snowmobile Club, The Conover Sno-Buddies, The Eagle River Sno-Eagles, The Lac du Flambeau Northern Hornshoe, The Land O' Lakes Frosty Club, The Manitowish Waters Sno-Skeeters, The Phelps Snowmobile Club, The Presque Isle/Winchester Sno-Bunnies, The Sayner Barnstormers, and The St. Germain Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club). They ask for patience until the conditions allow for a safe and enjoyable experience here in Vilas County. This is a highly unusual winter here in Vilas County and we hope that more normal conditions return soon.

For more information, please contact Todd Bierman, Parks and Recreation Supervisor at 715-479-5160.

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