



News Release

US Forest Service

Allegheny National Forest
4 Farm Colony Drive
Warren, PA 16365

Contact: Kathy Mohney
Telephone: 814-728-6298

November 24, 2008
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST SNOWMOBILE TRAILS TO OPEN DECEMBER 20

Warren, Pa. – Snowmobile trails on the Allegheny National Forest will open on Saturday, December 20, 2008. **Trail conditions permitting**, the snowmobile trail system will remain open through April 1.

According to Deputy District Ranger Jodie Vanselow, “If conditions are favorable, we will consider opening the trails after December 13 (hunting season). Opening prior to this date will not occur due to the potential safety issues and conflicts with hunters.”

Trail conditions are updated as they change on the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) website at <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/snowmobile/allegheny.aspx>. The snowmobile toll free Pennsylvania DCNR hotline (1-877-766-6253) updates trail conditions Tuesdays and Thursdays.

In addition, information on grooming activities may also be found on the Allegheny National Forest website at [http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/allegheny/recreation/snowmobile trails/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/allegheny/recreation/snowmobile%20trails/).

We would like to remind riders that helmets are required, as well as a valid state registration from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, to ride on Allegheny National Forest Trails. All riders are required to stay to the right on the trails, and the use of alcohol while riding is strictly prohibited.

Deputy District Ranger Jodie Vanselow would like to remind snowmobilers to ride safely and enjoy the the 224 miles of groomed trails the Allegheny National Forest has to offer.

#