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TO: Snowmobile clubs

FROM: David Downing

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RE: Using All-terrain Vehicles or ORVs for Trail Maintenance

If you are planning to utilize All-terrain vehicles or ORVs for designated snowmobile trail maintenance you need to follow the operational requirements found in Iowa Code Chapters 321I and 321.234A.

Minimum operational requirements include:

- (1.) The all-terrain vehicle or ORV is operated for the purpose of mowing, installing approved trail signs, or providing maintenance on a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle trail designated by the department of natural resources.
- (2.) The all-terrain vehicle or ORV must display a valid DNR registration decal. (Farm exempt machines are NOT to be used for trail work)
- (3.) If the trail is on a highway, roadway or adjacent ditch area, the operator must be at least sixteen years of age and have a valid DOT operator's license. (If your DOT license is barred, suspended or revoked, you may NOT operate an all-terrain vehicle or ORV under this provision)
- (4.) Operators under eighteen years of age must have a valid all-terrain vehicle safety certificate.
- (5.) Operation with a passenger is prohibited. The only exception is an all-terrain vehicle that was designed by the original manufacturer to carry a passenger. Modified all-terrain vehicles may not carry a passenger. This law covers both public and private property. You may haul a passenger in a trailer. ORV operation with a passenger is permitted, provided the machine is designed to carry a passenger.