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# BENTON COUNTY SNOWMOBILE CLUB

**The countdown is well underway to our favorite season. However, like every year, there is work before play. Our trailheads need help with trail re-routes, and groomer maintenance. Even the lawn at the groomer shed needs mowing at some point. We are also woefully short on helpers for the landowner raffle, selling tickets, and gathering door prizes. Nothing is an overwhelming amount of work, when all club members participate. What happens is that a handful of members get tasked with ALL of the work. This work needs to get done for us to have a groomed trail. If we lose our trail, we will never get it back. The members who take on all of the work, eventually get burned out. When they do, they either cut back and feel guilty, or completely quit altogether. Now, even MORE work is placed on the remaining club members, and the snowball continues until our club folds. To be honest, that is the direction we are heading in, and heading there quickly. Please make it to the meetings. Please volunteer for just a minuscule amount of work, so our core workers don't experience burnout. It will be a sad day if we have to ride the Hiway 10 ditch from Sherburne County all the way up to Morrison County, or trailer our sleds wherever we go. On a lighter note, the Landowner's Appreciation dinner is at Mr. Jim's in Foley MN, on November 25th. MNUSA Winter Rendezvous is Feb, 8-11 @ Thumper Pond in Ottertail.**